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# RCVA NEWS

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

### CIRCLE Fund Grant Awards \$9,500 to RCVA/Phoenix House

The RCVA Board of Directors is thrilled to receive this significant grant that will propel our mission through the creation of the **Community Awareness Plan**, which includes:

1. Create a vibrant, new RCVA website that provides easy access through all social media devices (essential for our clients) and online donation opportunities.
2. Two new computers and printers that will provide quality in-house publications, brochures, etc. conserving costly outsourcing.
3. Produce a 10 minute DVD to raise awareness and assist in building corporate partnerships.

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RCVA Board President Penny Busald receives grant from members of the RCCF CIRCLE Fund.



Establishing the RCVA **Community Awareness Plan** is essential in communicating our services to those facing abuse and developing strong advocacy through donors and volunteers. Receiving this unique and generous grant makes a strong impact on our future sustainability.

The CIRCLe Fund, a fund within the Rush County Community Foundation, combines women’s resources to influence and impact Rush County life. The CIRCLe Fund invests in innovative projects of non-profit organizations that respond to community needs, partnerships, and collaborative efforts.

We shall keep you updated as we bring-to-life this three part plan. Already, this issue of the RCVA Newsletter has been printed in-house on our newly installed interfacing computers/printers.

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**ARTICLE on 50/50 WINNER AND Funds Raised**

**Thanks to our Local Donors  
January 1—April 30, 2015**

**In Memory of Virginia M. Rogers:**

- Nancy O’Dell
- Doug & Christine Laker
- Mike & Kathy Wright
- Richard & Darlene Clifford
- Tim & Mary Shuppert
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- Manilla Town and Country Home Ec. Club
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- Ruth Starr

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### **Clients Served & Services Offered January 1—April 30, 2015**

- 51 primary victims including 1 male (plus 76 children in the homes)**
- 6 clients assisted in obtaining protective orders**
- 18 accompanied to court hearings, assisted with transportation, food, clothing, housing**
- 1 family request for advocacy with DCS**

**Join us on June 6, 2015  
for the 12th annual**

**RACE AWAY**  
*From Domestic Violence*



**walk/run/wheelchair roll  
at Victory Field  
in downtown Indianapolis  
Details at:**

**[www.icadvinc.org/events/race-away-from-domestic-violence/](http://www.icadvinc.org/events/race-away-from-domestic-violence/)**




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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).

## **Remembering Ina Lee Stephen Leaving a Legacy— Making a Difference**

Three years ago, RCVA received an unrestricted bequest of \$25,000 from the estate of Ina Lee Stephen. Her gift has been essential during the last two years when federal grants for shelters have been radically reduced.

Ina Lee's interest in helping victims of abuse grew from her own experience.

She was born in Charlottesville and attended Arlington High School. She left school to be married, and her husband proved to be violent and abusive. As a very young woman in an era when shame was added to the pain of victimization and divorce was difficult to obtain, she suffered for several years before she was able to leave.

Ina Lee obtained a divorce, earned a General Education Diploma and began a new life. She met Richard Stephen, a World War II veteran, and in 1949 they were married.

Richard and Ina Lee moved to California where they lived from 1960 to 1986. Ina Lee worked in passenger relations with TWA-Hertz Auto Rental at Los Angeles International Airport. Richard was employed by Quality Assurance TRW. Following retirement, in 1988, they returned to Rush County. Both were members of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Ina Lee followed closely the news of RCVA and the establishment of Phoenix House. She was grateful to know that help was now available to others in circumstances similar to her own early life and chose to leave a generous bequest, following her death in 2011, to further our work.

Ina Lee continues to make a difference for good. Through her generosity she helps improve lives in Rush County!



## Coffee and Canvas Fund-Raisers

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Lisa Gettinger, as art instructor, and other members of the Whitewater Valley Arts Association led friends of RCVA in two fun evenings of creative painting. Whether a first-time painter or more experienced, everyone discovered the thrill of picking up the brush and mixing colors and design.

Thank you to each one who gave towards the success of these fund-raisers which contributed \$882 to the mission of RCVA!

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## From Our Executive Director Barbara Kuhn

### Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism,  
They learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility,  
They learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule,  
They learn to be shy.

If children live with shame,  
They learn to feel guilty.

If children live with tolerance,  
They learn to be patient.

If children live with encouragement,  
They learn confidence.

If children live with praise,  
They learn to appreciate.

If children live with fairness,  
They learn justice.

If children live with security,  
They learn to have faith.

If children live with approval,  
They learn to like themselves.

If children live with acceptance and friendship,  
They learn to find love in the world.

-----Dorothy Law Nolte

The poem's author, Dorothy Law Nolte, psychologist and family counselor, co-wrote with Rachel Harris: *Children Learn What They Live: Parenting to Inspire Values*.



The book foreward says, "It takes an act of courage and consciousness to break the negative and destructive patterns that may unconsciously control our interacting with our children...Never underestimate the power you have in helping to create a better future, not only for your children, but for everyone."

Thus far in 2015, 76 Rush County children have experienced violence in the home.  
***It only takes one caring adult to change a child's life.***