



Healing Happens

Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center
Fall 2010

Bringing the Past Into the Present

by Rhonda Henry, Executive Director


BRCC has a long, rich history of people committing their time, energy, and resources to helping those impacted by sexual violence.

So many of you have been affiliated with the agency over the years and have helped build the Center into the strong community resource it is today. You have seen the pain caused by sexual violence and know firsthand the importance of the work done by the Center. You hold a vital part of the history of the agency and we know BRCC will be stronger if we are able to build on our history as we move ahead.

We are excited to announce the formation of the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center Alumnae Circle. BRCC's Alumnae Circle is a way for former volun-

teers, board members, and staff to stay connected to the work of the Center, reconnect with those you worked with at BRCC, and continue to support our mission.

We invite anyone who has been affiliated with BRCC as a volunteer, board member, or staff member to join this group. We are currently building the group and plan to host a "Homecoming" event in March for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

To join the BRCC Alumnae Circle, please call 859-253-2615 or visit www.BluegrassRapeCrisis.org to share your contact information. We look forward to reconnecting! 

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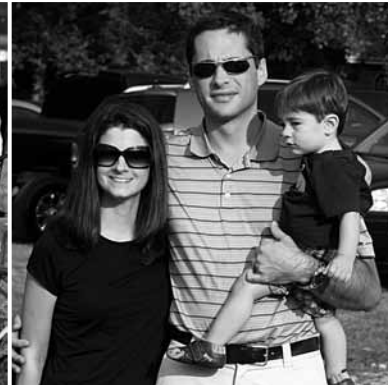
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SAFE Exams Available to All | Urging victims of sexual violence to put their health and well-being first, leaders from throughout Kentucky came together in Frankfort on October 18th to help spread the word about new state and federal laws that ensure rape exams are available to victims (free of charge), even if they don't immediately report the crime.

Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical Exams (or SAFE Exams) have been provided to survivors in Kentucky for many years. However, SAFE Exams have only been available to victims if the crime was reported to law enforcement. Under HB 500, passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Beshear this year, SAFE exams are now available to all victims requesting one. For more information contact BRCC or visit KASAP.org.

PHOTO RIGHT: Kentucky State Police Lt. Colonel Mark Sapps.



The Hudson-Ellis Grant: With Blue Grass Community Foundation

BRCC has received a generous grant to conduct a Keeping Kids Safe project to raise awareness about child sexual abuse and increase children's and parents' knowledge of personal safety strategies for kids. This grant will provide curriculum, community outreach tools and supplies to work with school children in second grade throughout Boyle County.

PHOTO LEFT: Hudson-Ellis advisory board member Morton Hoagland of Farmer's National Bank, BRCC Executive Director Rhonda Henry, Cari Calico (BRCC Danville), Leeann Hayslett (BRCC Nicholasville), and Hudson-Ellis advisory board member Michael Perros of Stifel Nicolaus & Company.



EKU-SAFE is a new initiative at Eastern Kentucky University that aims to both raise awareness about many forms of violence and offer supportive services to survivors on campus. It is a collaborative effort between EKU and several community partners, including BRCC. Professor Caroline Reid said that EKU-SAFE's new location on campus was "designed to be a warm, inviting healing space for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, cyberstalking and rape and for people who just want to have a dialogue."

2010 Brucie Boyle
Volunteer of the Year

Elley Miller grew up on a farm with her dad and four sisters in a town called McKinney. Elley entered the work force at an early age to provide for her family. She is a mother of three and a business owner/entrepreneur.

Elley volunteers many hours of her time in giving and helping others to succeed in life. We are so thankful that she has chosen to volunteer with BRCC. Thank you, Elley!


TOP: Cari Calico (BRCC Danville), Elley Miller, and Leeann Hayslett (BRCC Nicholasville). **BOTTOM:** Cari Calico presents Elley with her award.



Volunteer Training

Want to make a direct and lasting positive impact? Become a volunteer for the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center.

Volunteering at BRCC can be a life-changing experience. Our volunteers report acquiring skills that not only help them professionally, but also enhance their personal relationships.

BRCC's next volunteer training is in January 2011. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Beth McRoberts at 859-253-2615 for more information. Download an application at www.BluegrassRapeCrisis.org. 



PHOTOS TOP LEFT & ABOVE: Students from UK Fusion volunteered to help with projects around the Center. We put them to work in the yard and even had some painting for them to do. UK Fusion volunteers come out every year and their time and energy is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

PHOTO LEFT: Volunteers from the Marriott prepared the newsletter for mailing. Their incredible speed was impressive! Thanks!

BRCC welcomes community groups & individuals. Call 859-253-2615 to see how you can help.



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the month!

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group

for survivors of sexual
violence. **February 2011.**
For more information call
859-253-2615.

Irving Berlin's
White
Christmas

Benefitting the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center

December 2nd ❄️ Kentucky Theatre

Reception 6:30 p.m. | Movie Starts 7:00 p.m.

To purchase tickets in advance call 859-253-2615 or visit
www.BluegrassRapeCrisis.org. Tickets also available at the door.