

HELLO...

There was an electrical fire on the floor above us at around 2 am on May 28th. Although the fire was put out quickly by sprinklers, our floor sustained an incredible amount of water damage. Most of our offices, furniture, computers, etc. are ruined, so we have been temporarily displaced. This was obviously shocking and saddening news, but CVTC staff immediately jumped into gear and we are now operating out of 1090 Amsterdam Avenue (between 113th and 114th), on the 13th floor. This is our temporary home, but it is likely we will be here for a few months. It will be a few more days before everything is up to speed, but as of now we have our phones up and staff is seeing clients. We have limited computer access, so the best way to get in touch with us is definitely by calling the main number. Feel free to stop by and send us good vibes in our temporary home!

SCAIFE FOUNDATION

We recently received a check for \$136,000 from the Scaife Family Foundation. We can never thank them enough for their incredible generosity. Donations like this allow us to be the program that we are and to provide the best service we can – thank you so much.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

It looks like the Governor, Assembly and Senate leadership have agreed on anti-human trafficking legislation for NYS. Thanks to all of you who gave your voice and to our staff members who worked hard with other coalition groups and the ADAs, it appears that we will have a good law. The bill was passed in the Senate and now waiting for Assembly passage (fingers crossed). Another bill, which will allow a victim of domestic violence to legally break a lease with

her/his landlord just passed in both NYS houses and is waiting to be signed by the Governor. We'll give you an update next month.

Susan Xenarios has been in Albany several times in May and will go up in June many more to discuss a newly introduced bill on expanding DNA tests on ALL convicted crimes. The bill is extremely comprehensive and complicated. CVTC and the Downstate Coalition have a number of concerns and will make sure that our Governor and legislators hear them. We are also advocating for several anti gun violence bills.

CVTC'S STAFF RETREAT

In early May, our staff took a day to meet outside of the office and discuss the program and how best to move forward. It was wonderful to have everyone share their opinions and ideas about many aspects of the program. In addition to fine tuning the inner workings of CVTC, we developed a few committees that will help insure different objectives reach their new goals, i.e. research, funding/development, and legislative. You'll hear about all these exciting changes as they materialize, so stay tuned! Also, thank you **Louise Kindley**, for hosting the retreat in your beautiful home.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE UPDATE

Barbara Schnoor, RN and midwife, testified at a case recently where the defendant was accused of three sexual assaults. He climbed in the survivor's windows in all three cases, and one of the patients was seen here at St. Luke's. The perpetrator was found guilty on all charges! We send a big thanks to ADA's Jessica Lynn and Nicole Blumberg for their excellent work.

ED ACTIVITY/SUMMER COVERAGE

Our database was down last month, so here are the last two month's stats – way to go SAFE, 100% coverage! Advocates - we always see a jump in numbers over the summer, so make sure you sign up! Some of you will go away, so it's a great time for those of you that are here to get on the schedule more than you would normally – please help!

April + May 2007			
Crime	# Pts seen in ED	Had Advocate or Social Worker	Had SAFE
DV	19	16	N/A
Rape	20	16	20
TOTALS	39	32	N/A

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Our partnership with The New York Writer's Coalition continues, and there have been a few changes. It will now meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm, starting on June 5. We are excited to begin again, and look forward to working with Andrea Maywhort, the new workshop leader.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GROUP

Bibi Geller is now recruiting members for an English speaking group for female survivors of domestic violence. Please contact her at 212-523-4318 for more information.

DEAR CVTC,

I'm going away for a month this summer, but am worried this will affect my certification requirements. What should I do?

-On the Beach

Dear On the Beach,

As long as you can make up the time in another month, there's no problem at all!

CVTC

Call or e-mail your questions to cvtc@cvtc-sl.org. Ask...and CVTC will answer.

ADVOCATE NEWS

Congratulations to **Anju Rozario**, trained in 2002... She's getting married on July 14th! We

haven't met the lucky man yet, but he's probably quite a catch... We wish them our best.

STAFF NEWS

Amie Karp, MSW, is now officially on staff! We couldn't be happier to welcome this CVTC veteran to her new position.

Rommell Washington attended the *Building Connections Project Statewide Trauma Meeting* in Kingston, NY. The meeting was a two-day collaborative project between the Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. and the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault. It featured opportunities to develop holistic, culturally competent skills by exploring familiar tools from different perspectives as well as introducing newer, less familiar modalities. Former CVTC staff member Ruth Forero, LCSW, gave an excellent presentation on the Risking Connection curriculum, and Rommell attended a workshop on using the power of the drum for self-care and support for survivors. He immediately shared his knowledge drum techniques with us at staff meeting in a riveting demonstration.

BULLETIN BOARD

CVTC HIRING FOR TWO POSITIONS

We are currently accepting resumes for two positions here at CVTC. One is for a Spanish speaking Social Worker with experience in trauma, who will see clients (part-time). The other is a new position, Domestic Violence Coordinator. The role of the DV coordinator will be similar to **Kerry Stout's** role as Sexual Assault Coordinator. The position will be a mix of administrative and clinical – they will see clients and handle outreach, as well as networking with the ED to insure the best possible care. This is a full time Social Worker position. Please contact the office at 212-523-4728 or cvtc@cvtc-sl.org for more information.



BIRTHDAY WISHES... to all our Advocates, SAFE Examiners and staff who were born in the month of June:

Sybil Washington	6/2
Johanna Creswell	6/6
Lucy Willis	6/8
Sophia Tsirbas	6/8
Lorraine Giordano	6/9
Laila Abou-Rahme	6/11
Beatrice Meenaghan	6/11
Keri Hicks	6/12
Aldita Barnes	6/14
Erika Guzman	6/14
Jacqueline Cox	6/17
Nancy Spencer	6/17
Renee Morris	6/18
Cara Ochsenreiter	6/18
Heather Smith	6/18
Alberto Hazan	6/19
Helen Borten	6/20
Anna Hindell	6/20
Anna-lize Charles	6/21
Akinobu Sato	6/28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Thought for the Month

Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius.

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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