

# THE VOICE OF HAVEN

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## *Great Rubber Ducky Race Fundraiser a HUGE Success*

The weather on Saturday, May 10th was just ducky for the HAVEN's Great Rubber Ducky Race fundraising event held in Packer Park, Wellsboro.

HAVEN staff would like to thank our board members, volunteers, and the local community for the fantastic success of our First Annual Duck Day fundraiser.

The event raised nearly \$1000 to help fund HAVEN's ser-

vices to victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault here in Tioga County. We couldn't continue to do the work that we do without the support of the community.

The event included children's activities and games, as well as a rubber duck race in Kelsey Creek. Later, names were drawn for prizes.

The winners of the raffle were: first place Christine



*Volunteer and children play the duck waddle game at Packer Park, Wellsboro*

Jarreau; second place Faith Preston; and third place Jennifer Belz. Thank you to those who donated their winnings back to our cause!

THANK YOU to everyone who came out and participated.



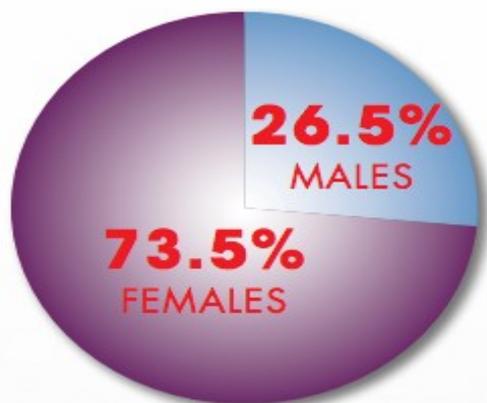
*A young participant enjoys time with the ducks before the big race!*

*Tensions ran high as the ducks made their way down the creek!*



## VICTIMS OF INTIMATE PARTNER-RELATED VIOLENCE

TOTAL **68**



**49** Females Killed By A Current Or Former Intimate Partner

**1** Female Killed By A Rival

**10** Males Killed By A Current Or Former Intimate Partner

**8** Males Killed By A Current Intimate Partner's Former Partner

Graphic courtesy of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Find out more at: [www.pcadv.org](http://www.pcadv.org)

Domestic violence is not just a woman's issue, it's a human issue. Men play a critical role in ending domestic violence.

## OUTREACH EVENTS: THANK YOU!!

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month was in **February** and Outreach Coordinator, Daisy Jelliff-Bennett held an event about bullying and teen dating violence.

In **April**, for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator, Alexa Worthington, persuaded several local businesses and groups to participate in events sponsored by HAVEN. *The Wired Rooster*, Main Street in Wellsboro, and *Night & Day Café*, Main Street, Mansfield, put Sexual Assault Awareness Month stickers on their coffee sleeves and gave them out to their customers. Multiple locations in downtown Wellsboro and Mansfield also displayed teal ribbons to increase awareness and help educate the public about sexual assault.

HAVEN staff and volunteers participated in The Big Event, sponsored by Mansfield University students. The students posted flyers and HAVEN tear-tab

posters with the hotline number on them around Wellsboro and Mansfield. Sidewalks on campus and in Mansfield were chalked with slogans, and goodies were given away to members of the campus and local communities.

Also during April, some of the bars in Wellsboro and Mansfield helped with our "Got Consent?" campaign by putting up flyers as well as using coasters with the HAVEN logo and the 'Got Consent?' stamp. Special shout-out to *Gregory's* in Mansfield for stamping the hands of their customers to get the conversation started.

Benefit trivia nights were also held at *Yorkholo* in Mansfield and at *Timeless Destination* in Wellsboro. These events were fairly successful and we anticipate bigger crowds for our next competitions!

HAVEN wants to thank the *Wellsboro High School* staff and principal for allowing us the opportunity to talk with students about healthy relationships and to hand out items for Denim

## Trainings & Workshops

### What HAVEN can do for your organization

Workshops and trainings conducted by HAVEN for your organization help raise awareness and foster change. We are happy to work with you to identify the workshop or training that best meets your needs.

Our **FREE** trainings are available for community organizations, service clubs, churches, or schools. We offer training on:

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness: An introduction to these issues, understanding how these issues affect people in our community, and how to help.

Healthy Relationships For All Ages: An introduction to identifying healthy relationships, looking for warning signs of an unhealthy relationship, and what to do if you or someone you know is in an unhealthy relationship.

Bystander Awareness For Bullying: Learn the

definition of bullying and learn how to safely intervene.

7 Steps to Preventing Child Abuse: Learn how, as a community and as individuals, you can prevent children from being abused.

Mandated Reporter Training For Child Abuse: Learn how to spot the signs of child abuse and what to do to keep children safe.

Trainings For Medical Personnel On Domestic and Sexual Violence: An introduction to the issues for professionals in the medical community, learning to spot the warning signs, what questions to ask, and how to connect with someone who may need your help.

### **Empowerment Workshops**

Make plans to come and discuss topics that can help take your life to the next level.



Interested in booking a training for your group? Please call us at 570-724-3549

Or you can send an email to: [chris@havenoftiogacounty.org](mailto:chris@havenoftiogacounty.org)

Why should you volunteer your time with HAVEN?

- Volunteering your time at HAVEN is a good way to **build an interesting resume.**
- Spending time with HAVEN helps your community, is a **great experience,** and a great way to **connect with others who have similar interests.**
- **Networking is important.** Even if you don't need connections in your professional life, **who doesn't need more friends?**



## Volunteer Training

Interested in volunteering @ HAVEN?

Want more in-depth training on domestic violence and sexual assault?

We offer in-depth training on domestic violence and sexual assault combined with empowerment counseling skills and advocacy skills. It is a 6-week course, meeting 2 times per week.

Training begins on July 7th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm and is held every Monday and Wednesday until August 13, 2014.

There will be another training scheduled for September at Mansfield University. To register, contact Chris at [chris@havenoftiogacounty.org](mailto:chris@havenoftiogacounty.org) or call us at 570-724-3549.

Only individuals who complete this training are able to work with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault at HAVEN.



Because we are such a small non-profit organization, and because our funding hasn't been updated since 1990, HAVEN depends heavily on the generosity and support of our community.

## **Become a HAVEN'S Angel**

**Host a fundraising event.** Host an event to raise money for HAVEN and raise awareness in the process. In the past we have done trivia nights at local restaurants and a poetry reading at the Gmeiner.

**Sponsor emergency housing for a day.** Your \$100 donation can help cover the cost for a family to stay in emergency housing. It provides food, shelter, personal care items, and peace of mind.

**Sponsor a training event.** For \$50 you can become a part of educating the community about domestic violence and sexual assault. As part of our outreach and prevention program, your donation will help us prevent domestic violence and sexual assault in our county.

**Sponsor a day of hotline calls.** For \$25 your donation makes it possible for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to get the support that they need.

**Clothing donations** can be sent to our new partners at the Northern Tier Children's Home Thrift Store on Charleston Road, in Wellsboro, PA. Visit their website, [www.ntchthriftstore.tripod.com](http://www.ntchthriftstore.tripod.com) for more information and let them know the donation is being made for HAVEN.

For more information on how to donate, contact the office at 570-724-3549  
or email us at: [info@havenoftiogacounty.org](mailto:info@havenoftiogacounty.org)

## As a volunteer, you could...

- ◇ Work with survivors of domestic and sexual abuse
- ◇ Host outreach events and reach out to our community
- ◇ Work around the office or shelter
- ◇ Hand out pamphlets or information to your church, group, business, or organization.
- ◇ Host a training or event for your church, group, business, or organization.



April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and HAVEN, along with volunteers from several Mansfield University student organizations, was out in force on April 12th for The Big Event.

### Some Facts:

Someone in the US is sexually assaulted every two minutes.\*

There are 207,754 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault every year.\*

3% of college men report surviving rape or attempted rape. \*\*

Between 62% and 84% of survivors knew their attackers.\*\*

1 out of every 6 women will experience attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.\*\*\*

44% of sexual assault victims are under the age of 18. 15% are under the age of 12.\*\*\*

\*dosomething.org

\*\*oneinfourusa.gov

\*\*\*rainn.org

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In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC, to participate in a number of planned events which honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The staff at HAVEN delivered baskets of goodies as a way to say Thank You to the local and state police departments for their continued support of our mission and for their hard work within our communities.

For more information, please visit their website at:

[www.nationalpoliceweek.com](http://www.nationalpoliceweek.com)

## *HAVEN Welcomes New Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator*

HAVEN is pleased to welcome Ms. Christina Rinnert as our Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

Chris is an energetic and outgo-

ing person who looks forward to using her creativity, expertise in gender and women's studies, knowledge of domestic violence and sexual assault awareness, as well as

her exceptional customer service skills to further develop relationships in Tioga County so that HAVEN becomes a more valuable resource for those in need.

# HAVEN of Tioga County

24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-800-550-0447

Office: 570-724-3549

E-mail: [info@havenoftiogacounty.org](mailto:info@havenoftiogacounty.org)

We're on the Web!

[www.havenoftiogacounty.org](http://www.havenoftiogacounty.org)

HAVEN's office is open:

Mon & Thurs: 9 am to 6 pm

Tues, Weds, Fri: 9 am to 7 pm

Saturday by appointment

The Hotline is available 24/7.

HAVEN is a private, non-profit organization committed to helping all individuals affected by domestic and sexual violence. We provide services to men, woman, and children, regardless of age, sex, class, ethnic background, or sexual orientation. Our services include: 24 hour rape/abuse hotline, advocacy, children's programs, Hope House emergency housing, medical and legal accompaniment, community education, empowerment/options counseling, legal services and information, as well as referrals to other community organizations.

All of our services are free and confidential.



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