

ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER

December 2003

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We did and we're looking forward to the rest of the festivities to come during this joyous holiday season. We know everyone's busy during this time, so we've decided to do the same as last year and wait to have our...

ANNUAL "POST-HOLIDAY" PARTY on **Friday, January 23rd** at Susan's apartment...a "let's get the blues out of winter" party again this year. No reason to think it will be anything less than great fun. Invitations will go out soon, but mark your calendars now! Hope to see you all there...In the meantime....

Feliz Navidad!!, Happy Chanukah!!, Merry Christmas!! and Happy Kwanza!! to you all. (did we miss anyone??).

WELCOME NEW ADVOCATES!!!: An outstanding new group of Advocates completed their training in both Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence on November 8th. We're so excited to welcome them to the Program:

Anne-Carmene	Almonord	Jennifer	Manuel
Margaret	Anadu	Jessica	Marrero
Katarzyna	Barszcz	Johanna	Martinez
Susanna	Blankley	Katie	Mazzia
Laura	Brown	Berta	Melendez
John-Paul	Cardo	Rebecca	Mervis
Camille	Chan	Sally	Nall
Luu	Doan	Noriko	Namiki
Lina	D'Orazio	Vivian	Oquendo
Silvia	Freschi	Priya	Perumalsamy
Roxanne	George	Elizabeth	Portnoy
Jolanda	Giacolone	Karoline	Raeder
Lara	Gibson	Kelly	Rennick
Matthew	Grob	Irene	Rosenthal
Linh	Ha	Amy	Schachman
Lisa	Haileselassie	Cesar	Sevilla
Amie	Karp	Marcy	Stone
Kathy	Khosrawanlou	Elizabeth	Tannenbaum
Machiko	Kurosawa	Jordan	Toronto
Laura	Levin	Patria	Weston-Lee

ADVOCATE ED VISITS: In the month of November, Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Advocates were called into the ED 23 times! Needless to say...you should know that you provide a unique and invaluable service to patients who are victims of violence and to our community. All of us at CVTC and the medical staff of the Emergency Department want to thank you for your very special commitment to this work.

NEXT ADVOCATE SUPERVISION AND UPTRAINING: Just last week, we had a great “up training” on “Human Trafficking”. We opened the seminar to the public because of the important issue and had over 40 attendees. Because the problem of trafficking overlaps with a multitude of other issues i.e., immigration, entitlements, domestic violence, war brides and the sex industry, we will offer additional seminars/up trainings, which will focus on the subgroups mentioned above.

There are still a number of Advocates who have not met the requirement of 2 up-trainings this year. If you need to make up a session (or 2!?!) for 2003, please call Sally at (212) 523-4494. There will be six up-trainings scheduled during 2004 starting in January then one every other month after that. The exact dates, locations and subject matter to be covered will be sent out later this month.

REMINDER...NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL: For new and old advocates, this is a reminder that we can send you the newsletter to your email address each month. By now, MANY of you have sent us your updated address....but NOT ALL. This saves us time and money. Of course, some of us still look forward to receiving the newsletter in our mailbox, the first of the month (one of the few things one can count on in life these days)...that’s ok too. Don’t worry, we will post them to you, if that is your preference. In addition, you can always go to our website to read the newsletter. www.cvtc-slr.org

NEW ADVOCATE MANUAL: Just a reminder for our veteran Advocates... You can pick up your new manual in the Program Office any time during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm). The new manuals are in a three-ring binder (making them rather heavy to mail out, so you’ll be saving us a large expense if you can come in and get it. Thanks for your help...

“IN THE SPIRIT”...HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING: This year, we would like to offer you some alternatives to traditional gift giving, which would benefit our clients and their children. This year, we have an unusually high number of clients, who are in extreme need. Some of them are refugees, seeking asylum for safety and have nothing. In particular, we are asking for children’s clothing and toys for both boys and girls from 3 –12 years of age. We would also welcome gifts for women (and some men too), i.e., hats, gloves, umbrellas, tickets to movies, gift certificates etc. All items should be new and unwrapped and can be dropped off at the Program office Monday-Friday between 9am and 5pm.

In addition, CVTC is selling holiday postcards, clothesline pins and Jane’s Comfort Book this holiday season. All proceeds will help benefit the program. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please see the enclosed flyer...

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: The Barnard Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center is seeking a Program Coordinator oversee all aspects of peer counseling, the advocacy and education program including volunteer recruitment, training and retention and program development. The position requires a Bachelor's degree and a minimum of 3 years of related experience and successful candidate must be available on evenings and weekends as needed. To apply, send resume and cover letter to RC/AVSC Search, 519 West 114th Street, MC 3601, New York, NY 10027 or fax to (212) 854-4021. For more information, please go to the Columbia Human Resources Website, <http://jobs.hr.columbia.edu/jobs>, job ID #86619065.

The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, a small non-profit organization that provides advocacy, education and research on sexual violence issues is seeking a leader to provide direction and oversight to high profile program that focuses on the development of Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Programs in NYC. The Director will manage all aspects of the Forensic Healthcare Program including training, facilitating committees, outreach, and program development. For more information, please check the Alliance's website at www.nycagainstrape.org. Please send or fax resume and cover letter to Harriet Lessel, Executive Director, NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault, 411 W. 114th St. New York, NY 10025, Fax 212-523-4429. Full-time, benefits, salary to high 40's. The Alliance is an EOE.

Thought for the month

As we approach one of the busiest, more hectic and most commercial months of the year...we also reflect on the events... of 2003 past. Whatever your philosophy of life, politics or spiritual beliefs may be, we at CVTC would like to share this Buddhist meditation with you, with the hope that you may find a moment of peace and love.

**“sitting quietly,
doing nothing,
Spring comes,
and the grass grows by itself”**

Happy Holidays!

