

The SAAFE Center Newsletter

December 2014
Newsletter

Important Dates

- **Dec 12th**
BGSU- Last day of classes
- **Dec 15-19**
BGSU-Finals Week
- **Dec 24**
Gary's Birthday
Christmas Eve
SAAFE Office is Closed
- **Dec 25**
SAAFE Office is Closed
- **Dec 31**
Dan's Birthday
New Years Eve

**SAAFE Advocates
will still be available
24/7 while the
SAAFE Office is
closed.**

**A SAAFE
ADVOCATE IS
ALWAYS
AVAILABLE 24/7 BY
CONTACTING
THE LINK AT
(419)-352-1545.**

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Thank You Women in Comedy!

On November 23rd, Bowling Green State University all-female improv comedy group, Lady Parts, continued their tradition of partnering with the SAAFE Center by hosting their third annual Women in Comedy Show to benefit the SAAFE Center's Victims' Emergency Fund. The SAAFE Center's Prevention Specialist Dan spoke as the event's guest speaker and opened the show. During the show, attendees were treated to slam poetry, stand-up, skits, and improv performances that were all written, performed, and directed by women.

The Women in Comedy show raised over \$500.00 for the SAAFE Center's Victims' Emergency Fund. This money will go directly to helping victims with emergency issues such as needs for transportation, food, or other basic necessities that arise while recovering from sexual assault. We are incredibly grateful to Lady Parts for all of their support and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.

Advocate of the Month: Cate

We are happy to honor Cate with Advocate of the Month for November. Cate has been an advocate with SAAFE since April of 2013 and in addition to taking her share of monthly on-call shifts, she helps out in many little ways which add up to a lot of assistance. She participated in the peaceful demonstration against sexist signs on E. Wooster St. in Aug., she started working with an on-going client in Sept. who is an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse, she took a shift of staffing the Safe Room for the Clothesline Project in Oct., and she helped a Trainee with her Checklist examination in Nov. as part of the volunteer victim advocate training session. When the call goes out, Cate can be counted on to help in many ways, all of which make the SAAFE Center stronger and better. And it isn't like Cate is just sitting around twiddling her thumbs looking for things to do, she is in the doctoral clinical psychology program at BGSU so she is VERY busy. We thank Cate for all she has given and continues to give to the SAAFE Center.

On Campus Office

Our On-Campus Office is located in 355 Psychology Building BGSU. It is always open with free written materials. During the school year, our office has staffed office hours for anyone who would like to stop by and speak with an advocate.

Staffed Hours:

Until December 12th

Monday 1:30-2:20pm

Tuesday 10:00-11:00am

Wednesday 1:00-2:00pm

Thursday 3:00-4:00pm

Friday 1:30-2:20pm

Hello and Welcome!

Briana

We're incredibly excited to welcome Briana, our new Program Coordinator, who began working with SAAFE on November 3rd. Briana is a graduate of BGSU with a double major in Sociology and Women's Studies. Briana went on to graduate from University of Toledo's post-baccalaureate certificate program in Paralegal Studies.

After graduation from UT, Briana became a volunteer and later staff with the Wood County Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) program, serving as a voice for children in abuse/neglect/dependency cases by advocating for their best interests. Since Briana's graduation from BGSU, her goal has always been to be a victim advocate. By working at SAAFE, Briana feels she's able to get back in touch with her Women's Studies roots! Welcome Briana!

We'll Miss You!

Taneisha

During her time here at SAAFE, Taneisha has been a positive, and upbeat presence in the SAAFE office. Taneisha began with SAAFE as a volunteer advocate from November 2011 until November 2012. Then Taneisha was hired as a part-time staff member as SAAFE's Outreach Specialist in November 2013.

In this position, Taneisha has worked to outreach to underrepresented populations in the community. One of her recent Outreach efforts has been facilitating the Sistas' of Nia support group for African American adult women survivors of sexual abuse. In addition to her role as Outreach Specialist, Taneisha has been an active part of SAAFE Center fundraisers, and has worked hard to help many clients as a victim advocate. Thanks for all of your hard work, Taneisha! Good luck with your new career!

BOOK SPOTLIGHT: I Never Called It Rape by Robin Warsaw

Rape is often portrayed in the media in a stereotypical way—a stranger approaches a victim, threatens the victim, and then rapes the victim. While stranger rapes are a reality, our society often neglects to talk about a more common form of rape—date/acquaintance rape. I Never Called It Rape examines the issue of acquaintance rape and its impact on victims.

If you're interested in borrowing this book, call 419/352-1545 and ask for the SAAFE on-call advocate. She or he will make arrangements to meet you and give you the book.

Congratulations to our new advocates!

Our Fall training class participants have been working hard to become advocates. Over the past nine weeks, our trainees have participated in over 40 hours of training that includes training classes, and core group role plays about sexual assault, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, and more to prepare them for being an advocate. After completing training, the trainees completed a rigorous training process that included checklist, written, and oral examinations.

We would like to recognize the following trainees on becoming advocates! Congratulations to:

Chris (November 20), Athena (November 24), Katie (November 25), and Amy (November 26).

We would also like to wish good luck to Maren and Kim who will be taking their exams soon to become advocates!

Staff Update:

Human Sexuality Class Presentation

On November 24th, Heather presented about sexual assault and the SAAFE Center to a Human Sexuality class. At the presentation, students learned about sexual assault, rape, laws concerning sexual assault, as well as SAAFE's confidential advocacy services which are available 24/7, free of charge.

The SAAFE Center offers free presentations about issues concerning sexual assault, sex trafficking, sexual harassment and stalking. The SAAFE Center also offers bystander intervention and prevention presentations which focus on preventing sexual assault and intervening before, during, and after a sexual assault occurs.

If you're interested in having one of these presentations presented in your class or for your group, contact Julie Broadwell at jbroadwe@bc.wcnet.org.

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