

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY



ISSUE: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background. Violence against women is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior, and thus is part of a systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and truly last a lifetime.

- 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime
- 85% of domestic violence victims are women
- Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence
- Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police

Fortunately, here in Gallatin county, there is an organization that provides programs and services to victims of domestic violence.

Since its inception in 1979, HAVEN (formerly known as The Network Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse) has envisioned a community that is knowledgeable about domestic abuse and fully engaged and committed to the safety and well-being of its members. HAVEN (Healing, Advocacy, Victim Support, Education, New Beginnings) has worked to minimize the impact of domestic and sexual abuse on families by providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention, on-going support, referrals, and education. Programs include a 24/7-hour crisis line, legal advocacy, client advocacy, support groups for adults and children, individual counseling, and community education services.

On October 12, HAVEN will launch a “Paint the Town Purple” campaign in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This campaign is a visible way for downtown Bozeman businesses to show their support for survivors of domestic violence by displaying purple lights in their windows and having HAVEN materials available. For more information call 586-7689. Be looking for the new website soon!

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Progress to date is a great indication of what can happen when a community comes together.

GIVE.

Invest in your community.

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- Donations of gas cards, phone cards, food cards, or pillows are always needed

ADVOCATE.

Champion the cause.

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- Call for more information if you or a loved one are in need of help.....586-4111

VOLUNTEER.

Give your time.

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- Volunteer to work the crisis line, or to perform administrative or maintenance tasks