

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER Newsletter



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SUMMER 2022

The Victims Assistance Center provides free services to all individuals in our community who are impacted by violence or crime through advocacy, education and emotional support.



Meet Our Heroes

2022 Hero of the Year - Gregory Gibbs

Greg consistently makes the child feel comfortable in an unimaginable situation. He gets on their level to make them feel like he is an ordinary person and is going to do everything he can to make sure their story is heard, and the child feels believed.

2020 Hero of the Year - Regina Wetterhahn, PA

Regina Wetterhahn, PA has been a medical provider for the Child Advocacy Center for over a decade. During that time, Regina has provided specialized care and expertise to children needing a medical exam as a result of allegations of abuse.

Regina goes the extra mile to ensure that every child feels as comfortable as possible during their exam.



100 CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

Take the pledge today and sign up to become a 100 Campaign contributor. Money can be raised in many creative ways. Some can pay all at once, and others have in the past held mini fundraisers to get to their \$1,000 goal.

If you or your organization is passionate about abuse in our communities, please join us today. You will have until November 30th to complete your pledge.

Contact our Development Director, Kristin Proven at kristinp@vacjc.com or call 315-755-1434 for more information.

CURRENT 2022 100 CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS

KAYCEE ONDRASEK

EMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DALE & SUSAN STOUGHTENGER

JAMES & CINDY INTSCHERT

KRISTIN PROVEN

GARY & JILL PARKER

CAPE VINCENT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN

CHELSEA MOORE

DR. JAN K. TURCOTTE

SALLY VANTASSELL

JOHN & PAMELA MURTHA

MARIBEL AGUILAR

SANE PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

SANE's are registered nurses (RN's) who have completed specialized education & clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of the patient who has experienced sexual assault or trauma.

The goal of the exam is to complete a full head-to-toe assessment collecting and preserving evidence in the event of a sexual assault. They would also be able to provide testimony as a fact witness to any/all cases performed if necessary.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a SANE Nurse, please contact SANE Coordinator -
Erin Fazio (315) 755-1458

Local Kids . Local Non-Profit . Local Bank . Shop Local.

JOIN US AT THE FARMERS MARKET JULY 20TH & AUGUST 3RD

FUN



It is never too early to start teaching your children the importance of giving back. Children who engage in philanthropy at a young age are more likely to carry those habits into adulthood. Research shows that giving teaches us about generosity and empathy, which are important life-skills. Also, helping others makes people feel good!



3RD ANNUAL
VIRTUAL or IN-PERSON 5K
RUN/WALK
SEPT. 16-18, 2022

ONE CHILD ABUSED IS ONE TOO MANY.

One in 10 children will be abused before their 18th birthday.

But you can make a difference—sign up & join in-person or virtually and support the Child Advocacy Center of Northern NY & help children in crisis with support, free services and healing.

IN-PERSON on Sunday, Sept. 18th

Join us in-person on **Sunday, Sept. 18th** or participate virtually, any time, anywhere, even on your treadmill, from September 16th-18th. EITHER WAY YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE for abused children.

- IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK
- OPEN TO ALL AGES--DOGS TOO!
- INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS
- SIMPLY PICK YOUR DAY & YOUR ROUTE
- HOP ON YOUR TREADMILL OR BIKE
- TAKE SELFIES & VIDEOS
- TRACK YOUR TIME
- REGISTER FOR T-SHIRT & PRIZES

REGISTER TODAY & SUPPORT THE:



Child Advocacy Center
of Northern NY
INFO: 315-755-1434

Scan code to register or visit:
nyschildrensalliance.org/5K/



REGISTER BY:
August 12, 2022
for guaranteed race t-shirt

HOSTED BY: NYS Children's Alliance
#OneTooManyNY5K



Save the Date

FIRST ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Witches Gala



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2022

Sackets Harbor Ball Room

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.



24-Hour Telephone Hotline
(315)782-1855

24-Hour Safe Shelter
Child Advocacy Center of
Northern NY

Orders of Protection

Custody

Homeless Housing

Advocacy

Counseling

Immediate Response Team

Safe Harbour

Program(Human Trafficking)

Sexual Assault Nurse Exams

Child Fatality Review Team

TRAINING CORNER

The Child Advocacy Center of NNY, a program of the Victims Assistance Center - is sponsoring a 3 day training focusing on Child Centered Play Therapy July 26-28, 2022. Day one will be Play Therapy Basics, day two is Play Therapy with Traumatized Children, and day three is Play Therapy with Sexually Traumatized Children.

The cost for all 3 days will be \$360, including CEU's for licensed therapists. The training will be in person at the Children's Home of Jefferson County's dining hall. The Child Advocacy Center is sponsoring this training by Dr Jodi Mullen out of Integrative Counseling Services in Oswego.

Registration for the training will be found on their website at

<https://www.integrativecounseling.us/training>.

If there are any questions please contact Chelsea Moore, LCSW and Clinical Director at the Child Advocacy Center of NNY.

STAFFED AROUND THE CLOCK EVERY DAY OF THE
YEAR, WE PROVIDE A SAFE & SECURE
ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS.
WE ARE COMPLETELY HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE.



The Victims Assistance Center operates a residential home that provides emergency safe housing to victims of domestic violence (and their dependent children) in crisis. Our residential home is also a licensed shelter for homeless females and their dependent children.

Residents can expect all the amenities they would have at home, including kitchen/dining area, living room, kids play area, bedrooms, bathrooms, laundry, personal lockboxes,

Main Office
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(315) 782-1823

**24 Hour Hotline &
Shelter**
(315) 782-1855
Toll Free: (866) 782-1855

Shelter Renovations

This past month, we gave the bathroom at our safe shelter a "facelift". This bathroom is now handicap accessible and is easy to clean & disinfect. Monetary donations are so important to our agency so that we are able to make upgrades to our facilities and make sure our clients are taken care of on every level.



THANK
sponsors
YOU



Watertown Savings Bank



UPCOMING EVENTS

KIDS FOR CHANGE

Farmer's Market Days July 20th &
August 3rd

ONE TOO MANY 5K RUN/WALK

Sunday, September 18th - Thompson
Park - Register Online

1ST ANNUAL WITCHES GALA

Friday, October 28th -

SAVE THE DATE

Sackets Harbor Ball Room

ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday, April 1st, 2023 -

SAVE THE DATE

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton

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