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Changing Places, Changing Faces

By Jennifer DeWalt

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Is this really so?

Bright Horizons has seen some significant changes in recent months. As you make contact with Bright Horizons going forward, you may see new faces. You may also see new places. However, our focus has always been, and will always be, providing resources to survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence, every man, woman, and child. All changes have been made to enable us to better serve these survivors.

Effective February 1, 2005, the Norfolk business office will be located at 305 North Fourth Street. Located within these walls are Bright Horizons Advocacy-Norfolk and Bright Horizons Legal Services. Our business office hours have recently changed to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For contacts after normal business hours, the help line will remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

O'Neill will remain in its current location at 318 E. Douglas St. Business hours at this facility will also be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For contacts after normal business hours, the help line will remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Norfolk and O'Neill advocacy staffs assist survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault by supportive listening (face to face or telephonic), providing shelter, providing counseling through Behavioral Health Services, financial assistance, referrals, and education.

Legal services staff assists survivors of domestic violence through legal representation. This includes divorces, child custody cases, and protection/harassment orders.

In January, I became the new Executive Director for Bright Horizons, replacing Rhonda Horse who had served in that capacity for six years before departing in October of 2004. In December, Jaci Ricchio, formerly our Shelter Manager, was promoted to Norfolk Program Director.

Also in December, Robyn Ostermeyer, resigned as Project Coordinator. Kate Pinkelman, our Volunteer Coordinator, accepted additional responsibility and absorbed the responsibilities of departing Samantha Wolfe, Community Educator, in supplement to her job as Volunteer Coordinator. And Stephanie Wingfield was hired as our Paralegal, replacing Cassie Dore who had resigned in November, 2004.

Currently, Bright Horizons employs 17 people, all of whom are dedicated to assisting survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. There is such great need in the lives of many of these individuals and single-parent headed families. Bright Horizons staff looks forward to partnering with you to better meet their needs, educate people about domestic and sexual violence, and help create a world without violence.

Please call us: we are eager to speak with you about how we can help you, how we can work together to improve our world.

Suggested Reading

Bright Horizons has a library of books and videos that are available to check out for viewing. Here are some books available that deal with sexual assault and rape. We also have a variety of children's books, videos, and other resources available on sexual abuse.

"After Silence-Rape & My Journey Back" by Nancy Venable Raine. For anyone who has suffered from or witnessed the effects of rape, this book inspires and points the way to healing.

"The Gift Of Fear" by Gavin De Becker. Learn how to spot even subtle signs of danger-before it's too late. Shattering the myth that most violent acts are unpredictable, De Becker offers specific ways to protect yourself and those you love.

"If You Are Raped—What Every Woman Needs To Know" by Kathryn M. Johnson. If you have ever been raped, fear being raped, or want to be prepared in case you are raped, this book is for you.

"If She Is Raped" by Alan W. McEvoy and Jeff B. Brookings. This is a guidebook for husbands, fathers, and male friends of someone who has been raped. This book offers practical ways to help her recover.

"Sharing Secrets" by Nora Okja Cobb-Keller and Carrie O'Connor. This is an anthology of multicultural battered women.



Coordinated Community Response Teams

By Crissie Matchett

The Boyd-Holt Coordinated Community Response Team (BHCCRT) will be having their second meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7pm at the O'Neill Public Library. The purpose of a CCRT is for all persons involved to be on the same page and to ensure that a victim of a heinous crime doesn't fall through the loops in the system. Effective intervention in domestic assault cases occurs when each agency in the criminal justice system clarifies and coordinates their policies, procedures and protocols in order to meet and

provide for the safety of the victim; hold offenders accountable, creating a specific deterrent to repeated use of violence; and to change the climate in the community, creating a general deterrence to the use of violence as an acceptable practice in the home.

The most important goal in a coordinated community response is to provide safety for the victim. The team consists of individuals who are in law enforcement, probation, health care, clergy, criminal and

civil courts, child welfare agencies, and concerned citizens.

Bright Horizons facilitates a coordinated community response team in the following of our seven counties: Madison, Knox, Holt, and Boyd. If you interested in joining a coordinated community response team or would like more information please feel free to contact Jill at (402) 379-2026 for Madison and Knox counties, or Crissie at (402) 336-1774 for Holt, Boyd, and Antelope counties.

Post Office Helps "Stamp Out" Family Violence

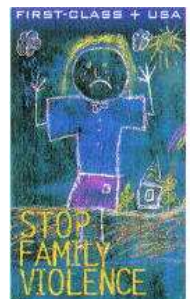
By Gina Clyde

The Stop Family Violence Stamp is available through the US Postal Service. This stamp is available for purchase for \$0.45. It can be bought at post offices, ordered online at www.usps.com/shop or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24. This stamp has raised \$1.3 million for the Depart-

ment of Health & Human Services, in accordance with the Stamp Out Domestic Violence act of 2001.

The stamp's design and circumstances that led to it are unusual. While at a break from photographing model Monique Blais, a 6 year

old girl, for the stamp, she began drawing a picture of what she thought domestic violence looked like. Her picture then became the basis for the stamp.



Adopt A Family Success

By Gina Clyde



The Adopt A Family project held by the Norfolk office was a huge success! 159 presents were donated to help 26 mothers and children. The donations helped these families make a better holiday season for their children.

We also received other gifts from donors outside of the project for Christmas. Because of the generos-

ity of the donors, many families' holidays were made brighter.

"This was the best Christmas we ever had," commented one client who benefited from the Adopt A Family project.

O'Neill's office benefited from Christmas donations as well. Over ten families received gifts for their children, food, and household items. Everyone really appreciated the thoughtfulness of the communities.

Education Available

Bright Horizons offers education on bullying, dating violence, healthy relationships, domestic violence, and sexual assault. We offer education for all ages, including schools, youth groups, and other organizations. If you are interested in having a speaker, please call Kate at (402)379-2026 or Gina at (402)336-1774.

*"You must be the change you wish to see in this world."
Mahatma Gandhi*

Bright Horizons Wish List

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| Paper Shredder | Gas Vouchers |
| Women's Pajamas | Food Supplies |
| Paper Products—toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex | Phone Cards |
| Diapers and Baby Wipes | Used Cell Phones |
| Cleaning supplies | Hygiene Items |
| Gift Cards | Laundry Soap |

YES, I WANT TO HELP VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE!

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

- Enclosed is my donations of \$ _____
- This donation is in honor or in memory of (circle one) _____
- My gift is anonymous. Please do not list my name in Bright Horizons publications.
- I want to make a difference by volunteering.

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send me information about:

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

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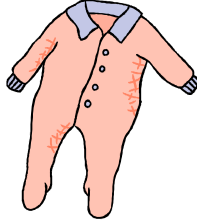
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Thank You For Your Generosity!

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Girl Scout Troop #321

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Dawn Nelson

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Virginia Kingsbury

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Women of Trinity

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St. Peters Altar Society-Stanton

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Pierce Elementary School

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The Cahoy Family

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

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O'Neill, NE 68763
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Crisis Line
1-800-876-6238



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**April is Sexual Assault
Awareness Month!**

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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