



Denton County Friends of the Family

Imagine

Fall 2010

Creating safety for victims of relationship violence and sexual assault since 1980.

Rhapsody in Blue 2010



As attendees made their way through the doors of the Lewisville Hilton Garden Inn, DCFOF staff and volunteers crossed their fingers in anticipation of the afternoon of fundraising ahead of them. "With the economy in this shape, we weren't sure what to expect from this year's Rhapsody in Blue but all we can do is work hard and hope for the best. This event is about fundraising but we also want people to enjoy themselves" said Carol Gaige, Director of Community Relations.

Hard work and hope certainly came through for DCFOF, as auction items flew off the tables. Airline tickets, handmade quilts, hotel stays and other luxurious packages filled the room with excitement over who would be the highest bidder. For the fourth straight year, Tiffany & Co. generously contributed beautiful merchandise to the event, surprising winners with gorgeous, crystal pieces. "It was a wonderful afternoon. We had a blast. Great food, great people and all for a great cause" exclaimed one attendee.

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In Remembrance of Dr. James A. Haley



Dr. James A. Haley, husband of Sheila Haley, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Dr. Haley was a respected surgeon and physician in the Denton community. He was known as a generous, compassionate and humble man with an easy smile who always went above and beyond to serve his patients.

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COMING UP...

30 Years of Excellence
October 14, 2010 - 7PM-8:30PM

Help us celebrate 30 years of providing dedicated and compassionate services to victims of relationship violence and sexual assault to be held at the Ben E. Keith Community Room.

The Haunting of Domestic Violence
October 21, 2010 - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

A vigil showcasing the horrors of relationship violence while remembering the victims and honoring survivors. Join us, as we commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Location TBD. Volunteers needed!

Holiday Adopt-A-Family
Mid-October thru Mid-December

Adopt a family impacted by relationship violence and sexual assault this holiday season. Information on available families will be available at the start of October.

Rhapsody in Blue 2011
Saturday, April 2, 2011

DCFof's annual fundraiser! An afternoon of sparkle and shine. Join us. For more information contact Carol Gaige at 940-387-5131 ext. 228 or Carol@dcfoc.org.

Denton
940.387.5131

24-Hour Crisis Hotline
1.800.572.4031

Thrift Store
940.387.1750

Gloria's Story...

The day that her abuser beat her severely and kidnapped her child started like any other. Gloria got up early and fixed breakfast for her young child. She turned the radio on and started to clean her home. Her abuser, who was asleep, woke up and began screaming at her to turn off the music. Gloria ignored his request and continued with her chore, never thinking that he would become enraged and violent towards her. Her abuser grabbed her by the hair, punched her, and tased her with a taser gun multiple times as Gloria's daughter stood witness. Gloria was severely beaten, almost to death, and dragged from her home. Gloria was able to free herself just as her abuser fled with her child. Gloria felt desperate, unable to speak English, injured and without means to rescue her child.

Gloria was assisted by police, given medical attention, and referred to Friends of the Family where she entered the shelter. Her abuser was arrested, but the child was in the custody of the abuser's family. Immediately, Gloria was assisted in retrieving her child, obtained a protective order and was connected with an attorney to file for custody of her child. Gloria is currently in the process of enrolling in English classes and filing to obtain her visa and work permit. Her abuser remains in jail, facing charges of assault causing bodily injury. Gloria had to overcome many barriers but was able to restore her life, she now lives peacefully with her daughter.

Volunteer Needs

Want to be part of something BIG!?!? JOIN our SAAT Team. This team of dedicated volunteers provides hospital accompaniment to victims of violence, offering a unique source of support in a time of crisis. The next training will be held September, 9, 2010 - September 23, 2010.

Have a free couple of hours this week? Why not spend them at the DCFOF Thrift Store. Here, volunteers organize, price and display donations. We are always needing help! Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 AM - 6 PM.

This year DCFOF will be needing tons of help with the Domestic Violence Awareness Month vigil - The Haunting of Relationship Violence. To be held on October 14, 2010. If you're free, grab some friends and help us out!

The Lewisville and Denton Outreach Offices are always needing administrative help. If you have some time during the day to stop by and help out at the center, give us a call!

Interested or have questions? Call Hillary at 940-387-5131 X. 231 or hillarye@dcfoc.org

Mom Run a Success!



This year's Mom Run held at Parker Square in Flower Mound was a huge success. With over 600 participants, the event raised \$1,000.00 for the agency! Special thanks to all of our runners/walkers, sponsors, organizers and volunteers who helped out with the race.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Project M~O~V~E

The Lewisville Outreach Office has been consolidated with the Denton Outreach Office until further notice. We ask that donations be dropped off at either the Denton office located at 1400 Crescent, or the Thrift Store located at 1014 W. University until further notice.

Client Receives Car!



Thanks to the generosity of Al and Linda Dozier, DCFOF was able to provide a car to one of our clients, Kayla Kirby. Kayla has been without transportation and was ecstatic to receive the vehicle, "This is more than I could have imagined. This is a blessing!" We appreciate The Doziers for their support of DCFOF and our clients!

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Coulson for their generous donation to DCFOF in honor and memory of **Mirtie Mae (Barrickman) Coulson**. The funds will be used to aid our clients back to safety.



Nexen Corporation donated office furniture for both the Lewisville and Denton Outreach Offices.
Thank you for your generosity!

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Jim and Sheila became a part of the DCFOF family when Sheila joined the board 5 years ago. They have been supporters of our work and opened many doors for DCFOF. His death is a loss for the Denton community. Dr. Haley will be remembered as a wonderful husband, dedicated community member and as stated by many of his patients, a friend, a life saver and Hero.

Current Shelter Needs:

Batteries (AA and AAA)	Laundry Soap
Pillows	Laundry Baskets
Sheets (twin size)	Bleach
Pillow Cases	Sponges
Paper Towels	Rubber Gloves
Toilet Paper	Frozen Juices
Shampoo	Dryer Sheets
Conditioner	Towels
Garbage Bags (13 & 30 gal.)	Kleenex
Ziploc Bags	Baby Monitors
Liquid Dish Soap	Baby Formula
Dish Washer Detergent	Diapers

Shelter Update

The spring and summer months have been busy at the shelter. Cyndi Grady became the shelter director as of April 1. Prior to being director, Cyndi had been the counselor for adult shelter residents since January 2006. Anna Kutin is now the house manager, She has done an amazing job of managing the day-to-day household needs such as purchasing supplies and groceries, handling donations, and ensuring that the house is a clean and healthy temporary home for our residents. Anna also networks with local eateries to obtain weekly food donations. In addition, we have two new volunteers trained and working on the crisis line: Peggy Briggs and Kaci Whitby. Peggy and Kaci have been invaluable as we have been managing a high call volume on the crisis line, with 200+ calls per month, on average.

The kitchen renovations were completed in March, followed by the repainting of our deck and picnic tables by a UNT student group. A student in that group also rebuilt our damaged garden bench. Frenchy's Lawn and Tree continues to serve the shelter by doing all of our lawn work including removing a dead tree for us. Inside and out, the shelter facilities have been revitalized this year.

The summer months mean children are out of school, and the children's program is providing a lot of fun activities to help the shelter stay be a positive experience for our children. Child advocate Davina Williams networked with many agencies to obtain services for the children, including free pool passes, a trip to Chuck E. Cheese, and an upcoming field trip to a Frisco Roughriders baseball game.

The shelter continues to need any donations of the following items: full-sized toiletries, cleaning products, baby products, twin size sheets/blankets/spreads, pillows, and towels. Thank you so much to all who so generously support the shelter!

Chair Circle of Giving

The Chair Circle of Giving is a special group of dedicated supporters who commit to contributing \$750 or more to Denton County Friends of the Family each year. The agency is most grateful to these generous donors. For information about joining the Circle, contact Carol Gaige at 940.387.5131 ext. 228 or carol@dcfof.org.

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~ Donate on the Web ~

You can now make a donation on the web to support victims. Visit www.dcfof.org and click on donor opportunities.

Donations were made
 in memory of:
Dr. James Haley
 and
Gerda Ehmke



Thank you to the customers at Walgreens Store # 11515 who participated in the Dove drive to benefit our clients.

A Volunteers 'Noteworthy' Experience:

I have been a volunteer at DCFOF for almost two years now and have always wanted to incorporate a service learning project as a part of my class. When I had the opportunity to teach the undergraduate Victimology course at UNT this summer, I thought it would be the perfect time to incorporate service learning into the course requirements. Of course, my first thought was to see what we could do to help out at DCFOF.

At the shelter the students worked inside and outside. They organized the pantry and cleaned up the garden area, fixed the fountain, and sanded and painted the deck and the two picnic tables. At the thrift store the students worked unloading trucks, sorting in the back, and organizing and stocking in the store. I received really great feedback on the class from the students. They genuinely enjoyed the service learning experience and some even said they would like to become volunteers. One student, Andrew Jacob, noticed that one of the benches at the shelter was broken. He took it home with him and fixed it so that it could continue to be used. Just last week we dropped it off to Cyndi at the shelter. I was really impressed that the students enjoyed the work and wanted to do more!

For the class, each student volunteered 6 hours, working out to about 150 hours of service. I truly appreciate DCFOF giving me the opportunity to have students come and volunteer so that I could incorporate service learning into the class. I could not be more proud of the students and their work and I would definitely like to incorporate more service learning into my future classes!

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Ashley Blackburn, Ph.D.

University of North Texas

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Denton County Friends of the Family is pleased and honored to announce that through the generosity of the community, Rhapsody in Blue 2010 generated \$111,000.00 to benefit survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence. We couldn't have done it without our committed sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees and we thank everyone who was involved in making the morning a success.



We have already confirmed a date for next year and are hard at work! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 2, 2011** - we hope to see you there! If you are interested in helping with the 2011 fundraiser please contact Carol Gaige at carol@dcfof.org or 940-387-5131 ext. 228.

Special Thanks to Taylor Realty and CornerStone Staffing



for wrapping the DCFOF truck!

Cleaning out your closet...? Moving...?

Drop off those old clothes and furniture at the DCFOF Thrift Store!

1014 W. University, Denton TX 76201

940-387-1750

Mon-Sat (10-6)

Support survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence.



The holiday season can be very difficult for survivors - we need your help to provide a happy holiday for these families. Each race car, babydoll, warm sweater and canned good has a very special meaning at this time of year. If you or your group are interested in adopting a family or would like to collect needed items please contact Hillarye Hightower at 940.387.5131 X 231 or hillarye@dcfof.org

As of September 1, 2010 Hillarye Hightower will take over the position of Community Resource Coordinator for Sarah Martinez. Hillarye has been with the agency for over a year and will be transitioning into her new position as CRC this month! If you are interested in volunteering or donating please contact her at: hillarye@dcfof.org or 940-387-5131 X. 231



New Home of DCFOF!

DCFOF is happy to announce that we're MOVING to 4845 N. I-35 E.! We plan on being in our new office January 2011! More details to follow.

Shelter Needs:

- Pillows
- Towels
- Sheets (twin size)
- Juice
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Baby Formula
- Diapers
- Baby Bottles
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Trash Bags
- Lysol
- Peanut Butter
- Tea
- Coffee
- Baby Food

Special Thanks to the Spinal Decompression Center for their support this year. Dr. Baugher and his staff have gone above and beyond to show their support to DCFOF - we appreciate your dedication and compassion.



DCFOF Announces New Position!

We are pleased to announce the latest member of DCFOF, Utronda Wilson. Utronda holds the new position of Primary Prevention Coordinator. As Primary Prevention Coordinator, Utronda will be responsible for developing and implementing a social media campaign that engages teens and young adults to create art work and videos that will raise awareness and knowledge about interpersonal violence prevention and the media's impact against women. This will be completed through four contests (photo, video, t-shirt and billboard design) that will provide cash prizes to it's winners. In addition social media literacy courses will be provided targeting parents and caregivers with workshops and courses.

DCFOF's annual Law Enforcement Luncheon
Presented by DFW Alarm -



will be held October 28, 2010.

Thanks
Cloud 9 Salon
and
Chicks Dig it... and Guys Do Too
for supporting our shelter

Thank you to the
St. Peter's by the Lake
Women's Group
for their support this
year!

Special Thanks to the 2010 School Supply Contributors:

- UNT Libraries
- Sally Beauty Supply
- Banana Republic #8318
- Coffee Break Women's Bible Study
- Foundation Management Services, Inc.
- Accolade Homecare

Thanksgiving Food Basket:

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| Canned Yams (2) | Turkey or Turkey gift card |
| Canned Fruit (2) | Stuffing Mix (2) |
| Canned Pumpkin (2) | Canned Broth (2) |
| Evaporated Milk (2) | Cranberry Sauce (1) |
| Pie Crust Mix (2) | Canned Green Beans (2) |
| Sugar (4 lb bag) | Canned Corn (2) |
| Turkey Baking Bag | Corn Bread Mix (2) |
| Large Disposable Pan | Dry Pinto Beans (2 lbs) |
| Potatoes (5 lb bag) | Dry Rice (2 lbs) |
| Bag of Oranges | Macaroni and Cheese (2) |
| Bag of Apples | Flour (5 lb bag) |

Approximate Cost: \$40-\$45

Donations are needed by November 12th. Feel free to donate all or part of a basket. We will gladly accept gift cards from a grocery store in place of turkeys and/or food baskets. For more information contact Hillarye Hightower at 940.387.5131 X. 231 or at hillarye@dcfof.org.

“Denton County Friends of the Family is dedicated to providing compassionate and supportive services to those impacted by relationship violence and sexual assault while partnering with our community to promote a society free of violence.”

Mark your calendar
RHAPSODY IN BLUE
2011
has been scheduled for
SATURDAY, April 2, 2011
For information on sponsorship
or donating items please contact
Carol Gaike at Carol@dcfop.org

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the web...



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P. O. Box 640
Denton, Texas 76202-0640
24-Hour Crisis Line 1.800.572.4031

In 2009...
DCFOF served
8,325 clients.

Thank You



for supporting the
DCFOF Shelter!

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