

# The SAAFE Center Newsletter

November 2014  
Newsletter

## Important Dates

- Nov 11th  
Veteran's Day  
BGSU-No Classes
- Nov 22nd  
Brittany's birthday
- Nov 26-28th  
BGSU Thanksgiving  
Break-No Classes
- Nov 27th  
Thanksgiving
- Nov 27-28th  
The SAAFE Office is  
Closed

**SAAFE Advocates  
will still be available  
24/7 during the  
holiday and 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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## Thanks for Celebrating with SAAFE!

Last month, The SAAFE Center celebrated our 25th Anniversary on October 1st, with a "Congratulations!" event at Grounds for Thought. We asked the Wood County community to share coffee, cookies, and conversation as we celebrated our 25 years of service.

At our event, SAAFE Center staff and volunteers were able to speak with community members about our sexual assault advocacy services. It was great to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new faces, at our Congratulations event!

We would like to thank everyone for signing our card and for celebrating with us! The SAAFE Center is incredibly grateful for the community support we have had over the past 25 years.

### The SAAFE Center in the Spotlight

On October 15th, the SAAFE Center was interviewed by 13ABC about our 25th Anniversary. Staff members Dan and Heather were interviewed about the SAAFE Center and its services.

The interview can be viewed at: <http://www.13abc.com/clip/10693116/local-rape-crisis-center-serving-area-for-past-25-years>.

## Advocate of the Month: Kimber

Congratulations to Kimber for being honored as Oct. Advocate of the Month! Kimber became a SAAFE advocate in April 2013 and has been a quiet leader (seriously, she is really quiet). Kimber staffs the SAAFE On-campus office at BGSU this semester, diligently covering her office hour each week in order to assist any victim/survivor who might stop by or giving out material to anyone interested in learning about sexual assault. Also, Kimber helped as a part-time Core Leader for the new trainees in the advocacy training session this semester. It is always beneficial to have someone who has been an advocate for awhile, and worked with clients on an on-going basis, to mentor the trainees. It makes the role-plays more realistic. Kimber was so shy when she started her advocacy training that she knew she would really have to push herself to gain the confidence needed to advocate for others—and she has done this. Kimber will be graduating with a degree in social work, sure to help many others during her career. We are pleased to honor her with this award.

-Julie

## 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!

Danielle

We're excited to welcome Danielle to the SAAFE Center Staff! Danielle started with the SAAFE Center on October 21st as a Communications Specialist. She has been an advocate with the SAAFE Center since November 2013. As a volunteer advocate, Danielle has proven herself to be a hard worker by volunteering at fundraisers, staffing our on-campus office, and thinking of creative ways to help the SAAFE Center spread the word. Welcome Danielle!

## SAAFE Center Lending Library

The SAAFE Center has shelves of books located in the lounge area of our office. Books can be checked out for one month at a time. All that is required to check out one of our books is a driver's license or another form of ID. Keep an eye out for our Book Spotlights every month! Book Spotlights will be featuring one of our many books available to be checked out from our lending library.

### BOOK SPOTLIGHT:

#### The Slave Across the Street by Theresa L. Flores

Theresa was an average student that ran track and came from an upper-middle class family. At the age of 15 years old, Theresa was tricked and blackmailed into being enslaved in the world of human-trafficking.

Based on a true story, The Slave Across the Street, depicts a different side of human-trafficking that we don't see in the media. The media depicts human-trafficking as an issue that happens in foreign countries to other people. However, in reality, a victim could live next door.

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.

## SAAFE Staff Out-and-About

### It's On Us Committee Meeting

On October 16th, Julie and Dan attended the It's On Us Committee Meeting at BGSU. The Committee discussed methods of preventing sexual assault and how to engage students on the topic of consent.

BGSU's It's On Us Committee is the product of the It's On Us Campaign that was launched by the Obama Administration. You can check out the It's On Us Campaign video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNMZo31LziM>.

### Clothesline Project

During the month of October, Jessie has helped present two demonstrations of the Clothesline Project. On October 8th, the Clothesline Project was displayed at Defiance College in Defiance County. On October 22nd, the Clothesline Project was displayed at BGSU with the Identity Project.

### Interfraternity Council Presentation

On October 15th, Dan presented to the Interfraternity Council (IFC) a presentation on Prevention Education. The presentation discussed how men can be engaged to prevent sexual assault.

### Peer Education Class Presentation

On October 15th, Heather presented about sexual assault and advocacy to a Peer Education class. At the presentation, students learned about consent, sexual assault, victim blaming, the SAAFE Center's services, and being an advocate.

### Sistas of Nia Outreach

On October 20th, Taneisha met with the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. At this meeting, Taneisha presented information about her job as outreach specialist and the group Sistas of Nia.

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