

Spruce Run News

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Working for Peace at Home

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↪ In Memoriam ↪

Spruce Run would like to remember some of those who have recently lost their lives to domestic abuse in Maine

9/10/06 HARTLAND 44-year-old Linda Spaulding

11/28/06 PALMYRA 13-year-old Anthony Tucker

1/12/07 FAIRFIELD 37-year-old Rhonda Wakefield-Reynolds

Come to Spruce Run's Dessert Gala on March 31st Feast on Chocolate (and Fruit) and See the Unveiling of Spruce Run's New Logo!

In our 35th year of serving those affected by domestic abuse and agitating for cultural change to end abuse, it seemed like a great opportunity to *spruce* up our look. Spruce Run's community educators often hear that people think of Spruce Run as a shelter only, when in fact we are so much more. Our paid and volunteer staff is busy throughout Penobscot County, providing education in schools and training for all sectors of the community, reaching nearly 14,000 people in 2006 alone. In addition to serving over 1,200 individuals through our hotline, we support 16 families in transitional housing and provide ongoing support and education groups for women, along with activity groups for their children.

Join us to be among the first to see Spruce Run's spruced up look! (We're branching out.)

Spruce Run Honors Two Long-Time Friends at the Annual Meeting

January 18, 2007, marked Spruce Run's Annual Meeting. Staff, volunteers, and community members gathered to honor two long-time friends of the agency: Bangor Police Chief Don Winslow and hotline volunteer Lynn Peppers.

Chief Winslow received the first annual Partners in Change Award. Spruce Run created the Partners in Change Award to honor those in the community who are actively taking steps to end domestic abuse. This year it seemed important to honor Chief Winslow, as he is retiring from years of great service at Bangor PD. Chief Winslow has worked closely with Spruce Run since 1994, was instrumental in creating the Domestic Violence Task Force, and has been a key leader in changing how Maine's police respond to domestic violence.

Lynn Peppers, a long-time hotline volunteer, received the Michele Alexander Memorial Award. Spruce Run established the Michele Alexander Award for volunteer service to remember and honor Michele's many contributions to our organization. Lynn has been a faithful hotline worker for the past seven years and supported new hotline volunteers during their training. Lynn is passionate about helping people live violence free lives.



Program Highlights!!!

- Recently, the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) was awarded a statewide grant that funds the reinstatement of advocates at local DHHS Child Protective Services offices. This has allowed Spruce Run to hire **Shelley Megquier** as the new Child Protective Initiative Coordinator. Welcome Shelley!
- Throughout FY 2006, Spruce Run's Training Coordinator was busy providing training to Maine State employees. MCEDV partnered with the State of Maine to offer domestic violence training to all state employees. With more than 14,000 additional Mainer trained this past two years, the effects of this training will be felt for years to come. This work continues at the University of Maine, in collaboration with the Safe Campus Project, where nearly 1,000 employees have been trained in how to respond to domestic violence in the workplace.



Save the Date...

Community Conference on Domestic and Sexual Violence Co-Sponsored by Spruce Run and Rape Response Services

With Support from our Community Partners:

Millinocket Regional Hospital Millinocket Police and Fire Departments Penquis CAP

May 8, 2007
Millinocket, ME

Keynote Address by Attorney General Steven Rowe
For more information, please call 945-5102

Service Statistics

In FY 2006, Spruce Run provided:

Hotline response and advocacy to 1,153 individuals, for a total of 4,907 hours;

Support & education groups to 154 individuals, for a collective total of 2,939 hours;

Emergency shelter for 114 individuals, for a collective total of 2,697 bed days;

Community education and training for 4,444 individuals, including teachers, clergy, law enforcement, human service case workers, and healthcare workers, for a total of 4,307 hours;

Information about healthy relationships and dating abuse to 9,408 students in Penobscot County schools;

Transitional housing and services for 21 women and their 20 children.

SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WISH LIST

CURRENTLY WE REALLY NEED COFFEE TABLES, END TABLES, COUCHES AND COMFORTABLE CHAIRS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A NEW DINING ROOM TABLE AND CHAIRS THAT WILL SEAT 6-8.

White bath towels	Dishwasher detergent
Standard-size pillows	Lysol disinfectant spray
White pillow cases	Fabreeze
White flat/fitted queen size sheets	Dish liquid
Twin/Full/Queen-size comforters	Batteries
Trash bags (bathroom/tall kitchen/45 gal.)	Flashlights
Full-size blankets	Small alarm clocks
White washcloths	Stamps
Dish/kitchen towels	Pens
Toothpaste	Hairdryers
Moisturizer	Tampons
Cold/flu/sinus medications	Adult/children's sleepwear
Adult pain relievers (Advil, Tylenol)	Pre-paid phone cards
New women's underwear	Writing paper/tablets
Bras	Journals
New children's underwear	Gift cards to buy clothes
Women's & children's socks	Gift cards to movies
Women's shaving cream	Gift cards for fast food
Deodorant	Baby Lotion
Dryer sheets	Teething rings
Hairspray	Baby shampoo
Kleenex	Thermometers
Baby fingernail clippers	Baby wipes
Vaporizers	Pain reliever for children
Makeup	Diapers
Baby monitors	

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