

# The Voice

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## Love—All That And More

“Love – All That & More” is a six session faith-based curriculum that is designed to inform young people about the elements that make up healthy relationships, increase awareness and understanding about violence and abuse, and motivate youth and young adults to seek relationships based on equality and mutual respect. It can be conducted in a youth group or secular setting.

The curriculum is based on small group discussions and activities. It also features three videos that deal with issues young adults face. The last session is designed to

develop an action plan to improve personal relationships and design a project to educate others about healthy relationships and abuse prevention.

Pastor Wayne Owens from Atkinson’s Presbyterian Church and Gina Clyde from O’Neill Bright Horizons have partnered to facilitate this curriculum in Holt, Boyd and Antelope counties.. They recently finished up the six week program in Stuart with the high school youth groups. Their end project was holding a candlelight vigil on October 20<sup>th</sup> for the Stuart community. The youth did a

wonderful job hosting this event!

One of the youth leaders said, “Hopefully the students will take something with them that will be helpful in their dating and married life.” Students commented, “I am now able to find help if I need it,” “Thanks for giving us someone to count on,” and “I learned what domestic violence does to people and I now know how to recognize domestic violence.”

Please contact us at 336-1774 or 379-2026 if you are interested in having us present this program to your youth.

## Meet The Staff

Crissie Matchett, O’Neill Criminal Justic Liaison, has worked for Bright Horizons for 1 1/2 years. Crissie’s job duties include co-facilitating support group, protection order assistance, court accompaniment for victims, and basic legal advocacy.

What do you like most about your job?

Having the opportunity to work one-on-one with individuals and witnessing their personal growth. I also like networking with other agencies to ensure a victim’s needs are being met.

What are your hobbies? Spending time with my 2 year old son, Tyler, and other family and friends, scrapbooking, karaoke, and playing the accordion.



# O'Neill Candlelight Vigil

O'Neill Bright Horizons presented a candlelight vigil on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the high school gym. The vigil was honored to have several great speakers, including O'Neill Mayor Bill Price, O'Neill Police Chief Ben Matchett, and three domestic violence survivors. Shana Parks, of O'Neill, sang Martina McBride's song "Concrete Angel".

The survivors spoke about their experience and how their lives have been affected by domestic violence. Two survivors also spoke of how the violence has affected their children.

The Silent Witness Project was unveiled by the Bright Horizons staff. The project made a large impact as they were placed around the gym during the vigil. The Clothesline Project was also on display. This is made up of t-shirts, decorated by survivors we have served in the O'Neill office. Each t-shirt tells a story about the woman's abuse. The shirts are hung on a clothesline for display.

The vigil was generously sponsored by the North Central District Health Department. Other sponsors

include McDonalds, O'Neill FCCLA, Sunrise Floral, and the O'Neill High School.



Police Chief Ben Matchett

# Silent Witness Project

Bright Horizons is proud to display our new Silent Witness Project. This project consists of free-standing, life-sized red wooden figures, each bearing the name of a woman who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children—whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance. Each has a shield on her chest that has the woman's story on them. Each story was written by the woman's family or friends. We have 7 figures representing women that lived in Northeast Nebraska, and an eighth figure to represent those women who are uncounted, who died without justice.

The Silent Witness Project started in 1990 in Minnesota, by a group of women who were upset about the growing number of women being murdered violently. This project has grown immensely, currently all 50

states and 20 countries are involved. The goal of the Silent Witness National Initiative is to have zero domestic murders by the year 2010.

This display is available for groups to display during an event or at a business or public place. Currently, the Norfolk display is at the Madison County Courthouse and the O'Neill display is in the old Stage building windows along Douglas Street. Please take some time to see the displays and read the stories of these women. Please contact our offices for more information.



Thanks to our generous sponsors who made this project possible.

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# Norfolk Candlelight Vigil

The Madison County CRT and Norfolk Bright Horizons sponsored a candlelight vigil on October 26th at the Norfolk Jr. High Auditorium.

Featured speaker was domestic violence survivor Polly Mitchell, Omaha. Polly was held prisoner in her home for 10 years by her husband. Polly finally escaped with the help of police and YWCA. She is now going to college in Omaha and speaking about her experience.

Jeanie Kay Truesdale sang her song "For Crying Out Loud". Jeanie Kay was recently nominated for Female

Vocalist of the Year for the Christian Country Music Awards.

The Silent Witness Project was unveiled by family members of the victims. The families shared their



Jeanie Kay Truesdale

loved ones story and talked about how domestic violence has affected them.



The vigil was sponsored by HyVee East, Bank of Madison Polly Mitchell in Madison, Grace Lutheran Church, and Norfolk Public Schools.

## Children and Domestic Violence Statistics

- Researchers estimate that 3.3 to 10 million U.S. children annually witness assaults by one parent against another.
- 70% of men who batter women also batter their children, making domestic violence the #1 predictor of child abuse.
- A child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.
- During the fiscal year 1999-2000, battered women who received assistance from Nebraska's network of domestic violence/sexual assault programs reported that more than 80% of their children witnessed the violence, 12% were being physically abused, and 4% were suspected of being sexually abused.
- Studies show that child abuse occurs in 30-60% of family violence cases that involve families with children.

## Christmas Adopt A Family

I can't help but think what Christmas would be like without the anticipation of opening your gifts and eating to the point of complete plumpness. For me that is a natural feeling that comes around Christmas. For many, this is not the case. Bright Horizons would like to invite you to adopt a family

for Christmas. Bright Horizons will provide the wish list of a family and allow you to provide the excitement that so many miss because of their unfortunate circumstances. If you wish to adopt a family, contact either Kate or Jaci at 379-3798 or 379-2026 for more information.



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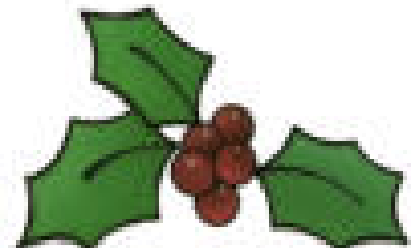
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Orphan Grain Train  
Bismark Livestock 4-H Club  
St. Francis Ladies-Randolph  
St. Andrew Parish Knights of Columbus

## Upcoming Events

O'Neill Office Christmas Open House  
318 E. Douglas St.  
December 16 from 4-7 p.m.  
Join us for coffee and treats!



# O'Neill Girl Scout Silver Award

Amanda Marvin, O'Neill, recently completed her Silver Award for Girl Scouts. This award represents her accomplishments in Girl Scouting, and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. Her final project consisted of making several fleece blankets to donate to Bright Horizons. These blankets will be given to children who come into shelter.

Amanda's next project is the Gold Award, the highest award she can receive as a Girl Scout. She plans to construct a gazebo at the O'Neill Cemetery, as well as, a directory of the tombstones.

Amanda is a freshman at O'Neill High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Marvin.



Amanda Marvin

## Donation Wish List

- Paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins)
- Garbage bags
- Disposable Diapers
- Diaper Wipes
- Deodorant
- Hand soap & lotion
- Toothpaste &
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Large Bottles of Shampoos & Conditioners
- Razors
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Soap & Dryer
- Sheets
- Household Furniture
- Food Supplies
- Gas Vouchers
- Phone Cards
- Gift Card for Stores
- Used Cell Phones

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Your thoughtful donation will help to provide free and supportive services to clients in need.

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- I want to make a difference by volunteering.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about:

- Bright Horizons Services/Programs       Volunteer Opportunities
- Bright Horizons Community Presentations       Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Information

**BRIGHT HORIZONS  
RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Norfolk Office  
Granite Park Plaza 1310 N. 13th St. Ste. 4  
P.O. Box 1711  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402)379-2026

O'Neill Office  
318 E. Douglas St.  
O'Neill, NE 68763  
(402)336-1774

Crisis Line  
1-800-876-6238



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## Bright Horizons Services

- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Legal Services
- Criminal Justice & Legal Advocacy
- Community Education
- Emergency Shelter
- Enhanced Victim Advocacy
- Individual Advocacy
- Support Group
- Counseling

**Call 379-3798 or 336-1774 or 24 Hr Crisis Line 1-800-876-6238**

**Providing services to Antelope, Boyd, Holt, Knox, Madison, Pierce, and Stanton**

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