



December 2011

Contact Us:

Local Phone:

660-562-2320

24-hour Crisis Line:

866-382-7867

Our Mission:

The Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri brings people together to provide a safe and nurturing place to learn and grow through abuse prevention. Services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, court advocacy, shelter, crisis management, case management, support groups, and parent and community education. This not-for-profit organization serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in No-daway, Atchison, Holt, Gentry and Worth Counties in Northwest Missouri.

A Special Thanks

As we individually and collectively reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for, we recognize that the work of ending domestic violence cannot be done by any one person, or even a small group of people, but requires an entire community

We are thankful for all of you who continue to support the Children and Family Center mission and goals. We would also like to thank the ongoing support of the various church groups, sororities, fraternities, community groups, and individuals. Your support is vital to our mission.

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A Landscaping Mission

As part of the healing process for our clients, we envision our facility to not only look welcoming and safe inside, but outside as well.



We would like to thank Maryville Garden Club and Don Hollingsworth

for the donation of the Magnolia tree that has been placed in the front yard.

We would also like to thank Carolyn Faubion for her donation of four Arborvitae Emerald Green Evergreen trees.

We are currently planning our healing garden which we envision to help our clients during their time of need and healing.

As we think about how we want the healing garden to look, we see a bench or chairs, a bird bath, stepping stones, flowers, and possibly even a fountain. We want the garden to be a relaxing retreat.



Thanksgiving Meal A Hit

The Thanksgiving Social and Meal on November 17, was a good time for all. There were over 30 adults and children in attendance.

We would like to thank Billy, Kayla, Will, Ryan, and Jenn from the Northwest Small Groups Communications class who prepared a wonderful meal and decorated the Center for the event as their service project. They had everything from ham and turkey to stuffing and macaroni and cheese.

When asked why the group decided to volunteer their time and do their service project at the Center, Jenn said “We knew there was a need to educate our peers on how the Children and Family Center needs active volunteers”



Before the meal, Debbie, our Kid’s Club coordinator, and others helped the children make pilgrim hats and bonnets, color pictures, and put together puzzles.

It was a great opportunity for our clients, volunteers, and staff to come together and celebrate the holiday.

Support Groups—
WINGS (Women in Need of Gaining Support) support group meets Tuesdays 12:00-1:30 pm and again from 5:15-6:45 pm and SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone) support group for men who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, please call 562-2320 to schedule.

AS TAX TIME IS NEARING, we would like to remind you that the **Domestic Violence Shelter Tax Credit** through the MO Dept. of Social Services allows 50% of donations to be taken directly off your MO income tax bill. You can donate \$100 or more in any 12 month period to receive this credit. The \$100 minimum doesn't have to be made in one lump sum; you can make several contributions during the calendar tax year totaling \$100 and receive the tax credit. The donation is also deductible on your Federal return, but only to the extent of the IRS code. If you are planning for your quarterly estimated tax payment, talk to your accountant; consider making a donation to Children and Family Center.

Alas, Completion

After a long time under construction, we are proud to announce that the garage and apartment have been completed.

We had planned to have the project completed



some time ago, but for various reason, it was not completed until recently. The building construction was completed in 2009.

The upstairs apartment was not completed until December 2011. The sheet

rocking had been completed by April. In June the wall and ceiling texturing was applied and then the apartment was painted a shade of pale yellow.

After being painted, the flooring and cabinets went it, the trimming went up and the plumbing was complete by December. Now, we are planning to start decorating.

We would like to thank all those who have helped in the completion of the building and apartment. We appreciate all of the donations of time, labor, and materials.

Please help us educate the public about domestic violence and sexual assault by:

- Scheduling us to speak to your organization—all age groups
- Request a current wish list of our victim's needs
- Receiving our newsletter
- Sending us your email address so we can keep you updated. Request electronic delivery of the next newsletter at cfcnwm1@embarqmail.com ...*as we work together to strengthen families in our community.*

Our Cost for the Center:

- Cost of shelter: It costs approximately \$123 per day to shelter a client
- Expense for transporting clients—\$125 per year
- Monthly cost for hot-line cell phone—\$40

Current Needs:

For Our Facility:

- Window Coverings/blinds
- Storage Shelves
- Furniture: small bookshelf, end tables, lamps

For more need for the Center and our clients, please pick up "Current Needs of the Children and Family Center of NW Mo".

Confidential help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at

660-562-2320

or

1-866-382-7867.