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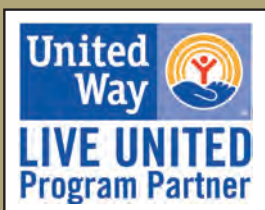
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Hundreds Gather for Voices Ending Violence Breakfast

**By Julie A. Doerr,
 FJC Manager of Community Relations**

Almost 300 people gathered the morning of Thursday, June 10, 2010 for the third annual Family Justice Center (FJC) Voices Ending Violence (VEV) Fundraising Breakfast. The theme of this year's Breakfast was "Solid Ground," in honor of the FJC's award-winning poem by Nancy Ghoston of Kenmore. Ghoston read her poem at the event, as did Karin Krauss who also submitted her work for the Austin, Texas-based Foundation contest. Grammy award-winning artists Los Lonely Boys wrote special music for Ghoston's FJC poem and the song was played at the Breakfast. In addition, each Breakfast guest was given a copy of the CD "Solid Ground" to take home.

The morning started off with a great big thank you to presenting Breakfast sponsor Praxair, a true friend of the FJC. Then, the Very Reverend Gloria Payne-Carter, pastor of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and an FJC

Board member, led the group in a moment of silence to remember the 15 women who lost their lives to domestic violence in 2009.

The Breakfast concluded with an extremely touching DVD featuring interviews with survivors, victims, friends and family members touched by domestic violence. After the video, domestic violence survivor and FJC volunteer Malika Henry brought the guests to their feet in a standing ovation as she recollected years of abuse and her subsequent escape from an abusive partner.

The FJC would like to thank the people who gave so generously at the Breakfast – by learning more about the FJC, by sharing our story and through their generous donations. The FJC is pleased to announce that three new individuals joined the Voices Ending Violence Society, pledging at least \$1,000.00 a year for five years to the

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Verizon Foundation Answers Call To Spread The Word About FJC

**By Julie A. Doerr,
 FJC Manager of
 Community Relations**

The Verizon Foundation presented the Family Justice Center of Erie County (FJC) with a \$20,000 grant on Thursday, June 10, 2010 to fund the FJC's Ambassadors Program. The presentation took place as part of the FJC's Voices Ending Violence Fundraising Breakfast.

The Ambassadors Program is a viral marketing campaign aimed at insuring that every adult and teenager in Erie County hears about the FJC and its services for victims of domestic violence at least twice within a two-year period. Volunteer FJC



Verizon President – New York Region Jim Gerace presents FJC Executive Director Mary Travers Murphy a symbolic check representing the \$20,000 Verizon Foundation grant that will fund the FJC's Ambassadors Program.

speakers called Ambassadors will agree to cover a specific Erie County municipality or group (such as schools, hospitals, etc.). The Verizon Foundation grant will pay for Ambassadors' training, presentation equipment, printing of collateral materials and program oversight.

"In 2009, 15 women in Erie and Niagara Counties were murdered by an intimate partner. The reasons that some domestic violence victims do not seek help and end up as homicide victims are many," said Mary Travers Murphy, FJC executive director. "Some victims simply do not know where to turn for help. With this generous

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Volunteer Spotlight: Shannon Daugherty

By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager of
Community Relations

Summer 2010
volunteer Shannon
Daugherty comes to
the Family Justice
Center (FJC) as an
Americorps member



from Houghton College. This well-traveled student has joined the FJC team to learn more about the two professional areas she hopes to some day work in: social work and law.

Daugherty will be a senior at Houghton College in fall 2010. She will graduate in spring 2011 with a double major in sociology and political science and a minor in business. After graduation, Daugherty plans to seek masters of social work and juris doctorate degrees.

Combining both her love of social work and the law, Daugherty is getting hands on experience of both worlds at the FJC by working with FJC social service agency partners like Crisis Services and Hispanics United of Buffalo, and legal entities such as Neighborhood Legal Services, the 8th Judicial Courts and the Erie County District Attorney's Office.

"I have thought a lot about social work as a potential career but this is my first opportunity to get hands on experience in the field of domestic violence social work," said Daugherty. "I enjoy the calm and hopeful, joyful attitude the employees have. You see a lot of brokenness at the FJC, but the staff manages to stay positive and upbeat amongst the sadness and defeat."

Daugherty grew up in the Central African Republic and lived there until she was eight years old. She has also traveled to Vladimir, Russia; Brno, Czech Republic; Germany; the Balkans; and Morocco.

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News-Magazine Updates



By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager of Community Relations

These first few days of summer may not have been lazy, or even very hazy, but they certainly have been crazy here at the Family Justice Center (FJC)! We are busier than ever – recording our highest number of intakes for one day on June 7, 2010 when we had 19 intakes. The FJC staff and partners, as well as our volunteers and interns should be commended for their hard work and for making our busy days run so smoothly.

June was also busy at the FJC as it brought us our third annual Voices Ending Violence Fundraising Breakfast. After months of preparation that began in January, the Breakfast went off without a hitch on Thursday, June 10 at Temple Beth Zion. Read all about the event and see the photos in my article "Hundreds Gather for Voices Ending Violence Breakfast" on page one.

At the Voices Ending Violence Breakfast, the Verizon Foundation presented the FJC with a \$20,000 grant. The grant will fund the FJC's Ambassador Program. Read more about it in my article "Verizon Answers Call to Spread the Word About FJC," also on page one.

The Western New York community has been very generous to the FJC of late. In the article "AICF of WNY Donates Walk Proceeds to FJC," find out about how one local charity decided to give to the FJC. The story can be found on page three.

There are many new faces around the FJC this summer. Read about new FJC volunteer Shannon Daugherty on page two. On page three we introduce you to Sue Fumanti, our new FJC intake coordinator/receptionist. New domestic violence victims' advocate Rikki Nawotka has joined the FJC team, and we welcome her and the International Institute back as an on-site partner. Read about Rikki in my article on page six.

The FJC is also welcoming back Executive Assistant Karen Zakalik. Karen was instrumental in helping to set up the FJC in its first six months and she spent two years with the agency as a grant writer. Help us welcome her back into the FJC fold by reading my article on page four.

Lastly, don't forget to check out the article "High Health Costs of Domestic Violence Linger Even After the Abuse Ends." It's a surprising look at how abused women often require more health care even in the years immediately following the abuse. The story can be found on page eight.

Be sure to enjoy your summer – whatever it may bring you. But also take some time to remember those who are suffering behind closed doors – the thousands of domestic violence victims right here in Erie County. Keep spreading the word about the FJC and the important work we are doing. The message is sure to get to someone who needs to hear it.

AICF of WNY Donates Walk Proceeds to FJC

By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager of Community Relations

The Asian Indian Community Foundation of Western New York (AICF of WNY) presented the Family Justice Center (FJC) with a large donation on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at the FJC offices in Buffalo. The AICF is based in Amherst.

The \$3,500 donation is from proceeds raised at the AICF of WNY's annual Mother's Day Walk that was held on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Trailway. Each year, the AICF asks walk participants to make a donation that is given to a domestic violence victims' service provider.

"We are very honored that the AICF chose to support the Family Justice Center this year," said Mary Travers Murphy, FJC executive director. "This is a very generous donation – one that we weren't even expecting – and it will help us continue our work to improve and save the lives of domestic violence victims in our community."



Members of the Asian Indian Community Foundation (AICF) present the Family Justice Center with a \$3,500 donation from the AICF's 2010 Mother's Day Walk. Pictured from left to right are: Shikar Chakravarti; Baby Snigdha; Mary Travers Murphy; Ananya Chakravarti; Nirupama Chakravarti; Umesh Babhria and Mihira K. Rath.



Students from Mount Mercy Academy recently took a tour of the Family Justice Center and stayed afterwards volunteering their time making Mother's Day gifts for FJC clients. Clients were thrilled to receive the gifts and we thank the young ladies for giving of their time!

FJC volunteers Christine Baczkowski and Rocky Dworak enjoy some cake as the FJC honored its volunteers at an office gathering on May 19. The FJC cherishes all of its volunteers – we can't do it without you!



Volunteer Spotlight: Shannon Daugherty

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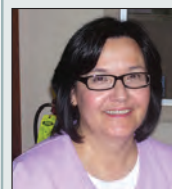
Very active in college life, Daugherty is the president of the Sociology Club, captain of the varsity basketball team and a member of the college ministries team. In addition, she taught Sunday school for high school students at Houghton Wesleyan Church from 2008 – 2010. In her leisure time, Daugherty enjoys playing basketball for fun and she loves to cook, often coming up with her own recipes.

So far, Daugherty is very pleased with what she has learned at the FJC.

"Some of my ideas about domestic violence; how I thought it worked and who it affects have been destroyed," said Daugherty. "Yes, I have seen patterns at the FJC, but you never can predict who will become a victim of domestic violence."

Sue Fumanti Joins FJC as Intake Coordinator/ Receptionist

By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager of Community Relations



The Family Justice Center (FJC) is pleased to introduce Susan Fumanti as our new intake coordinator/ receptionist. Fumanti is responsible for managing all of the day to day activities surrounding the FJC's busy front desk. Her duties include: coordinating intake procedures, greeting all visitors and clients to the FJC's secure facility, answering phones, compiling monthly input services and demographics statistics and general clerical duties.

Fumanti comes to the FJC with over 20 years of experience serving children and families.

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Tax Deductible Donations

Payable to Family Justice Center of Erie County, Inc.

Mail contributions c/o "Donations", or simply visit the [FJC website](#) and use our secure, online PayPal method.

Donations Wish List

- NFTA bus tokens in packages of 10. We use at least 4 packages per month.
- Supermarket gift cards for clients (\$10, \$25, or \$50).
- Office supply store gift cards (from Office Max, Office Depot, etc.).
- Fellowes® SB-99Ci 100% Jam Proof 17-Sheet Cross-Cut Shredder from Office Depot.
- Digital camera.
- Paper cups for hot beverages.
- Paper towels.
- Volunteer to assist clients with the intake process and to respond to phone inquiries.
- An invitation from you to your family and friends for upcoming Behind Closed Doors tours.
- Volunteer to speak in the community on our behalf.
- Organize a Solid Ground Giving Circle at your workplace, gym, book club, etc.
- Become a "project volunteer," working from home on specific time-limited projects, e.g. writing grants, building databases, managing distribution of marketing materials, writing articles for our electronic newsletter.

If you would like to fulfill any of our wishes, please contact Julie A. Doerr at 558-5281 or jdoerr@fjcSAFE.org.

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FJC. They are: Michael Cucinotta, Jeanne Ernst and Tom Ulbrich. The FJC thanks them and all who gave for their kindness.

The FJC would also like to thank the following individuals who served as Table Captains for the VEV Breakfast:

Nadine Amodio
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Peg Simons
Sue Tomkins, Esq.
Mary Travers Murphy
Tom Ulbrich
Juli VanWoert
Sue Ventresca
Cheryl Yavicoli

THANK YOU!!



Guests of Table Captain Gail Burstein take a moment from their breakfasts to smile for the camera at the VEV Breakfast.



Volunteers pause for a moment to enjoy some breakfast at the Voices Ending Violence event on June 10, 2010.



Karen Zakalik Returns to FJC as Executive Assistant



**By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager of Community
Relations**

The Family Justice Center (FJC) is pleased to welcome back Karen Zakalik as a permanent employee of the agency. Zakalik has accepted the position of executive assistant. Her duties include: bookkeeping; managing the E-Tapestry donor database; generating monthly reports on demographics and statistics; grant writing; and coordinating the FJC's IT needs.

Zakalik is no stranger to the FJC, having worked as a contract grant writer and site plan development coordinator from 2005 – 2008, when the FJC was in its infancy and early development stages. Zakalik was responsible for developing an agency case statement and profile; writing and submitting grant proposals (securing \$537,500.00 in funding); building relationships with Western New York delegation members via Albany lobby days and arranging on-site visits by state

representatives; and managing the design and build out of new office space for the FJC at 237 Main Street.

Being at the FJC from the start, Zakalik has gained a great amount of insight about domestic violence and its devastating effects on our community:

"Domestic violence does not choose its victims by ethnicity, social standing, religious background, age or sex," said Zakalik. "We can't shield our eyes from this truth. Talking openly about domestic violence, providing access to services through the FJC, and holding offenders accountable is very rewarding to someone like me who is not providing direct services to clients."

In addition to her employment at the FJC, Zakalik has worked as an advertising sales representative for *Buffalo Spree Publishing* and as a managing partner with Vermont Partners and Plymouth-Albany Partners in Buffalo, NY. She holds a bachelor of arts

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4th Annual BNPA Golf Outing Wednesday, August 4, 2010

All Proceeds will Support:
The Family Justice Center



Nurture courage.

Create hope.

Sustain healing.

Please Join Us at the Diamond Hawk Golf Course

August 4, 2010

Diamond Hawk Golf Course
Cheektowaga, NY
Registration: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Shotgun start at 12 Noon
Register at www.bnhra.org

Golf will include:

18-hole Scramble Format Tournament with Golf Cart
On-course Beverages, Lunch & Dinner of Steak or Chicken
One Hour Open Bar
Prizes for Course Events
Chinese Auction, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle
Basket of Cheer

Fees	Eagle – for only \$1,000	Birdie – for only \$700	Program Advertising
\$125 Individual golfer (\$105 early bird sign up by 6/18/10)	Includes: 4 golfers	Includes: 4 golfers	1/4-page ad, \$50
\$150 Hole sponsorship	4 hole signs	2 hole signs	1/2-page ad, \$100
\$50 Dinner only	Full-page ad in brochure	1/2-page ad	Full-page ad, \$200



Family Justice Center

The Family Justice Center provides one-stop, free, wrap-around services for domestic violence victims. Individuals can meet with prosecutors, speak with trained counselors, have injuries documented in the forensic medical unit, and arrange for placement in a safe and secure shelter, all in their native language and while their children place safely in a supervised waiting room. The building is safe and secure and no appointments are needed. Learn more at www.fjcsafe.org.

Buffalo Niagara Professional Alliance

Formed in 2004, the Buffalo Niagara Professional Alliance is a unique collaboration amongst five western New York professional organizations to conduct multiple joint networking meetings each year for their members. The BNPA consists of APICS, BNHRA, infoTech Niagara, NAPM, and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership.



To help make this event a success, we are also in need of cash donations of any denomination, gift items for the Chinese auction, prizes for the hole contests and other raffles.

To offer your support, please contact Kim Nemeth at 716.481.3746
Visit www.bnhra.org for more information on this event.

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The FJC Welcomes International Institute Advocate Rikki Nawotka

**By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager
of Community
Relations**

The Family Justice Center (FJC) is pleased

to once again have an advocate from the International Institute of Buffalo as an on-site partner. International Institute (II) Immigrant Domestic Violence Victims Advocate Rikki Nawotka recently joined the FJC family, adding to the strength of the FJC's one-stop wrap-around services model.

Prior to joining the International Institute, Nawotka worked in respite care and residential habilitation for People, Inc. She also served as a Washington Reading Corps. STATE member through Americorps in Bremerton, Washington where she tutored children in grades K – 5 in reading. In Seattle, Washington, Nawotka was employed with the Parks and Recreation Department where she worked with disabled teens. In addition, Nawotka completed internships at the Erie County Department of Social Services and the International Institute. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in social work with a minor in political science from Niagara University.

"In high school, I always knew I either wanted to be in fashion or the helping professions," said Nawotka. "After becoming involved with 'Take Back the Night' activities in college as president of the social work student association and after joining the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence, I knew that I wanted to work in social work and with domestic violence victims in particular."

Impressed with the FJC's model

of a collaboration of 12 different on-site agencies, Nawotka said she has seen first-hand how clients find seeking help less stressful than the old model when services were scattered. One client in particular sticks out in her mind as a success story:

"An incredibly strong woman came to me in tears because she felt she had no where to turn. After talking to her for quite a length of time, she seemed to feel better and I made an appointment to see her the following day," said Nawotka. "The next day when I saw her, her whole demeanor was totally different, she was very upbeat and smiling. As we began to talk she said right away she was so grateful that I was there to just listen to her and be on her side, to help her, and how she didn't feel alone anymore. Her abuser always made her feel so bad, like she was a terrible person and this was the first time she said in a long time that she felt like she was herself again, and not this awful woman he made her seem to be."

It is fitting that Nawotka works for the International Institute as she has traveled Panama, South America and Krakow, Poland where she taught English to Polish teenagers. She has also traveled to every state in the U.S. and she hopes some day to travel to Africa and Asia to perform volunteer work.

Nawotka has volunteered for the American Red Cross (where she was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award in 2005), the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity.

In her spare time, Nawotka enjoys fashion, hiking, running and spending time with her two cats Spang and Tory.

Sue Fumanti Joins FJC as Intake Coordinator/ Receptionist

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Before joining the FJC, Fumanti was the site coordinator for the second largest Head Start Center in Erie County, serving 200 families. During her time with Head Start, Fumanti served as an education coordinator and an early childhood teacher. Her duties included supervising 23 education professionals (teachers, assistants, substitute teachers) and partnering with families to develop individual educational plans. In addition to her work at Head Start, Fumanti was employed part time for three years as an office assistant for Western New York Psychotherapy Services. She holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Niagara University.

Fumanti said considering her background, the FJC is a perfect fit for her:

"My passion has always been to work on behalf of children and families," said Fumanti. "My new position at the FJC has afforded me the opportunity to continue to do so."

The one-stop, wrap-around services model of the FJC also appeals to Fumanti:

"Working collaboratively with such a varied host of agencies is great," said Fumanti. "I enjoy learning about each of the on-site partners and their areas of expertise."

The story of how FJC volunteer Debbie Jaeger lost her sister in a domestic violence homicide also moved Fumanti into accepting her position after she heard Jaeger's story at a tour.

When she is not at work, Fumanti loves to spend time with her husband, Paul and her daughters Julie and Jessica, as well as her extended family and friends. In addition, Fumanti enjoys reading and spur of the moment getaways!

Verizon Foundation Answers Call to Spread The Word About FJC *continued from page 1*

donation from the Verizon Foundation, the FJC will be able to ensure that as many domestic violence victims as possible know that free, confidential, wrap-around services are available that could save their lives."

The \$20,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon, will help the FJC spread its message to all corners of Erie County. More than half of the 9,200 reports of domestic violence in Erie County in 2009 came from suburban and rural areas, yet it is this population that is the most challenging for the FJC reach.

"Verizon has a long history of working with the Family Justice Center to address the issue of domestic violence," said Jim Gerace, Verizon president – New York region. "We are proud to partner with the Family Justice Center on its Ambassadors Program to ensure that everyone in Erie County is aware of the valuable

services available to assist families impacted by domestic violence."

In the past three years, the Verizon Foundation has awarded more than \$15 million to nonprofit organizations that assist domestic violence survivors. Through the Verizon Wireless HopeLine® program more than 7 million no-longer-used wireless phones have been collected and recycled or refurbished to support domestic violence survivors, generating \$8 million that has been given to local agencies since 2001.

"People living in outlying areas need to know that the FJC is here and working to help abuse victims become safer," said Travers Murphy. "They need to be encouraged to come to downtown Buffalo to get the help they need. Through the Ambassadors Program and this Verizon Foundation grant the FJC will become a household word that immediately comes to mind when people think of domestic violence. Lives literally depend on this happening – and lives will be saved thanks to this donation."

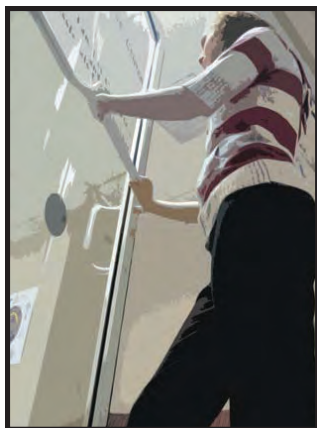
The Verizon Foundation supports the advancement of literacy and K-12

Verizon Grant Benefiting FJC Hits the Airwaves

Click on the link below to listen to a WNED interview with Verizon President – New York Region Jim Gerace as he talks about the \$20,000 Verizon Foundation grant that will fund the FJC Ambassadors Program.

Click here to listen now!

education through its free educational web site, Verizon Thinkfinity (www.thinkfinity.org), and fosters awareness and prevention of domestic violence. In 2009, the Verizon foundation awarded \$67.9 million in grants to nonprofit agencies in the U.S. and abroad. It also matched the charitable donations of Verizon employees and retirees, resulting in \$26.1 million in combined contributions to nonprofits. Through Verizon Volunteers, one of the nation's largest employee volunteer programs, Verizon employees and retirees have volunteered more than 5 million hours of community service since 2000. For more information on the Foundation, visit www.verizonfoundation.org.



Behind Closed Doors Tours

Step behind our doors and witness first-hand what the FJC is all about. See what we do, why we do it, and how our one-stop, free, wrap-around model works.

- » July 7, 2010 @ 5:30 PM
- » July 20, 2010 @ 8:00 AM
- » August 3, 2010 @ 5:30 PM
- » August 17, 2010 @ 8:00 AM
- » September 7, 2010 @ 5:30 PM
- » September 21, 2010 @ 8:00 AM

To attend a tour, contact Julie A. Doerr at jdoerr@fjcsafe.org or (716) 558-5281.



The guys say: YOU CAN'T MISS IT! Paul Murphy, Matt Murphy, Ben Murphy, Pat Murphy and John Travers mingle after getting a sneak peak of the new Behind Closed Doors Tour. Dates and times to sign up for a tour are in the newsletter and on our web site, www.fjcsafe.org.



The ladies say: TAKE THE TOUR – Barb Murphy, Emily Murphy and Donna Murphy enjoy a moment after taking the newly, revamped FJC Behind Closed Doors Tour. The new tour contains more information and personal stories than ever before. If you haven't taken a tour, what are you waiting for?? If you have taken a tour, come back and see what's new.



High Health Costs of Domestic Violence Linger Even After the Abuse Ends

By Julie A. Doerr,
FJC Manager of Community Relations

A new study finds that victims of domestic violence face much higher health costs than other women for three years after the abuse ends. The study was led by Paul Fishman of the Group Health Research Institute in Seattle.

Research found that abuse victims had health care costs that averaged more than \$1,200 above non-abused women for the first two years after the abuse ended and about \$400 above others the third year.

Study co-author and associate professor of human development and science at Ohio State University Amy Bonomi said women may experience physical and emotional consequences even years after their abuse ends, and that is reflected in their health care costs. She likened the effects of domestic abuse on health care costs to those that stem from chronic health conditions.

"The prolonged impact of abuse on health care costs is consistent with what we find with people who quit smoking or abusing alcohol or drugs – the costs don't go back to normal for years," Bonomi said.

The study was the first of its kind to look at how health care costs of abused women change from year to year after abuse ends. This study looked at costs during the years of abuse and then during each year up to 10 years later.

The study involved 2,026 female patients at a health system in the Pacific Northwest. They were asked whether they experienced any physical, sexual or psychological abuse from intimate partners since the age of 18. Women who indicated any abuse were asked which year each abuse type started and stopped.

In all, 859 women reported some type of abuse in their adult lifetime and

1,167 reported no abuse.

The researchers then looked at the women's health care costs over the period of a decade.

Overall, abused women's health care costs were \$585 greater per year than non-abused during the period of abuse. After the abuse ended, health care costs were \$1,231 higher in the first year, \$1,204 higher in the second year, and \$444 higher the third year. By the fourth year after abuse, health care costs were similar to that of other women.

Bonomi said researchers don't know why health care costs are actually higher for the first two years after abuse ends than they were during the years of abuse. However, she believes one reason may be that women may not be accessing health care services that they should be while they are in an abusive relationship. They may fear retaliation, particularly if they're in a severely controlling relationship.

If anything, Bonomi said the study may underestimate the extra health care costs borne by victims of domestic abuse, especially since it is thought that some victims participating in the study did not admit to being abused and therefore were not included in the final numbers.

"Our findings are conservative; it is likely that the true health care costs for many abused women are higher than what we report," Bonomi said.

Bonomi said the results show that abuse prevention efforts can actually save the health care industry significant amounts of money.

"Victims of abuse require more health care resources for years after their abuse ends. If we can prevent domestic violence, we are not only helping the women involved, we are also saving money in our health care system."

What Our Clients Are Saying About Us

The true test of the success of any organization lies in the attitudes and opinions of its clients. Here's just a sampling of some of the wonderful things Family Justice Center clients have to say about us . . .*

"I was nervous about how I was going to be treated. But it was a very warm feeling. Everyone I dealt with was very nice. They answered all my questions very thoroughly. Thank you."

"Yes I do feel safer. The two ladies that worked with me gave me advice, listened to me, made me feel like there is help out there and that there are people who care."

"Before I came here I thought there was no hope of being safe in my own home. But the two ladies that sat down with me changed my mind about that. I thank you all for your help and support."

"This place is 100% safe and very comfortable. Stress free!!"

* Source: Family Justice Center Exit Surveys



Stats

April 2010

Total intakes - 166
SAFEline calls - 65

May 2010

Total intakes - 145
SAFEline calls - 68

Karen Zakalik Returns to FJC as Executive Assistant *Continued from page 4*

degree in English and secondary education certification from the State University College at New Paltz and an MBA from Simmons College School of Management in Boston, Massachusetts.

An active member of the community, Zakalik has served on boards and committees of the following organizations: Kadimah School; Jewish Federation of

Great Buffalo, Inc.; Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County; and the Pro Zoo Board – Buffalo Zoo.

In her leisure time, Zakalik enjoys cooking, sewing, knitting, reading and learning. She also enjoys traveling and has been to Israel and Italy several times. Zakalik said her biggest adventure was two years ago when she realized a 20+ year dream of traveling to India for a month.

Welcome back to the Family Justice Center, Karen!

Where We've Been . . .

The Family Justice Center (FJC) is constantly out in the community, spreading the word about our services and letting victims of domestic violence know that they are not alone. Here's a list of the presentations and other community appearances the FJC made in April and May 2010 and will be making in June and July 2010.

Where we've been:

4/13	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to the Independent Living Center	5/15	Mary Travers Murphy, Jessica Pirro and Malika Henry on WECK-AM's Buffalostyle with Christina Abt
4/13	Julie Rockmaker presentation to the Social Work Honor Society at Buffalo State College	5/15	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to Randall Baptist Church
4/14	Julie A. Doerr presentation to Greater Buffalo Works	5/16	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to North Presbyterian Church congregation
4/15	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to Bryant & Stratton Paralegal Students	5/19	Christina Potempa Domestic Violence 101 training at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Orchard Park
4/16	Mary Travers Murphy presentation at JFK Middle School to WNY Middle School Counselors	5/20	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to Lake Shore Senior High School (students / teachers / administrators / counselors)
4/28	Julie A. Doerr presentation on teen dating violence to students at the South Buffalo Education Center	5/25	Judy Walker at WNY Career Resource Expo Tabling Event
4/30	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to St. Mary's High School	6/2	Julie A. Doerr presentation at Greater Buffalo Works
5/1	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to the Professional Women's Philanthropic Group of Eden	6/11	Judy Walker at PUSH (People United for Sustainable Housing) Buffalo Day of Health Tabling Event
5/4	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to Back to Basics Ministry	6/14	Julie A. Doerr presentation on FJC and teen dating violence to GED class at Computers for Children
5/5	Julie A. Doerr presentation to Greater Buffalo Works	6/15	Mary Travers Murphy presentation on FJC and teen dating violence to GED class at ECC City Campus
5/10	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to Cheektowaga Police Department and Block Club Captains	6/19	Julie A. Doerr tour and teen dating violence training for Buffalo State College school administrators class
5/11	Julie A. Doerr and Judy Walker tabling event for Sheehan Hospital Nurses Education Day	6/23	Christina Potempa domestic violence court training at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Orchard Park
5/11	Mary Travers Murphy presentation at the Race and Reconciliation Conference	6/24	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to Episcopal Ascension Church
5/11	Mary Travers Murphy presentation to physicians, nurses and staff at Kaleida Health Family Planning		

If you are interested in having a representative from the Family Justice Center speak at your company, school or organization, please contact Julie A. Doerr, FJC manager of community relations, at (716) 558-5281 or jdoerr@fjcsafe.org. We have speakers available to cover a wide variety of topics including: domestic violence general awareness and facts, the Family Justice Center history and services, teen dating violence and child witnesses to domestic violence.

ON-SITE PARTNERS

- » 8th Judicial District Courts
- » Buffalo Police Department
- » Child & Adolescent Treatment Services
- » Child & Family Services - Haven House
- » Crisis Services
- » Episcopal Diocese of WNY
- » EC Department of Social Services
- » EC District Attorney
- » EC Probation Department
- » Hispanics United of Buffalo
- » International Institute of Buffalo
- » Neighborhood Legal Services
- » UB Family Medicine, Inc.

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- » Baker Victory Services
- » Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network
- » Buffalo VA Hospital - Women's Center
- » Catholic Charities
- » Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled
- » Deaf Adult Services
- » EC Central Police Services
- » EC Coalition Against Family Violence
- » EC Department of Health
- » EC Department of Senior Services
- » EC One Stop Training & Employment
- » EC Sheriff's Office
- » Every Person Influences Children
- » Gateway Longview
- » Gay & Lesbian Youth Services
- » Horizon Health Services
- » Jewish Family Services
- » Lakeshore Behavioral Health, Inc.
- » Mid-Erie Counseling & Treatment
- » Native American Community Services
- » Pride Center of Buffalo, Inc.
- » Salvation Army
- » SUNY at Buffalo Law School
- » SUNY at Buffalo School of Social Work
- » United Way of Buffalo & Erie County
- » Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.



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