

Friends For Hope

March 2010



Blue Grass Festival

We need Volunteers to help us at this years Blue Grass Festival. The festival is set for March 19-20. We are in charge of the kitchen. We will be providing breakfast, lunch, and supper on both days. We will have a concession stand through out the day and need volunteers to take a spot as well. We will have hourly time slots. Not only will you be helping out our organization , but you will also get to hear some great music as an added perk.

We will also need desserts made (some sugar-free). Volunteers are needed in shifts so we would appreciate any amount of time you can give.

Please contact the Friends For Hope office for more information or to sign up for a time. 325-884-9804



There is no greater blessing than volunteering

The Legal Aid Clinic

The Legal Aid Clinic has been going very well. The next clinic is scheduled for March 1, 2010. Please contact the Friends For Hope office to schedule an appointment time.



*Enjoy the little things in life,
for one day you will look
back and realize they
were the big things.*

STAR News.....

I am sure that many of you are unaware of the changes going on with the TAASA youth group formerly known as STAR (Students Taking Action for Respect). The program is in the process of not only changing names, with the new name being PEACE (Peer Educators Acting for Change and Equality) but also under construction with a shift in philosophy.

The goal is (and always has been) to provide youth with the opportunity to take on a meaningful leadership role in reducing incidences of sexual and dating violence among Texas youth. We have always held the core belief that youth have a powerful voice that can and should be used to speak out. Students Taking Action for Respect (STAR) was born out of that belief. Over the last 10 years, the program has been tweaked and improved in various ways. Yet, as our understanding of primary prevention has increased, so has our realization that raising awareness of sexual and dating violence among youth simply isn't enough. We need a program that provides youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to address the root causes of sexual and dating violence.

With this in mind, changes have been made that we believe will support youth as they take the next step toward the prevention of sexual and dating violence. Perhaps the biggest change in the program is the shift from awareness-raising to primary prevention. In addition to educating youth about sexual and dating violence, sexual harassment, drug-facilitated sexual assault and acquaintance rape, the Texas PEACE Project will guide youth and their adult allies through an in-depth exploration of the connections between various forms of oppression and sexual violence.



Nina Hallmark and Carrie Day at Nina's retirement party. A plaque and gift card were presented to Nina as appreciation for all her years

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

February
Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials and Honorariums can be made to Friends For Hope at any time throughout the year.

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
<u>In Honor Of</u> Nina Hallmark Nina Hallmark	Jane Gay M/M D.E. Cook

Heroes

Our HEROES class continues to meet every Monday at 4:00 at the Friends For Hope office. Miss Melissa presents a different lesson each week on self-esteem, personal safety, life skills, manners, bullying and respect just to name a few. She has fun crafts, stories and snacks each week and currently has between 15 and 20 children in attendance. We would love to see this group continue to grow. Miss Melissa looks forward to seeing all of you on Mondays at HEROES.

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ESL Classes

*We currently have
ESL classes on Thursday at
7PM. This class is available
for anyone wishing to better
their English speaking skills.
For more information please
contact the Friends For
Hope Office.*

Friends For Hope Services

PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

- 24 HOUR VICTIM ASSISTANCE
HOTLINE
- ACCOMPANIMENT FOR VICTIMS TO LAW ENFORCE-
MENT CENTER,
HOSPITAL, COURT, CHILD INTERVIEWS, AND OTHER
APPOINTMENTS
- EMERGENCY SHELTER / AND
TRANSPORTATION IF NEEDED
- COUNSELING SERVICES
- SUPPORT GROUPS FOR ADULTS AND
CHILDREN
- MONTHLY LEGAL AID CLINICS
ADDRESSING CIVIL MATTERS ONLY
- TEEN PROGRAMS (STAR) -
ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT,
SEXUAL HARRASSMENT, DATING
VIOLENCE, OTHER FORMS OF
VIOLENCE, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
- CHILDRENS PROGRAMS (HEROES) -
ADDRESSING SELF ESTEEM,
PERSONAL SAFETY, AND LIFE SKILLS
- WEEKLY ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES



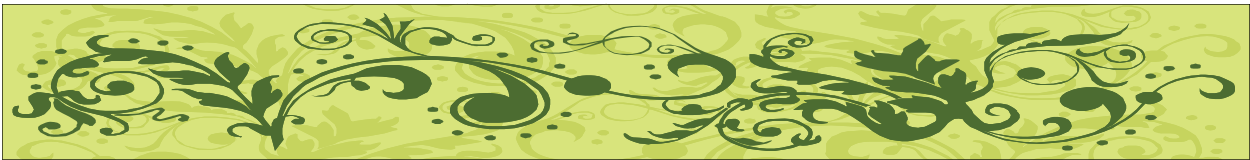
*Nina and Board President Vicky Fisher
Thank you Nina for all that you have
done for Friends For Hope.*

The Hope Chest

*The Hope Chest has many dif-
ferent things in it. From clothes to
household good to baby things and
much more. Please stop and see what
all we have. We have great new items
for that last minute gift.*

Hours:

*Monday through Friday 12:30 to 5:30
Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:30PM*

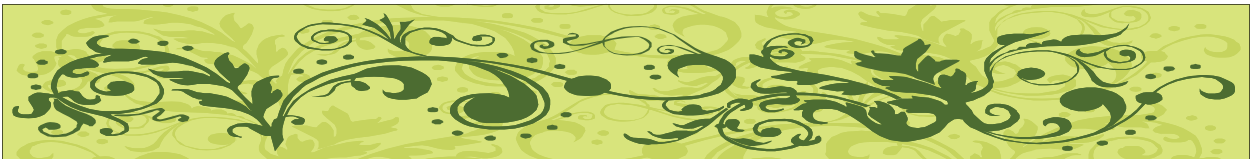


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