

News & Updates



8th Annual Adopt-a-Family Program



Each year, South Lake Tahoe Women's Center, with help from the community, provides more than 300 individuals with a happy holiday season through our Annual Adopt-a-Family Program.

This year marks the 8th year Adopt-a-Family has been available to Women's Center clients who are struggling through the holidays.

The Adopt-a-Family program allows individuals and businesses to "adopt" a family by providing them with holiday gifts as well as assistance with a holiday meal, decorations and even a Christmas tree if the Adopters choose to do so. With the holiday season approaching and an increase in utilities due to cold weather, families struggle now more than any time of the year to make ends meet.

In addition to Adopt-a-Family, donations of groceries, pre-cooked meals or gift certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in the Adopt-a-Family Program, please contact Sarah at South Lake Tahoe Women's Center at (530) 544-2118 or stop by our office located at 2941 Lake Tahoe Blvd. (Across from STMS).

DV Funding Restored!

In October, Governor Schwarzenegger signed a State Budget package that includes full restoration of domestic violence shelter funding at \$20.4 million! Thanks to CPEDV and other supporters, the Governor heard the message that the safety of victims of domestic violence is of the utmost importance.

With the passing of the CA state budget SLTWC will receive \$181,450 of the restored DV funding.

Shelter Receives a New Stove



Kiwanis of Tahoe Sierra recently filled the need for a new stove at the Shelter to replace one with broken burners.

Thanks Kiwanis for supporting our Domestic Violence Shelter Program by helping us to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all shelter residents.

Verizon Wireless Donates \$5,000

SLTWC receives \$5,000 from Verizon Wireless to support our Batterers' Intervention Program. SLTWC provides Batterers' Intervention to men and women who are court ordered or voluntary. Classes are held once per week at the Women's Center business office. We are grateful to Verizon for recognizing our need to provide these services to our community.

Shop to Stop Domestic Violence

On October 23rd, South Lake Tahoe Women's Center in conjunction with Village Center businesses held it's 1st Annual Shop to Stop Domestic Violence fundraiser. The fundraiser was created to increase awareness about domestic violence at the workplace, raise funds for SLTWC's domestic violence program and support the local business economy. Despite the rainy weather, supporters came out for some shopping and the Village Center was packed. SLTWC gave away 100 reusable purple tote bags to the shoppers and raffled a three-speed cruiser. Howie Nave of KRLT was there to discuss the event and interviewed business owners and associates live on the radio. Stay tuned for information about the success of the event.



ACC Donates \$10,000

The 2010 American Century Championship has donated \$10,000 to support SLTWC's Teen Dating Violence Prevention & Intervention Program created to teach teens about the attributes of healthy dating relationships and decrease the number of teens who experience abuse within their relationships.

Thank you, American Century Championship, for recognizing the importance of this program and for supporting the mission of South Lake Tahoe Women's Center.

Raise Funds Without Spending Money!

When it's time to recycle your cans and bottles from all of those holiday parties, bring them to South Tahoe Refuse at 2192 Ruth Avenue and let them know you'd like to support South Lake Tahoe Women's Center. They will take care of mailing us a check for the value of the bottles you bring them!

If you have useful clothing, furniture or other items to donate, call Bargains Galore at (530) 541-0444, located at 972 B Tallac Ave. or U-Consign-It (530) 544-4422, located at 2540 #3 Lake Tahoe Blvd. Tell them you'd like your donation to support the Women's Center. They will give us store credit for your donation to pass on to our clients. Clients will be able to access the credit with a voucher from the Women's Center to receive warm clothing and household items they might otherwise be unable to purchase themselves.

Write to Sarah at ssanchez@sltwc.org
to receive future newsletters via email.

The Women's Center business office was financed through a low-cost loan from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation.