

WRC RESOURCEFUL

Women's Resource Center Newsletter

July/August 2010

Women Can/Women Do - Petoskey - Wednesday, September 15th
Lange Center - Bay Harbor Yacht Club - Seats are available by calling 231-347-0067



Just a few of the Designers who will be creating tables for this year's Women Can/Women Do Benefit Luncheon.

10th Anniversary Celebration!!!

10 years ago, in September 2001, the WRC held the very first Women Can/Women Do Benefit Luncheon in Petoskey. Planned and executed by a fine-tuned group of volunteers, the benefit has turned into one of the most successful fundraisers ever for this agency. It has resulted in profits of nearly \$288,000 over the ten years—and was also the catalyst for similar type events in both Charlevoix and Cheboygan—both extremely successful, as well.

This year's event is promising to be the biggest yet—with over 400 area women and approximately 50 tables designed by a wonderful group of community-minded individuals.

Do you want to attend this fabulous luncheon? Although Table Captains are responsible for filling the seats, we often have some seats available on a first-come/first serve basis. **If you want to attend the luncheon but haven't yet been assigned to a table, call the WRC office today at 231-347-0067. Seats are a minimum donation of \$150 per person.**

One of the real highlights of this luncheon is the beautifully decorated tables. It is always amazing to

walk into a room and see how creative people can absolutely transform a space. You might be transported to a French Garden—or the Mardi Gras in New Orleans—or an old fashioned movie set in Hollywood—or, yes, even the North Pole! We never know what to expect, but we are always surprised. A complete **list of this year's designers** can be viewed on our web site at www.wrcnm.org. We are so thankful to each of these companies who generously donate their time, their creative genius and a table gift for each guest at their table. We truly couldn't do it without them. We would also like to note that 4 designers have been involved since the very beginning—a big round of applause and thanks to: Cottage Interiors, Cutler's, Sky's the Limit and the Gold Mine Resale Shop.

An exciting part of the Petoskey event is the silent **auction**. Curious about what's in the auction? A couple of the "basket" titles include: Fit-N-Fabulous, Road Trip, Tee Time for Her, Bon Appétit, Toddler Treats, and Let Us Entertain You! Are you curious about what might be in a basket titled "A Night on the Town" or "Wine-A-Licious"? Well then you better reserve your seat today! You can also view an in progress **auction list** on the WRC's web site at www.wrcnm.org. The list changes daily as new donations arrive. This community is so very supportive of the WRC, and we want to thank each of our auction donors—and encourage our supporters to support each of them throughout the year when making purchases.

This is an event you really do not want to miss. **If you haven't reserved a seat yet, contact the WRC office at 231-347-0067. The Luncheon is:**

Wednesday, September 15th
Bay Harbor Yacht Club, Lange Center
11:15am to 1:45pm

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to work a little volunteering into the rest of your summer plans? The WRC Gold Mine Resale Shops – South and North - can use your skills and assistance. Gold Mine volunteers assist in staffing the stores Monday through Saturday from 9:30a.m to 5:30p.m. Workdays and times are flexible. Volunteers operate the cash register, interact with customers, and assist with retail sales work. Sales from the Gold Mine Shops provide financial support to the WRC’s wide range of human service programs.

Other year-round volunteer positions include:

Safe Home Advocate—Volunteers assist in staffing the Safe Home which houses survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, Monday through Friday from approximately 5pm to 8pm. Responsibilities include answering the crisis phone line, interacting with residents, and coordinating the smooth running of the house.

Safe Home Coordinator Assistant helps the Safe Home Coordinator with various housekeeping tasks. Workdays and times are flexible.

Children’s Program Assistant—**Safe Home** Volunteers assist the Children’s Advocate with creative activities and/or supervising children during weekly Support Group meetings. Hours are typically on Monday through Friday from 5pm to 8 pm.

Specialty Positions—Do you have a special skill or area of expertise you are willing to share (i.e. hair styling, manicures, etc.)? We are interested in discussing these opportunities for our Safe Home residents.

Volunteering with the WRC provides the opportunity to support those in need in our community through direct service action. By joining our volunteer team, you help further the agency’s mission of providing valuable supportive services to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in northern Michigan.

A commitment of at least once a month is required for all volunteer positions and training is provided. For more information, please contact Jamie Winters at 231-347-1572.



Congratulations to Gold Mine Resale Shops North and South for being voted **Best of the Northwest 2010**



CLC children planted cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, green beans, and radishes. This is done every summer so the children have a sense of where their food comes from. The CLC staff will serve snacks from the "crop" for the children during harvest time.



Thank you to the Bay View Music Festival for their donation to the WRC of \$5 per ticket for their “A Tribute to Motown” concert. And a very special **THANK YOU** to the **93 individuals** who chose the **WRC** as the non-profit organization for their donation giving us a total of \$465!

Good Looks for a Good Cause

On **Thursday, September 16, 2010**, Cosmetic Skin & Laser Center at 116 W. Mitchell Street, Petoskey will donate 25% of their total spa service sales to the Women’s Resource Center.

Schedule your facial, brow shaping, lash tinting, etc. for that day, and WRC will receive 25% of the sale. To schedule an appointment, contact Cosmetic Skin & Laser Center at 231-347-7395 or for more information, visit their website at traverseskin.com.

Safe Home Needs

The WRC Safe Home provides safety and support to survivors of domestic abuse in our community. Last year alone, 167 women and children took refuge at Safe Home to escape the danger of physical, emotional, and/or verbal abuse. An average of 7 people each day stayed at the Safe Home with over 7,100 complete meals provided for the families. The Safe Home operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and all services are provided at no charge to residents. We are in need of the following items to make families at the Safe Home as comfortable as possible. For safety purposes, we are unable to accept any items that have expired.

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| Brownie mix | Socks (adult and children) |
| Cake mix | Adult and children's cold medicine |
| Canned goods: | Aleve |
| carrots | Benadryl |
| kidney beans | Pamprin/Midol |
| pears | Pedialyte |
| Chocolate chips | Pepto-Bismol |
| Coffee | Gas cards |
| Crackers (assorted) | Gift certificates for grocery stores |
| Fruit juices | Notebooks/Journals |
| Hamburger Helper | Baby bottles |
| Healthy kid snacks | Baby bottle brushes |
| Ketchup | Baby oil |
| Mayonnaise | Baby nail clippers |
| Mustard | Baby nose aspirators |
| Ranch salad dressing | Basket balls |
| Spaghettios, raviolis | Construction paper |
| Bathroom cleaner | Baby shampoo |
| Dish soap | Baby wipes |
| Energy efficient light bulbs - 60 watt | Diapers - size 5 and 6 |
| Gallon size freezer bags | Kiddie sprinkler |
| Liquid laundry soap | Sand box toys |
| Lysol liquid | Spill-proof sippy cups |
| Paper towels | |
| Toilet paper | |

Please consider the Safe Home for a group food drive, community service project, shelter shower, or as an individual donor. A complete Safe Home Needs List is available on our website: www.wrcnm.org. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Jamie Winters, Safe Home Coordinator, at 231-347-1572.

We Believe the Education of Women Will Change the World

You are cordially invited to a heart-warming benefit to sponsor 10 rural girls in Cambodia to attend University on:

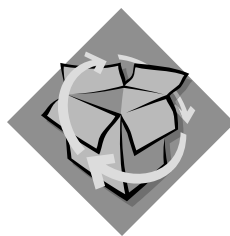
Friday, September 24, at 7pm
At the Good Hart and Soul Tea Room
Primitive Images Furniture Gallery
Lake Shore Drive (M-119) in Good Hart

Please join us for delicious desserts and drinks, fair-trade crafts sale, and a slide presentation.

Your generous tax-deductible donation to Friendship with Cambodia will help young women from impoverished villages thrive, blossom, and make a personal contribution toward ending poverty. For \$1500, we can cover the expenses of a girl in university for a year.

Presentation by Bhavia Wagner. Bhavia is the founder and director of Friendship with Cambodia, a non-profit organization providing humanitarian aid. She will bring her new book, *Responsible Travel Guide Cambodia*. Bhavia is also the former director of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

To make your reservation, contact Gail at 231-347-1181 or gail@watershedcouncil.org.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Cardboard Recycling at Gold Mine North and South

Are you looking for a way to help the **environment** and a **local non-profit agency** at the same time? The WRC needs someone who could help us with our cardboard recycling. It would involve breaking down boxes and then delivering them to an Emmet County Recycling facility for cardboard approximately once a week. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Sue Anderson at 231-347-0067.

Donation Reminder Check the date on the right side of your mailing label. Is it time to make your annual donation? Donating again by that date saves the WRC postage costs for reminders. Thank you for your support! All WRC donors are listed in our Annual Report. If you do not want your name to appear, please make a note on your mailing label and return it to the office.

Administrative Offices

(231) 347-0067

Cheboygan Office

(231) 627-2380

Gaylord Office

(989) 731-0918

Mancelona Office

(231) 587-8891

Gold Mine Resale Shop

South (231) 347-3970

North (231) 348-7908

**24-Hour Crisis and
Information Line**

(231) 347-0082

1-800-275-1995

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GOLD MINE RESALE SHOPS

1002 EMMET STREET - PETOSKEY, MI
231-347-3970

2049 US 31 NORTH HIGHWAY - PETOSKEY, MI
231-348-7908

Store Hours

Monday through Saturday
9:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.

Drop Off Donations

Monday through Saturday
10a.m. to 5p.m.

Arrange Pick Up of large furniture items
by calling the WRC office at
231-347-0067

Yearly sales from both stores support the many programs offered in the community and are a **critical** component of the agency's annual budget.

It's Recruitment Season

The WRC is looking for interested and dedicated people to join the Board of Directors. Due to geographic distribution in our 5 county service area, we are looking for individuals from Cheboygan and Otsego counties. Due to term limits, we have some openings available beginning in December.

If you are receiving this newsletter, you are potentially eligible to become a Board Member. The organization is looking for individuals interested in completing at least one three-year term, with the maximum being two terms. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm at the WRC Office on Porter Street in Petoskey. Meetings are usually 1 to 1½ hours long.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Jan Mancinelli, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center, at 231-347-0067.