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RUSH COUNTY
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

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Our Mission

Rush County Victims Assistance:

- offers a safe shelter to victims of domestic violence
- provides support services to victims
- educates Rush County regarding domestic

by President Penny Busald

With a grateful heart....

In October we hosted our first annual benefit masquerade ball for the Phoenix House. It was a huge success and a great time. We had a lovely dinner, a lively auction and a heartfelt message from Kerry Hyatt Bennett, Legal Council for the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our generous community for their support. Your support will help us to continue to offer important services to domestic violence victims locally. As our grant funding becomes harder and harder to get, these community monies become even more important.

Also, special thanks to Paul and Kristen Barada for the use of the beautiful 201 Building and to Rusty Harmeyer for auctioning.

We are already planning our masquerade ball for next year on October 29, 2016. Please consider marking your calendar for

this event and joining us again... or for the first time.

Thank you for helping us to remove the "mask" of domestic violence.



**Kerry Hyatt
Bennett, JD**

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Telling Your Stories— *Thank you for these Bright Ideas!*

Sweet 16 Birthday Gifts—

Hannah McGee's Bright Idea:
On her Sweet 16 Party Invitation Hannah wrote, "Please no gifts but bring food items to be donated to RCVA."
Total of 130 food items!



Thanksgiving Food Baskets—

Family Worship Center's Bright Idea:
Members created yummy food baskets to give to local families through RCVA.



Buy A Chance—

Sherri Tucker's Bright Idea:
Ticket Sales for this white Bentwood chair at Junction on 3 were donated to RCVA.



Silver Christmas Jar—

The Dawson Family's Bright Idea:
Annually collects their silver coins to give as a special gift to RCVA.



All of these gifts gave encouragement and support to many deserving families in Rush County during the holiday season.

Meet RCVA Board Director— Wayne Munson



"Being on the RCVA Board is an honor—working with people who are dedicated to helping others. RCVA is here to prevent domestic violence whether male vs. female, female vs. male, adult vs. child, child vs. child, all vs. the elderly, or young people in the dating world.

I have spent the biggest part of my life in a career helping people and this is what RCVA does—help people who do not know where to turn," RCVA Director Wayne Munson said. *"With the help of a great director and other board members the work is very gratifying."*

Community service has always been an important part of Wayne's life as an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Salem Lions' Club and currently serving in his second elected term on the Union Township Advisory Board.

Over the past 24 years, Wayne has worked for the Rushville Fire Department moving up through the ranks from firefighter/ EMT to lieutenant to captain and serving these past four years as Assistant Fire Chief.

Wayne and wife Susan enjoy time with their grandchildren: Ollie, child of son Kyle and wife Morgan and Emelia, child of daughter Lisa and husband Cameron.

The Munson family farms in eastern Rush County raising corn, beans, hay and purebred British White Cattle. On weekends, when time permits, Wayne helps auctioneer Rusty Harmeyer.

If you would like to lend a hand and volunteer through RCVA, please call 932-1555 or speak with President Penny Busald.





Photos from the Masquerade Ball



Rush County Victims Assistance (RCVA) is here to serve the entire community and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, affection preference, different disabilities or religion.

RCVA is incorporated in the State of Indiana as a non-profit organization and has tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service 501 (c)(3).

Thanks to our Local Donors October—December, 2015

**Milroy Christian Church
Tri Kappa-Phi Chapter
Dorcas Circle II, Big Flatrock Christian Church
Dana Fussner and Hannah McGee
Kappa Kappa Sigma, ETA Chapter
Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa
The Dawson Family
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Mike & Lisa Bare
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Thank You!



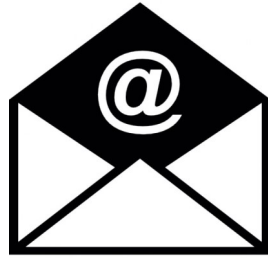
Thank you to Anytime Fitness!

Your generous efforts through events such as Train Your Trainer and new member donations contributed over \$1300 in donations to help Rush County families create safe and productive lives through the services of RCVA Phoenix House.

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We will email your quarterly newsletter directly to you. Thank you!



**Clients Served & Services Offered
October-December 2015**

- 37 primary victims (plus 55 children in the homes)**
- 10 clients assisted in obtaining protective orders**
- 5 clients accompanied to court hearings/counsel**
- 5 clients assisted in filing paperwork for divorce**
- 35 assisted through services of transportation, food, clothing, and safe housing at Phoenix House**

You can help support RCVA and benefit the lives of families in our community through your annual donation mailed to:

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From Our Executive Director

Barbara Kuhn

**Caught In The Middle—
When your abuser turns
your children against you**



An abuser will use whatever tactics he or she can to hurt you. Sometimes what hurts the most is the emotional abuse of turning your own children against you.

This form of abuse, called **parental alienation**, can range from subtle messages to active brainwashing. **Strategies include:** belittling one parent or making derogatory comments about one parent’s race, sex, body type, etc.; telling a child he or she doesn’t have to listen to the other parent; forcing a child to reject one parent in favor of the other; and negative talk about one parent’s extended family.

Many times, children believe the abuser, or at least go along with what’s being said out of self-preservation.

Some children will actually befriend the parent that’s causing the physical hurt in hopes that by being nice, the violence will stop.

When parental alienation occurs, the most important thing to do is **refrain from blaming or resenting the child. It is never the child’s fault.** What may be even harder but just as important is to refrain from blaming or badmouthing the other parent to your child.

“This is a viciously confusing time for children,” says Brian Martin, founder and CEO of the Childhood Domestic Violence Association. “No matter what, deep down they still love both parents. But loving the abuser doesn’t mean they agree with what the abuser is doing. Don’t put children in the position where they have to choose or question whether their love is correct.”

What you should do is keep the lines of communication open. “Try saying, ‘I know what you’re hearing. Let’s have an honest conversation about that.’” Martin says.

Most importantly, do not take your children’s reactions personally. **Be patient. Children will come to know the truth in time.**