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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 violence and its prevention.

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From President Penny Busald

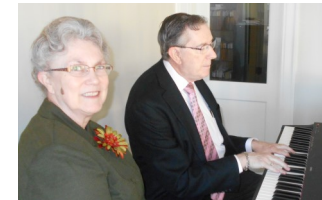
Thank you to the RCVA Board Directors and their numerous contributions to the success of our recent Masquerade Ball! The following people also donated generously to RCVA's mission. We are grateful!



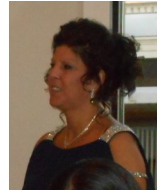
R.C. Prosecutor
Phil Caviness,
featured speaker



Rusty & Judy Harmeyer
have donated their services
as our auctioneers for all 5
Masquerade Balls.



RUF Executive Director
Dennis Bowman & Margie
for music and donations.



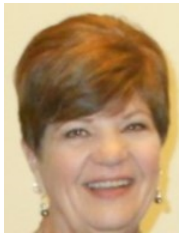
Michelle Messer
as bartender

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Kristen & Paul Barada donating
the lovely 201 Building all five
years.

Spaeth Lawn Care





Barbara Kuhn

Checklist: Am I Being Abused?

This resource could be a significant help to yourself, or to share with family members and friends.

Look over the following questions. Remember, when one person intimidates, hurts or continually puts down the other person, it's abuse.

Does your partner...

- ___ Embarrass or make fun of you in front of others?
___ Put down your accomplishments or goals?
___ Make you feel like you are unable to make decisions?
___ Use intimidation or threats to gain compliance?
___ Tell you that you are nothing without them?
___ Treat you roughly—grab, push, pinch, shove or hit you?
___ Call you several times a night or show up to make sure you are where you said you would be?
___ Use drugs or alcohol as an excuse for saying hurtful things or abusing you?
___ Blame you for how they feel or act?
___ Pressure you sexually for things you aren't ready for?
___ Make you feel like there "is no way out" of the relationship?
___ Prevent you from doing things you want—like spending time with your friends or family?
___ Try to keep you from leaving after a fight or leave you somewhere after a fight to "teach you a lesson"?

Do you...

- ___ Sometimes feel scared of how your partner will act?
___ Constantly make excuses to other people for your partner's behavior?
___ Believe that you can help your partner change if only you change something about yourself?
___ Try not to do anything that would cause conflict or make your partner angry?
___ Always do what your partner wants you to do instead of what you want?
___ Stay with your partner because you are afraid of what your partner would do if you broke-up?

If any of these are happening to you, seek the help of RCVA. Without help, the abuse will continue.

Look At Our Progress on the Phoenix House Construction Project!

Safe, Secure, Accessible Entrance— thanks to the grants from Rush County Community Foundation and Operation RoundUp through Rush/Shelby Energy, plus the building skills of Mike Andrews Construction.



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Clients Served— July - September 2019



- 24 primary victims
- 19 children/family members in the home
- 4 clients assisted in obtaining Protective Orders
- 7 clients accompanied to court hearings/ Counsel
- 5 clients assisted with leaving abuse/moving household to safety
- 7 assisted with Indiana Department of Child Safety, Indiana Family and Social Services, and county mental health agencies
- 30 assisted with clothing, food and fuel cards, crisis shelter
- 1 assisted in filing divorce paperwork and filing fee waivers

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—

Saying things out loud makes them happen.

Join the “It’s On Us” movement by taking this pledge: **I commit to helping create a culture of consent, bystander intervention and survivor support.**



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).

Thank You to our Local Friends & Donors July— September, 2019

- RUF (Rush United Fund)
- Little Flatrock Christian Church
- Tiffany Walker
- Marilyn Wolfe
- Christy Gosser, Amanda Scheiderer & Nazarene Church of Rushville
- Kathy Payne
- First Presbyterian Church
- Eleanor Arnold
- Kay McMahan
- Pam Wicker & Cindy Powers

Did you know that with a Protective Order:

- You can break your lease or change your locks without penalty;
- You can separate yourself from a family cell phone plan and establish a new phone number;
- Protection of pets or the ability to go back to get your pet with the help of law enforcement may be included;
- Your employer cannot terminate you solely because you seek a protection order for your personal safety;
- The Department of Child Services can file a protective order on behalf of a child and have the offending parent removed from the home.



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**What a Great Idea...
and so Appreciated!
Thank you,
Pam Wicker & Cindy Powers!**

When Pam Wicker was given a recent Baby Shower, she sought a way to share her family's joy in their soon to arrive baby. She and her mother, Cindy Powers, contacted RCVA to discuss possible ways to help mothers who escape violence too quickly to pack. The baby shower guests generously donated gifts for Pam *and* for RCVA families. Clothes, diapers, toys, blankets—so many gifts, helping so many!

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Our Fifth Annual Masquerade Ball!



Thank you to all participants and donors!