



Volunteer Spotlight



Laurie & Ann

Ann Schneemann

I believe the word "volunteer" must be part of Ann Schneemann's name. You may recognize her because she is a very petite woman who is full of laughter and twinkles in her eyes. Ann is an incredibly active volunteer at Friends For Hope.

Ann has served on the Board of Friends For Hope since May 2004. She is the Chairperson of the FFFH Board Development Committee. If Ann knows something needs her attention the first thing she says is "What can I do." Her family follows in her footsteps when it comes to volunteering. At Celebrate Our Children Day, you will find her grandchildren at the park working booths. It was just last year, Ann and her grandchildren couldn't be at the park (she had another volunteer organization event and all of the grandchildren had school events), but that didn't stop her. She contacted her daughter, Laurie asked if she would come to Big Lake to fill in for her. Laurie came and saved the day. These are just a few things Ann does for Friends For Hope.

We want to thank you Ann and your family for volunteering to help others.

*The world is hugged by the faithful
arms of volunteers.*



~Everett Mámor

We provide the following services to our community:

- **24 Hour Victim Assistance Hotline**
1-888-440-HOPE (4673)
- **Accompaniment for Victims to Law Enforcement Center, Hospital, Court, Child Interviews, and other appointments**
- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Counseling Services**
- **Support Groups for Adults and Children**
- **Teen Programs - (STAR & Jr. STAR) Addressing sexual assault, violence, alcohol and drugs**
- **Children's Programs - (HEROES) Addressing self-esteem, safety, and life skills**
- **Public Awareness and Education**
- **Programs for Civic Organizations and Classrooms (Call to Schedule Programs)**
- **Referrals to Legal, Medical and Social Services**
- **Supervised Visitation**
- **A.A. Meetings (call for more information)**
- **Parents Helping Parents**
- **Batterer's Intervention Classes (BIPP)**

If you have been a victim of crime, and your offender is currently incarcerated, you may be interested in [Texas VINE](#). For more information please log onto the Friends For Hope website at www.friendsforhope.org

MYSELF-Anonymous Author



I have to live with myself and so
 I want to be fit for myself to know.
 I want to be able as days go by
 always to look myself straight in the eye.
 I don't want to hide on the closet shelf
 a lot of secrets about myself
 and fool myself as I come and go
 into thinking that no one else will know
 the kind of person I really am.
 I don't want to wrap up myself in sham.
 I want to go out with my head erect
 I want to deserve everyone's respect.
 Here in this struggle for fame and wealth
 I want to be able to like myself!

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Friends For Hope Happenings

from Nina

February began with a trip to Austin with STAR students, Nabil Gomez and Manuel Veloz speaking at a press release with the Commissioner of TEA and Anita Perry. It was an exciting trip and we should all be proud of these young people. Of all of the kids across Texas they asked the Big Lake students to do this. Nabil and Manuel did an excellent job. The press release was held in the Governor's Press Release Conference Room at the Capital. They spoke on dating violence and the impact it has on teens everywhere.

I have submitted two grants and I am eagerly approaching my first oral presentation on March 18th. The two days of grant presentations are probably the most stressful days of the year for executive directors when you feel the weight of the world on your shoulders for funding of your organization.

We will be expanding some of our activities into a facility previously occupied by Interlink health services in the near future. We are running over at the seams trying to get all of our programs scheduled around one another. Our BIPP (Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program) classes have begun. We are offering Parents Helping Parents every Tuesday night. Our two children's age groups of Heroes meet weekly as well as our teens. We continue to provide counseling services with a licensed counselor.

Our outreach in the surrounding communities is going well. Paola has done an excellent job heading this up. With the help of other staff members she travels to seven communities twice a month. The communities have welcomed our agency by providing us with information and office space to meet with clients. We have volunteers and clients in nearly all of the communities and are working with community leaders to help them provide services to victims. We have educational programs scheduled at several churches. Our STAR students are participating in helping encourage youth to make wise choices concerning drugs, alcohol and healthy relationships.


The committees are in full swing working diligently to carry out the mission of Friends For Hope and we continue to be blessed by their work and commitment. Our Marketing and Development Committee is giving us a face lift and we will soon sport a new look! The Capital Campaign Committee is hard at work on a plan of action for our capital fund drive to build a new facility.

April is one of our busiest months of the year. It is Sexual Assault Prevention Month as well as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Plans are underway for Celebrate Our Children Day coming up in April. This fun day for families is a BIG undertaking. We need financial support and lots of volunteers to make it happen. If you can help us and be a part of this please let us know now. Contact Evelyn Smith, our Volunteer Coordinator if you would like to know how you can help. Make plans to spend the day with us, watching soft ball games, playing games and eating some great BBQ that evening. Our annual plant sale will also take place in April.

Mark Your Calendars

March 9-12 Annual TAASA Convention

March 17 FFH Monthly board meeting- Noon

March 21 FFH Office will be closed— 

Becky Benes with Oneness of Life and San Angelo Community Medical Center present an opportunity of a lifetime:

"Men are from Mars Women are from Venus."

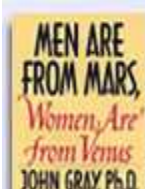
Who: John Gray, PH.D, expert and bestselling author

What: Live teleconference with practical tips for creating brain chemistry of health and happiness.

Where: San Angelo Community Medical Center's Conference Room 1
(3501 Knickerbocker Road)

When: Tuesday, March 4, 3-4PM

Don't miss this opportunity. The conference is free and space is limited please call 947-6262 to sign up.



Cool Communication

From conflict to cooperation for parents and kid
Featuring Authors:

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&

Journey Henkart

Come and learn how to talk so other will listen!

When: Thursday, March 13th, 2008

Time: 6:30 PM to 8 PM

San Angelo City Auditorium

Cost: \$10 per person

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Our Mission... Friends For Hope provides safety, security and restoration of hope for people in crisis.

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Thrift Store Donations

We are accepting donations for the thrift store. Please donate only items in good, clean, working condition. The following list is a list of items that can be donated to the thrift store:

- hangers*
- clothes in all sizes including children*
- shoes all sizes*
- toys*
- furniture (good condition)*
- decorative items*

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