



Fall 2010

## Oct. 20 forum works on next steps toward ending violence

A free public forum to discuss public policy changes needed to help prevent domestic violence and prosecute offenders will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Mark Hatfield Room at Tillamook County Library main branch at 3rd and Stillwell in Tillamook.

The forum is one of a number of activities planned by Tillamook County Women's Resource Center during the month of October to mark Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The forum is the next step in a conversation that began Sept. 9-10 during the Imagine No Violence Summit at Tillamook Bay Community College. Several groups formed during that event to work on policy changes to prevent and deal with violence in our community.

These groups focusing on such key issues as:

- enhanced victim safety and services,
- increased offender accountability,
- earlier and more widespread youth prevention programs and
- continuing and enhanced community education.

The public is invited to take part in this "Next Step" discussion. You need not have attended the original summit to participate. Your ideas and concerns will be important as the community works to craft measures that may help prevent and prosecute violence in Tillamook County.

Refreshments will be served. Space is limited, so if you plan to attend, please RSVP to Romy Carver at (503) 842-8294.



Lundy Bancroft was keynote speaker on the first day of the summit

## Landmark Summit attracts 100, launches effort to seek change

An array of local officials and citizens gathered Sept. 9-10 and vowed to put the topic of family and community violence on the front burner and to develop new victim care and enforcement policies aimed at reducing domestic abuse.

Approximately 100 people attended the two-day "Imagine No Violence" Summit held at Tillamook Bay Community College.

Sponsored by the Tillamook County Women's Resource Center, the event brought in several leading national figures in the area of domestic violence and concluded with a brainstorming session in which community leaders from all areas of law enforcement and victim and social services outlined policy areas they plan to work on in the weeks and months ahead.

"We are simply thrilled with the turnout and the passion that this summit has generated," remarked Women's Resource Center Executive Director Kathleen Marvin. "I believe the support we are seeing from every level of the public and private sectors will help us truly make a difference in reducing



violence. At the end of the day, I believe everyone was committed to the principle that domestic violence should be considered a deviant behavior, not a societal norm."

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# From My Desk



The excitement and joy we experienced in recent weeks with the grand success of our Imagine No Violence Summit (see Pages 1-3) and the two-year extension of our federal outreach grant (see Page 6) was tempered soon after by the loss of our dear friend and great community leader Rev. Ray Ferguson, pastor of St. Alban's Church in Tillamook.

As you may know, Father Ray was a member of our board from 2006 until illness forced him to resign in 2009. But even after that, he stood with us in word and spirit and was one of the individuals featured in our year-long public outreach advertising campaign.

His passing is a huge loss to our community and to all of us who were blessed to be his friends and to work with him. He was one of the first people in our community to begin talking about domestic violence as part of pre-marital counseling. He truly lived his principles every day in every way and was an inspiration to us in his illness, as well.

Even in his last weeks, Father Ray proved his commitment to stopping domestic violence when he arrived bright and early to our summit, rolling up in his wheelchair with his ever-present broad smile and good humor.

He was there for us to the very end and we will never forget the example he set for us. I believe we can all honor him best by continuously striving to seek an end to domestic abuse. And one of the best ways we can do that is to move forward with the work we began during our summit and in which he took part.

There are several small groups that have formed to work on areas of concern and many new connections were made that are furthering our hope for an effective, coordinated community plan for reducing violence.

Secondly, with the extension of our federal outreach grant, we will be taking a step back to decide what initiatives from the first two years we want to continue, what has been effective, what hasn't, and where it would be best to put our energy and direct our resources.

We continue to have the resources to enhance victim services and to raise awareness and bring education programs to our community. During the coming community discussions, I am hoping to get input from the community about what they think would be helpful.

We welcome your input in this process. As Father Ray said to us during the summit, "Keep doing the work." With your help, we will.



Lundy Bancroft addresses Summit on opening day

## Bancroft opens summit; calls for tougher sentences for abusers

“We are very focused on international terrorism these days,” said Lundy Bancroft, the opening keynote speaker at the “Imagine No Violence” Summit, “but the fact is that more women are killed in the U.S. every year by their partners than died in the World Trade Center.”

Bancroft – whose best-selling book “Why Does He Do That?” is standard reading in the field of domestic violence – urged his audience to reach out to the community to help recast the way in which domestic violence is viewed.

“Domestic violence spreads widely in a community,” he explained. “Research has shown that it is the source point for a great portion of all the other violence in our society.”

A survey conducted in 2009 by Tillamook County Women’s Resource Center revealed that one out of every three women in the county has been touched by domestic violence.

Bancroft explained that domestic abusers, contrary to what they say and what the community generally believes, do not abuse their partners because they lose their tempers.

“On the contrary,” he noted, “close examination of what they do and how they do it proves that they are actually quite aware of what they are doing and quite calculating regarding the effect of their behavior. For abusers, violence is a choice. It is how they exert power and control to get what they want.”

Bancroft said domestic violence is spread in the community for a number of reasons:

- Law enforcement often is reluctant to

jail a perpetrator, especially since the victims often recant or refuse to testify. “In what other violent crime do we routinely let people off without any punishment?” Bancroft asked. “It’s time to start sending perpetrators to jail.” He said research shows that a jail term of nine months or more cuts recidivism by 80 percent.

- Boys exposed to domestic violence are far more likely to become abusers and/or bullies as young men and adults.
- There is a notion that goes unchallenged in the community at large that somehow women “make” their partners violent by their behavior. “Violence is a choice,” said Bancroft. “Batterers are not forced into it.”
- Society tends to blame the victim for the batterer’s behavior. “There is no other category of crime in which we consider what the victim said or did as a justification for the crime,” Bancroft said.

Bancroft said the cost of domestic violence is high, both in terms of its impact on families and on communities. He explained that domestic violence incidents account for a quarter or more of all police calls. In addition, it impacts worker productivity and workplace safety and it places heavy burdens on social services, he said. He also noted that a large percentage of cases of other types of crime, such as drugs and assault, are perpetrated by individuals who grew up in violent homes.

“We must teach our children early that violence is a choice and it is the wrong choice,” Bancroft asserted.

# Community Outreach



ABOVE: Mary Ann Dearborn leads a panel of Tillamook High School students discussing school and dating violence.



LEFT: Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune discusses the topic "It Takes a Village to End Domestic Violence: How Religious and Secular Communities Can Work Together" during her Friday keynote address

## Summit

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Attendees at the event included County Commissioner Mark Labhart and representatives from the judicial, social service, law enforcement, education, probation, health care and faith communities.

Several groups were formed that plan to begin meeting Oct. 20 (See Page 1 story) to address needed policy changes to support the goal of preventing and dealing with violence.

In addition, on Oct. 19, the Women's Resource Center will begin a new round of volunteer training.

"Our hope is that the heightened awareness of the costs of domestic violence to our families, our community resources and our children will encourage more people to volunteer," said Marvin.



Summit participant signs an Imagine No Violence mural.

# Community Outreach

## Shine a light on Domestic Violence with Purple Light Nights

For the first time this year, the Women's Resource Center will participate in Purple Light Nights during October.

Purple Light Nights is the inspiration of the Covington Domestic Violence Task Force, King County, Wash., and is now spreading across the country.

Its goal is to encourage people to shine a purple light on every front porch and hang a string of purple lights in every business window to send the message that domestic violence has no place in the community. The Women's Resource Center is offering strings of 50 purple lights and individual purple bulbs to residents and business that wish to take part.

For information or to order lights, contact Romy Carver at (503) 842-8294.



Suggested donation for bulb  
\$3

Suggested donation for 50-light string - \$5

## Donated piano latest addition to shelter

“I’m a fortunate female,” says Ivy Timpe. “I’ve had lovely times in Oceanside and I wanted to give something back to this community. And the Women’s Resource Center caught my eye.”

Timpe, who has owned a home at the beach for many years, recently donated a Hardman Peck buffet-style spinet mini-piano in beautiful condition to the WRC for use in its Pacific House shelter for abused women.

“It’s been in our family for over 50 years,” Timpe noted. “My parents bought it for me and my sister when we were little girls in New York, hoping we would play.”

Timpe, retired director of human resources at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, said she kept the instrument with her as she migrated gradually across the country to Oregon.

“When I developed tendonitis, I wanted to give it a good home,” she said.

Timpe said her mother – who is actively involved in Women in Distress, a domestic violence agency in Florida – approved of the gift to Pacific House.

“Women at their wit’s end have no place to go except to places like this,” Timpe said.

TCWRC Volunteer Coordinator Eleanor Watkins tries out the piano – a gift from Ivy Timpe



# News Briefs

... October is **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Among our many activities planned to mark this month will be a series of **Awareness Displays** discussing domestic violence. These will be presented at the library and other locations around the county.

... Believe it or not, our **shelter** is celebrating two years of operation. We recently closed it for a few weeks for cleaning, but it is now reopened and full.

... **Terri Neimann** joins TCWRC staff as our new prevention coordinator. She will be offering Healthy Relationships I, Healthy Relationships II and Healthy Sexuality classes to youth in local schools. A new partnership with **Tillamook County Health Department** has been entered into in the offering of these programs.

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# Volunteer Profile

## Mike Haynes

“This is a safe place.” That may sound like an odd comment coming from a strapping 42-year-old man about a thrift shop. But, not after you get to know Mike Haynes.

For about a year-and-a-half, Haynes has been repairing and refurbishing appliances for TCWRC’s Wild Flower thrift boutique. The ex-contractor, construction worker and logger explained that, for about 10 years, he had drug and alcohol problems.

“There are good people here; you have no worries,” he said. “You want that around you when you’re in recovery. I’m committed to the (Women’s Resource) Center.”

Haynes said he started dropping by the Main Street boutique a couple of years ago to see friends who worked there. Before he knew it, he was volunteering a few days a week to repair donated items so they could be sold.

It didn’t take long for Women’s Resource Center officials to realize what an asset Haynes is. So, he was hired and sent to a school run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to learn appliance repair. The Wild Flower hasn’t been the same since.

Refrigerators, ranges, washing machines and dryers have become a permanent part of the store’s inventory along with clothing, furniture, children’s items, knick-knacks and decorative items.

Haynes said The Wild Flower has sold nearly 70 appliances so far and the donations keep on coming.

“I have 50 ‘parts machines’ in the shop now,” he said, explaining that he’ll take apart those units for usable parts. “I won’t spend \$150 to repair something that we’ll sell for that.”

What’s left over, he said, goes to a local man who sells scrap as a sideline and who keeps an eye out for usable electrical relays and other



parts that he turns over to Haynes.

The appliance program’s success is also its only problem – a nice problem to have.

“We need more help,” Haynes said, noting that he and shop manager Melissa Finnell sometimes have to spend as many as three days a week picking up large donated items in The Wild Flower’s recently acquired truck.

“That’s time we aren’t spending here getting other things done.”

Haynes said that, in addition to volunteers with vehicles, The Wild Flower needs a volunteer who is “mechanically inclined and not afraid of electricity.”

Finnell added that they also need people who have skills in sewing, woodworking and arts and crafts, who can turn donated items into goods suitable for sale.

To volunteer, contact Melissa Finnell at (503) 842-2996. And to become a Women’s Resource Center volunteer, call the main office at (503) 842-9486. New volunteer training classes begin Oct. 19.

# Fall Calendar

**Tuesday, Oct. 19** – A new round of volunteer training begins. For information, call (503) 842-9486.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20, 4-6 p.m.**, A free public forum to discuss public policy changes needed to help prevent domestic violence and prosecute offenders will be held in the Mark Hatfield Room at Tillamook County Library main branch at 3rd and Stillwell in Tillamook.

**Saturday, Oct. 23**, A self-defense class for women

will be offered at Tillamook Bay Community College. There is a fee to attend, but scholarships are available through the Women’s Resource Center. Call (503) 842-9486 for information.

**Friday, Oct. 29, noon**, a Memorial Walk will be conducted from the Women’s Resource Center office to Carnahan Park. Participants can meet at the office or just show up at the park. All are welcome.

# Fund Raising

## TCWRC wins two major grants

**T**illamook County Women's Resource Center has been awarded two important grants.

The first and largest, valued at \$350,000, is a two-year extension of a major U.S. Department of Justice grant designed to help the organization continue its public outreach and education efforts to reduce domestic and sexual violence in the county.

According to Kathleen Marvin, executive director of the Women's Resource Center, the grant from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women will be used to build upon the work the center has been doing over the past two years to raise awareness and generate public discussion.

The second award is a \$28,000 rape prevention grant from the Oregon State Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force to support a violence prevention education program in local schools. The Women's Resource Center received one of only six such grants awarded statewide.

Marvin said the two-year, \$350,000 Department of Justice grant is under the federal agency's Rural Domestic and Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Child Abuse Enforcement grant programs.

"We are simply thrilled to receive this grant extension," said Marvin. "We have received incredibly positive response from what we have been able to do so far with the first round of grant funds. This extension will allow us to build upon this work."

Marvin said the overarching goal for the project is to "create a community that is informed and actively engaged in creating

and implementing multiple strategies to address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking as public health issues."

The original grant, awarded in 2008, was for approximately \$400,000, Marvin noted. The Women's Resource Center used the first round of funding for a long list of projects, including:

- A countywide public opinion survey that revealed that one in three women in the county has been touched by some form of domestic violence;
- A series of community seminars on various domestic violence topics;
- An outreach program aimed at engaging a number of community populations in the discussion, including law enforcement, social services, youth, the faith community, business leaders and health providers;
- A series of advertisements in local media to highlight facts about domestic violence;
- Billboards in North and South county;
- An "Imagine No Violence" summit held in early September. (See pages 1-3)

Marvin said the new grant funds will be used to continue the center's "No Violence" media campaign, develop targeted training and outreach for the faith community, law enforcement, youth, the business community, educators, domestic violence service providers and other practitioners, and enhance local victim services.

## Weaving show & sale will benefit TCWRC programs

In November, a Pioneer Museum display and silent auction of weaving by women of South Africa will benefit TCWRC.

The weavings that will be on display are by the Mapusha Weavers, which is a cooperative of women weavers based in the village of Acornhoek in the Limpopo province of South Africa.

"This event not only acts as a fundraiser for us," said TCWRC Development Director David Guard. "It also is a part of our mission of empowering women."

Mapu- stands for Mapulaneng Sotho and -Sha is short for Shangaan, the two ethnicities of the weavers. The group came together in 1973 with the help of a local Catholic missionary as a way for unemployed women in the village to learn a craft and make money to support their families.

Trained in the skills of weaving and sewing, the 12 women that now make up Mapusha create an array of hand-spun, handwoven, hand-dyed textiles in a variety of colors and fabrics. The income from Mapusha's products goes to support the women's 50-odd dependent family members.

The textiles will be on display at the Pioneer Museum Nov. 4-19. On Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., there will be a reception and a silent auction of various textile pieces.

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