

**March 2003**

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**GREETINGS TO ALL!**

March is here and that means we are close to Spring!??

**ADVOCATE CERTIFICATION AWARDS CEREMONY: Coming up!!!** This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Muhlenberg Conference Center. Rape Crisis Advocates who were trained in 2001, were on-call for one year and completed an additional 10 hours of training and Domestic Violence Advocates with one year of service will be awarded their NYS Certifications. New SAFE Examiners who have completed their training and precepting will also be honored. ALL Advocates and SAFE Examiners are invited to the ceremony and you are welcome to bring guests. We will also be honoring three people who have been heroes to victims of violence and wonderful friends to the Program: Matt Foreman, Executive Director of Empire State Pride Agenda Inc., Mary Haviland, Esq., Director of the Family Violence Project, Urban Justice Center and Kathleen Bishop, who put in her final on-call shift on the first Sunday of December, 2002 after 23 years (!) of dedicated service to the Program. In addition, the Benefit Committee, who did such a wonderful job coordinating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit last October, will be acknowledged for their outstanding efforts. There will be entertainment and refreshments. We hope you'll all be able to attend. New and veteran Advocates, please come and cheer on your colleagues for this wonderful achievement. It should be a great evening. Your invitation is enclosed. Come one, come all...

**SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY:** The date for this Lobby Day has been postponed to April 29<sup>th</sup> due to the ruckus going on in Albany about budgets. So, that only means we have more time to get more organized. You will hear more on this in the next month.

**CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK AND CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY:** National Crime Victims Rights Week, "Victims' Rights: Fulfill the Promise," begins on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. NYC's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Victims' Candlelight Vigil will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the West End Collegiate Church at 77<sup>th</sup> and West End Avenue at 2PM. This powerful and moving event is sponsored by the NYS Attorney General, Eliot Spitzer and the Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims. We will be there and **YOU ARE INVITED!!!** Please come. This year, the ceremony will include a special tribute to the courageous search and rescue dogs and animals. It will be an inspiring and special afternoon.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEXUAL ASSAULT:** On Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at City Hall, 5:30-7:30, the Speaker's Office of the NYC Council has invited the Alliance Against Sexual Assault to organize an event for Council members and the public on sexual violence. If you can fit it into your schedule, it would be an important event to attend. It would be great to have a strong presence and for you to meet and talk to our City Council members.

**ADVOCATE UP-TRAINING:** The next Up-Training session will be on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM in Muhlenberg 410 at the St. Luke's site. We asked you what you wanted to have covered at up-trainings and here it is! Following Program updates and case review, Dwarym will facilitate a session to review forms and procedures to be followed in the ED. Hope you'll be able to be there. Remember, you must attend a minimum of 2 up-trainings in 2003. Here's the schedule of remaining sessions this year:

DATE	MAIN TOPIC
Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Forms and Procedures
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Working with children
Monday, July 21st	Guest speaker
Friday, September 19th	Working with patients with special needs
Wednesday, November 19th	Guest speaker

**THE CENTER FOR ANTI-VIOLENCE EDUCATION, INC. (CAE):** The CAE is offering free self-defense courses to women who are survivors of violence who are referred by an organization working with survivors. Any patient you see in the ED would be eligible for this service, but would need to be referred by the Program to qualify for the free course. This would be something useful you could offer to survivors when you are giving them information about the Program. You can tell them to mention it to us when they come in, or when you call the Program after you have seen someone in the ED who is interested, let us know and we will make the referral. Brenda Jones from CAE did a presentation at one of our Advocate up-trainings last year and she was wonderful! She would be willing to come back this year, if you are interested, so let us know!

**CONTACTING YOU:** Advocates and SAFE Examiners...PLEASE remember that if your telephone number(s) or beeper numbers change, you MUST let us know ASAP, so we can update the directory that goes to H-Link! Also, if you move, CALL US- we need to change your address on our system so you can get the Newsletter and other info from us through the mail. A couple of months ago, we asked who was interested in getting the Newsletter and Schedule via e-mail (rather than snail mail) and only 1 person responded! We're sure there are more of you out there who would like this, but we need to know who you are. Give Erika a call (212) 523-4728, and we'll switch you over to e-mail mailings.

## **Thought for the Month**

### **Is it Duct or Duck???**

During the last few weeks, there has been a lot of talk about duct tape or...is it duck tape? CVTC felt compelled to get to the bottom of this and this is what we learned.

The first name for Duct Tape was DUCK. During World War II the US Military needed a waterproof tape to keep the moisture out of ammunition cases. So, they enlisted Johnson and Johnson to manufacture a special tape. Because it was waterproof, everyone referred to it as "duck" tape (like water off a duck's back). Military personnel discovered that the tape was good for lots more than keeping out water.

After the War, the housing industry was booming and someone discovered that the tape was great for joining the heating and air conditioning duct work. So, the color was changed from army green to the silver we are familiar with today. ...and...guess what?...they began to refer to it as "duct tape".

**SEE YOU AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY ON MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

CVTC's Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Advocate, **Christine Goh**, is employed at Project Renewal, Inc, a domestic violence shelter and service program. As part of her clients' recovery process, many of them chose creative expressions of healing and wrote poetry. They have generously agreed to share them with us, anonymously. We have agreed to share them with you and publish a poem a month in the newsletter.

## **Domestic**

**You said you love me  
But you verbally abused me  
You said you love me  
But you emotionally abused me  
You said you love me  
But you physically abused me  
You said you love me  
And brought me a flower  
To say you were sorry**

**I thought you meant it**

**You turned around and *killed* me  
I would be here today if only I loved me  
And turned away**