



Crime Victims Treatment Center
ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER

August 2002

Greetings!

Susan is in Greece but the rest of us are here. Ruth just got back from a week in Las Vegas, Danette took a week off for some R&R, Dwarym is hoping to go to the Violence against Women Office (VAWO) conference in Miami Beach and spend a couple of days afterward on the beach. Everyone else will be here- working - (except Karen, of course, whose baby will arrive in September).

AUGUST ED COVERAGE: Please have a look at the enclosed schedules and if you can cover any of the open dates please call Sally ASAP. The DV schedule needs the most help, so even if you're already on and can add another shift, please call! Many thanks!!!!!!

REVISED DATES FOR RAPE CRISIS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VOLUNTEER

ADVOCATE TRAINING: Due to a problem with room availability, we've had to change the dates for training. Following are the revised dates. Enclosed are revised flyers for you to post in strategic places. Again, if you need more, feel free to copy or call the office and we'll send them out. We're still interested in hearing about any ideas you may have about places to recruit, so please let us know. Here are the **REVISED** dates for training this fall:

<i>Rape Advocate Volunteer Dates</i>
Thursday, October 24 (6pm to 9pm)
Saturday, November 2 (9am to 6pm)
Sunday, November 3 (9am to 6pm)
Saturday, November 9 (9am to 1pm)

Domestic Violence Advocate Dates
Saturday, November 9 (9am to 1pm)
Friday, November 15 (6pm to 9pm)
Saturday, November 16 (9am to 5pm)

HELP!!!!!!! We haven't heard from ANYONE interested in being a group leader. This is such a great opportunity to teach and share your experience and talents with prospective advocates. An added bonus is

that serving as a group leader fulfills one supervision session requirement for each day you lead a group and, for those of you who were trained in 2001, counts hour-for hour toward your 10 additional hours required for certification. Your experience is valuable- please share it with the new advocates. Call Erika to sign up.

SEEKING RESPONDENTS FOR RUTH'S SURVEY: Ruth needs more completed surveys from domestic violence survivors for her dissertation. We have enclosed a flyer and would appreciate if you would post it anywhere you think we may be able to get responses.

STAFF NEWS: We have a new staff member on board! This position is supported by the CDC grant that we received to work in collaboration with the Center for Comprehensive Care to offer treatment specific to survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault who are HIV-positive. **Kay Johnson** is a CSW who, for the past seventeen years has worked in the fields of mental health and substance abuse, specializing in family violence issues. She started on July 15th and will be based at the Program office for the next two years. After that, she may move to the CCC office. Please join us in welcoming her to the family.

ADVOCATE NEWS: Rape Crisis Advocate, **Sarah Hopkins**, who is in her 2nd year of the Columbia University MSW program will be doing her Social Work internship at the Long Island College Hospital Rape Crisis Program from September '02-May'03. Congratulations, Sarah! It's nice that you'll be doing your internship at a Continuum hospital- sort of keeps things in the family.... Farewell and best wishes to **Sharon Brous**, who is moving to Los Angeles. Sharon has been a Rape Crisis Advocate since 1998. Best of luck, Sharon. We'll miss you.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: The Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program (SAVI) is seeking a Social Worker (MSW or equivalent) to provide short-term individual and group counseling for rape, sexual assault and incest survivors as well as coordinate SAVI program in the Emergency Departments of 6 Manhattan hospitals. Bi-lingual (Spanish) a plus. E-Mail resume and cover letter to Rachel Youree, CSW, Clinical Manager, SAVI at Rachel.Youree@mssm.edu or fax to (212) 423-1021.

Thought For the Month

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."

-Nelson Mandela