

SAAFE Center News

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st: April Fool's Day!
- 13th: Volunteer Banquet,
5:30-8PM at Sam B's Restaurant
163 S. Main St. in Bowling Green
- 15th: Ellen's Birthday
- 24th: R&R 7-8PM
- 26th: the AnarchOhio house show,
see page 2 for details
- 27th: R&R 1-2PM
R&R 3-4PM
- 29th: Abby's Birthday

On Campus Office Hours

Our on campus office is located in room 355 of the Psychology Building. At these times each week, an advocate is available to speak with individuals face-to-face.

Monday and Wednesday: 8-9AM

Tuesday: 1-2PM

Thursday: 11AM-12PM

There is also an advocate available at the Women's Center (Hanna Hall Rm. 107) on Wednesday from 4-5PM.

An advocate is available 24/7 by contacting the Link (419/352-1545) and asking to speak to a SAAFE advocate.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. This was first declared in April of 2001. The color associated with sexual assault is teal and the symbol is a ribbon. The symbol and the color were chosen after a survey on the two topics was administered by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). Each year, the campaign focuses on a specific topic. This year, the focus is on healthy sexuality and young people. Tuesday April 1 is the "Day of Action" this year. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the prevention of sexual violence. The SAAFE Center has many different activities lined up in April for SAAM, those can be found on page two. We will also be participating through social media on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

VOLUNTEER BANQUET!

Our volunteer banquet is a way of honoring out volunteers and thanking them for their commitment to the SAAFE Center. The volunteers go through 40 hours of training before becoming volunteer advocates. Our volunteer advocates take three 3 on-call shifts per month, those shifts are during the night and on the weekends. Many awards are given out at the banquet, including but not limited to: Advocate of the Month, Core Leaders, On-Campus Office Staff, and Advocate of Year. This year, it will be held on Sunday April 13 from 5:30-8:00pm at Sam B's Restaurant (163 S. Main St.) in Bowling Green. Please arrive around 5:15 to pick up your name badges and get seated.

April Advocate of the Month: Karrie

It is a pleasure to give the Advocate of the Month award for March to Karrie! She has been an advocate with us since April of 2013. It is sad to announce that she will be leaving us after her on-call shifts in May 2014. During the one year Karrie has been with us, she had dedicated herself in many ways to the program: she was the Vice-President of the Student Organization of SAAFE Advocates (SOSA), she contributed as a columnist to our newsletter, she provided on-going advocacy services to her assigned client for a year, and she was a full-time Core Leader who trained new volunteers in the fall semester 2013. Karrie is enrolled in nursing school and the demands of her program are compelling her upcoming resignation from SAAFE. But she promises that she will always use her advocacy skills in her future career and we know that she will make us proud.

-Julie

Come Paint the Spirit Rock at BGSU!

Come join the Student Organization of SAAFE Advocates (SOSA) and help them paint the spirit rock! We will be painting the rock teal in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This is a great opportunity to meet the individuals that are the backbone of the organization! This event will take place on Wednesday April 16 beginning at 7:30pm. The Spirit Rock is beside the Kreisher Quadrangle. Just bring yourself, we will provide paint. Hope to see you there!

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS!

- “Teens and Sexual Assault” brochure
- “Women of Color and Sexual Assault” brochure
- “LGBTQI Persons and Sexual Assault” brochure

AVAILABLE PRESENTATIONS!

- Bystander Intervention Curriculum
- “Sexual Assault in the Military” presentation

Call the Link (419/352-1545) and ask for the SAAFE on-call advocate to schedule a presentation or receive brochures. We will deliver or mail brochures to you.

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members! We received funds from the Rape Crisis Center Trust Fund grant and we are using that grant money to add two new positions to our team. Dan, who is our Prevention Specialist, will engage boys and men in the prevention of sexual violence. Dan is an undergraduate at BGSU and he started work on March 24. Heather, who is our Expansion Specialist, will be expanding our rape crisis services into Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca counties. These counties do not have rape crisis centers. Heather is also a undergraduate at BGSU and will start work on April 7. We are lucky to have Dan and Heather joining our team and we are excited to see all the great things they will contribute to SAAFE.

What is our Outreach Specialist up to?

On March 4th, I attended the Black Girls Rock organization meeting. It was nice to engage with women of color and educate them about The SAAFE Center. Everyone there was welcoming and glad that I came to the meeting. I passed out brochures, business cards, and a survey. According to the survey, some people didn't know that the SAAFE Center existed. I also found out that many women believed that fear and lack of trust would be the main reasons why they wouldn't use the SAAFE Center. I am glad to have the opportunity to outreach to these young women educating them on the services offered at the SAAFE Center. I also plan on attending some of their future events.

On Monday March 17th, I attended a Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority meeting. I passed out brochures, business cards, and surveys. It was a very small group but they had heard of the SAAFE Center and were very welcoming. I informed them of the services we provide and told them that I was here for them and that no one should suffer alone. One of the young ladies there gave me information on other multicultural groups and I hope to connect with them soon. -Taneisha

Fundraisers in April!

Qdoba is hosting a fundraiser for the SAAFE Center on Tuesday April 22 from 4-9pm. It is located at 129 S. Main St. in downtown Bowling Green. A portion of the proceeds from your order will go toward our Victims Emergency Fund. This fund is used in a variety of ways to help survivors when no other avenue exists. You must indicate your support verbally, at the time of your order, or by taking in a flyer for a portion of your purchase to go towards our organization. The flyer will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

On April 26, there is going to be a house show at the AnarchOhio house to benefit the SAAFE Center. The house is located at 506 Campbell Hill in Bowling Green. The cost is \$5 per person and various punk bands will be performing. This event will start later in the evening. The exact time will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

The BGSU Wellness Connection has hosted a 5K and dog walk as a fundraiser for the SAAFE Center for many years. This year is no exception! This year the event will take place on April 26 and will begin at the Perry Field House and runs through the BGSU campus. Packet pick-up begins at 9am, the 5K will begin at 10am and the dog walk is set to begin at 10:15am. You can pre-register online by visiting <http://www2.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/recwell/wellness/page127179.html>, or you can register at the event. Both the 5K and dog walk cost \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students. Each participant will receive a shirt and a bandana for their dog. All the proceeds from this event go the SAAFE Center. T-shirts from our Clothesline Project will be displayed at the finish line. Our red shirts that will be displayed are for women who have been sexually assaulted or sexually harassed. The SAAFE Center would like to give a huge thank you to the Wellness Connection for supporting our organization for many years!

New Staff!