



# Crime Victims Treatment Center **ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER**

## December 2002

### Season's Greetings!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Feliz Navidad, Joyous Kwanza AND belated Happy Hanukkah (sorry- we missed that for the November Newsletter!) to one and all. It's been quite a full year for all of us and hard to believe it's almost time to ring in 2003. Each year seems to go by faster than the one before it, doesn't it???

### ED ACTIVITY

Our statistics show that you've also been pretty busy over these last few months- Rape Crisis Advocates were called in to the ED 25 times and Domestic Violence Advocates were called in 20 times from mid-September through mid-November for a total of 45 times. SAFEs were called in a total of 27 times in the same period. There were 16 cases where both an Advocate and a SAFE Examiner were present. Many thanks to all of you, from us and from our clients, for all the terrific work you have done.

### WELCOME, NEW ADVOCATES!

A warm welcome to the new group of Advocates who completed their training in November. These are our 12 new Rape Crisis Advocates:

Laura Cirello	Sasha Mazza (who was our summer intern)
Kelly Fleck	Dinorah Nunez
William Green	Kim Pelikan
Ny Griffith	Alan Skiena
Martha Kenton (from the Alliance)	Linda Taggart (CVTC student intern)
Iona Lewyckyj	Olga Zonensein-Sanson

These are our 10 new Domestic Violence Advocates:

Evelyn Addo	Judy Liu
Tamie Barsky	Lisa McNeil
Jimmy Dahroug	Abena Ntoso
Nicole Friedman	Tracy Ann Stewart
Dale Hirschman	Carmen Vega

These are our 9 new Advocates trained as both Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Advocates:

Gail Browne-Phillip	Keri Hicks
Deborah Gershman	Stefanie Kubinak
Kasey Gittleman	Faye Ramos
Christine Goh	Anju Rozario
Stephanie Yazgi	

AND... 3 of our veteran Rape Crisis Advocates are now trained for Domestic Violence:

**Jose Berroa-Saro, Kate Gibson and Tatyana Leifman**

We hope to see ALL Advocates (both experienced and new) and all SAFE Examiners at our... **HOLIDAY PARTY!!!!!!!!!!** This year's party will be hosted by Susan (and all her elves) at Susan's apartment on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:30PM. We scheduled the party after the New Year with the hope that more of you will be able to attend. Please see enclosed flyer for address and COME- with or without a friend!

## CVTC WEBSITE ([www.cvtc-slr.org](http://www.cvtc-slr.org))

We are working on enabling all advocates and SAFEs to sign up online. Our Webmaster, Bill Dycus, has been working really hard on a new system. It will be coming to you soon. What we need from you are email addresses. If you have an email address and would like to receive your newsletter and schedules via email please drop a line to the program at [cvtcsx@aol.com](mailto:cvtcsx@aol.com) and just say yes to electronic newsletter and schedules. Don't forget that you can view both the newsletter and schedules online as well as submit dates.

## BOOK WITH A BONUS

We're happy to announce the publication of **The Comfort Book** by our very own Jane Seskin! And CVTC will be selling the book. The cost is \$16.95 with **one-half** the proceeds donated to the Program. Think of it as a gift to yourself and for holiday giving to family and friends. Autographed copies will be gladly provided.

## SUPPORT GROUP

We are recruiting for a 12-week support group for adult female sexual assault survivors to begin in late January. If you know anyone who may benefit from this service ask her to call the office. It is free of charge and confidential.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary For Families seeks a Domestic Violence Counselor for their main office in Manhattan. Duties include intakes for crisis shelter, individual and group counseling, case advocacy and management of caseload of residential and non-residential client families. A Masters degree in a human service field, preferably Social Work, is required. Fluency in Spanish is preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send cover letter and resume to: Director of Crisis Services, Sanctuary for Families, P.O. Box 1406, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10268. For information on the history, mission and services provided by Sanctuary for Families, visit their website at [www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org](http://www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org).

## Thoughts for the Month

<i>Across Time and Cultures</i>	
<b>Buddhism:</b> <i>Do not offend others as you would not wish to be offended.</i> Undanavarga	<b>Hindu Philosophy:</b> <i>All your duties are included in this: Do nothing to others that would pain you if it were done to you.</i> Mahabharata
<b>Christianity:</b> <i>Do unto others all that you would have them do unto you, because this is the sum of the law and of the prophets.</i> St. Matthew	<b>Islam:</b> <i>Not one of you will be a true believer who does not wish for his brother the same that he wishes for himself.</i> Sunnatt
<b>Confucianism:</b> <i>Is there a maxim that one ought to follow all his life? Surely the maxim of peaceful goodness: What we don't want done to us we should not do to others.</i> Analects	<b>Judaism:</b> <i>What you don't wish for yourself do not wish for your neighbor. This is all the law, the rest is only commentary.</i> Talmud Shabbat
<b>Taoism:</b> <i>Hold as your own the gains of your neighbor and as yours his losses.</i> T'ai-Shang Kan-Ying D'iem	

