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NEWSLETTER

# The SAAFE Center Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Aug. 25th:**  
First day of  
BGSU's Fall Semester
- **Aug. 28th:**  
R&R 7-8pm  
Rise Presentation
- **Aug. 31st:**  
R&R 1-2pm  
3-4pm
- **Sept. 4th:**  
Campus Fest
- **Sept. 9th:**  
Volunteer Fair
- **Sept. 11th:**  
Fall Training

## NEW ADVOCATES

Congratulations to Dan and Heather for completing their training! Heather passed her Orals Monday 7/21 and Dan passed his Orals Tuesday 7/22. They are both staff who started with us in the Spring and completed their training over the summer. This month they will start signing up for volunteer shifts. Great job Heather and Dan!

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THE LINK AT  
(419) 352-1545.

## The SAAFE Center's Commitment to Women of Color

In July 2012, I attended the Women of Color Network (WOCN) national conference in St. Paul, MN, as part of a contingent from the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV), which is the statewide sexual assault coalition. OAESV had submitted a grant and been chosen, along with seven other coalitions across the United States, to participate in examining how their states provide services to women of color survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence, as well as recruiting, hiring and supporting women of color on their staff. The 5-day WOCN conference featured 3 days of participants working within their designated Institutes—Women of Color, White Women Aspiring Allies, and Men—followed by 2 days of workshops. It was an inspiring, eye-opening and transforming conference and has since directed much of the work of OAESV and member agencies, including SAAFE.

Following the conference, select members from around the state, including OAESV staff and some Board members, those who had attended the conference, and other activists formed the Ohio Anti-Oppression Committee (AOC). The AOC held monthly conference calls to begin work on Ohio's standards and then participated in a 2-day workshop in Nov. 2013 facilitated by the national consultants to the project, as well as a day and a half workshop in May 2014. These standards are now being shared with Rape Crisis Center Directors at quarterly meetings to encourage and hold accountable the centers to provide culturally sensitive services to women of color and just as importantly, to actively seek out women of color to apply for positions in their agencies and support them once hired.

In next month's newsletter, we'll share details about different ways the SAAFE Center is applying the Ohio standards in the provision of services and also staff development.

---Julie Broadwell, director of the SAAFE Center

## RISE: TAKING A STAND FOR CHANGE

During BGSU's Welcome Week, SAAFE Center staff will be giving a presentation. Masculine identified individuals will participate in a presentation on Prevention and feminine identified individuals will participate in a presentation on Bystander intervention. It will be on Aug. 28th, from 7:30pm to about 9:30pm in BGSU Business Administration Building 102

## Advocate of the Month: Lauren

Lauren is departing from the SAAFE Center the end of July so it is only fitting that we honor her with the July Advocate of the Month award to show our appreciation for all of her work with clients. Lauren became an advocate in April 2013. During her time with us, Lauren has worked with more than 2 dozen crisis contacts and on-going clients, providing excellent client care. One case in particular stands out, working with a client since Sept. 2013 and concluding recently with the woman providing survivor testimony regarding her experiences working with the legal system and the help provided by her advocate, Lauren. With all of her client cases, Lauren worked above and beyond what is expected and is truly an exemplary advocate. We wish her the best in whatever new job awaits her and know that she will take her skills and knowledge learned through the SAAFE Center in helping more individuals. All of Wood County will miss your advocacy skills, Lauren. Congratulations on being named Advocate of the Month for July.

--- Julie

## FALL TRAINING

Fall Volunteer Advocate Training will begin the week of September 15th this year. Prospective advocates-in-training should have their [applications](#) in by Thursday, Sept. 11th by 5:00 pm to [victims@bc.wcnet.org](mailto:victims@bc.wcnet.org)

## ON CAMPUS OFFICE

Our On-Campus Office is located in 355 BGSU Psychology Building. It is always open with free written materials. Staffed office hours will be in September's Newsletter and posted on our website as they become available

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## Welcome Crecia!

Crecia started with the SAAFE Center in April 1998, working as a volunteer advocate through May 2007. During those nine years, in addition to the duties of a volunteer advocate, she also was a Core Leader for several training classes. Before accepting her current job here at the SAAFE Center she worked for eleven years with ABLE-Advocates for Basic Legal Equality where she advocated for rights of quality life and services to residents in nursing homes including other various long-term care settings and consumers receiving Home Health Services. When deciding to work here at SAAFE she wanted to stick with her passion for helping and empowering others and remembered her positive experiences and personal growth with SAAFE in the past. We are very excited to have her here. Welcome, Crecia!

## We'll Miss You Lauren!

During her time working here at the SAAFE Center, Lauren has been invaluable. She has facilitated monthly Review and Renew meetings with volunteers, helped with fundraisers, helped so many clients, made sure the on-call calendar was up to date and all shifts were covered, and so much more. Not only that, but she always managed to do it with patience, dedication, and kindness. She said some of the most rewarding things in her time here have been working with the clients and helping with whatever they need, and watching some of the trainees she trained grow and become advocates and went on to add "I will always cherish my time working at the SAAFE Center. I was able to learn and grow so much as a professional and also as an individual with all the opportunities Julie provided. My time with Julie and the volunteers will also always be valued very much." We'll miss you!

## E. Wooster Protest Update

The E. Wooster Protest is on for Friday, August 22nd! The protest is currently planned to be from about 12pm-4pm that day. For those interested, there will be a sign making party a week before the protest, Friday, August 15th. To keep updated on the time for the sign making party and the meeting place for the protest, like the [BG Move-In Day Protest Facebook Page](#). All future updates will be posted there.

## Kroger Community Rewards

For any of you with a Kroger Plus Card, there is an easy way to help out the SAAFE Center at no extra cost to you. If you go online and sign up for Kroger's Community Rewards program, every time you buy something and use your Plus Card, Kroger will donate some money to the SAAFE Center. To sign up:

1. Go to Kroger.com and either Sign In or Register for an account
2. Click "My Account" at the top of the page
3. Scroll down to the Community Rewards section and click Enroll
4. If a page comes up asking for information fill out all the starred fields then scroll down and click Save
5. Search for us with our ID number, **81659**
6. Select us and Click enroll

## Goodbye and Thank You!

### ASHLEY

Ashley was a PR Specialist at the SAAFE Center from Sept. 2013—May 2014. She resigned to move with her family to Florida. We were sad to see her go but wish her the best in her new home!

### BETHANY

Bethany was a PR Specialist at the SAAFE Center from Sept. 2013-May 2014. Even though she resigned as staff, we are happy to still have her as a volunteer!

### CATE

Cate was a Communications Specialist at the SAAFE Center from May 2014-July 2014. We are happy to say that even though she resigned as staff she has remained a volunteer.