

Friends Speaking Out To Friends



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About Friends of Yates, Inc.

Yates was organized and became a branch of the YWCA, Kansas City Kansas in 1913.

The Branch served over 69 years. Yates Branch offered educational and recreational programs for children, youth, adults, and senior citizens. The programs emphasized civic and social responsibility, religion, the arts, health, and family leisure activities.

In June 1982, The YWCA Board of Directors made a decision to close the branches in Kansas City Kansas. There was strong community concern that this grand old social service agency would die.

Prior to this event, Friends of Yates, a non-profit organization, had incorporated in 1979. This body was formed primarily to provide financial strength to the Yates Branch.

Upon the 1982 closing of the Yates Branch YWCA, Friends of Yates, Inc. assumed the role of sovereignty and became the governing and legal Board of Directors.

Message From the Executive Director/CEO

Believing that communication is key to any good relationship, Friends of Yates, Inc. strives to provide better service by establishing this newsletter. In an effort to strengthen the lines of communication, and improve our partnership and collaboration with DV service providers and the



community our hope is that this quarterly newsletter will promote prevention, partnership, and awareness, surrounding DV and related, relevant issues.

Our goal is to utilize this newsletter for announcements, updates, and as a tool for exchanges with DV service providers and the community.

Please join us as we go for-

ward, and help to make our community a leader in prevention, partnership, and awareness of DV.

Sincerely,

LaDora Lattimore

Executive Director/CEO

Join our e-mail list!!!

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The DGJHW Center is in need of back to school items for this years 2011-2012 school year.

When you make your back to school shopping list this year, please consider adding a few items for the shelter. Also needed: gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target, to help the women and children buy new clothes for the school year. Items that are needed:

Pencils

Paper

Notebooks

Binders

Scissors

Crayons

Book Bags

Rulers

Calculators

Markers

Pens

Pencil Boxes

Shoes (all sizes)

Pants (sizes-6-14)Standard US District 500 colors(Navy, Black, Tan)

Shirts (sizes-6-16) Standard US District 500 colors (White, Navy, Tan)

Socks (all sizes)

Skirts (sizes-6-14) Standard US District 500 colors (Navy, Black, Tan)

If you would like to donate any of these items to DGJHW, please call 913-321-1566.

BridgeSPAN

The BridgeSPAN is a health-care advocacy program. It was created with the purpose of acting as a link between the hospital and community resources that are necessary to break the cycle of domestic violence.



Advocacy is provided to victims of domestic violence at a critical time before they return to the abuser and fall back into the cycle. Services are offered to patients, employees and

others affected by domestic violence. Everyone deserves to be safe. Every person deserves to be treated with respect and live a life that is free from violence and harm.

The Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center has partnered with the Providence Medical Center to house our BridgeSPAN program and we also provide services to 12 outreach centers. The program held 4 Lunch and Learn sessions during the month of June. The sessions were at-

tended by employees throughout the hospital including nursing staff, environmental services, and security.

The focus of the lunch and learn sessions included:

- 1)Defining and identifying Domestic Violence
- 2)Domestic Violence: Barriers to Detection
- 3)Domestic Violence: Why don't they just leave?
- 4)Domestic Violence and the Healthcare System

Kelly's Story

"I am a 45 year-old survivor of domestic violence. I thank the Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center and the staff for providing a safe place with food, shelter, and their services for women with no where else to go, and for permitting me to stay there until I was ready to be on my own. All the staff helped me in certain ways; encouraging me, letting me know that I could do this on my own. To

start over on my own is such a big blessing and one I wouldn't have got without the help of this program, and the support from the staff. I feel blessed to have been a part of the program. I needed their program, and the time there to figure things out. I thank them so much for showing me that I am worthy and that I can succeed on my own. Hard to believe what I accomplished during my

stay at the shelter. But here I am, with a home, car, and free of violence and sober. I thank them so very much. Still I have a long way to go. Yet I know walking with Jesus I can do it."

Helping Hands

Friends of Yates, Inc. would like to thank 4 amazing students from UMKC that helped volunteer during the month of July. Bekah Young, Kao Chang, Thomas Gibbs and Jenna Wilkins have all been a tremendous help during their time at FOY. These volunteers had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that help to positively impact our agency and raise their awareness about Domestic Violence. Some of the activities were office support, helping in the



culinary department, arranging activities for the children in the childcare room, participating in movie night and gathering community resource information.

Friends of Yates, Inc. understands the critical role volunteers play in supporting the mission of our agency. We foster an educational and embracing environment for all volunteers and we appreciate all of their hard work!!! We wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors!

If you would like to volunteer at Friends of Yates, Inc. please contact Sara Dolton, Community Outreach Educator at 913-321-1566 or via email at sdolton@friendsofyates.org

Bekah and Kao helping out in the Culinary Department.



Wish List:

- Target Gift Cards
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Gas Gift Cards
- White Twin Bed Sheets
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Women's Shoes (6-10)
- Children's Shoes
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Paper Products
- Women's Underwear
- Children's Underwear
- Ethnic Hair Products
- House Robes
- House Slippers
- Flip-Flops
- Towels
- Children's DVDs
- Computer Games
- Educational Learning Games

Kids Corner

The child care is set up in a learning setting. The children are able to choose which area they would like to visit. The choices are library, games/puzzles, music, housekeeping and arts/crafts. The older children have put on a puppet show which the younger children loved. As the children are playing they are learning how to play and work as a group.

This summer a Book Club was formed to help the children to keep up their reading skills. Each day they are to read quietly for 30 minutes before playing.



Two Wednesday nights in July Movie Night is scheduled for the children and parents to enjoy with snacks, trivia and coloring.

Other activities they enjoy are bingo and other games they can play and win prizes.

Upcoming Events



October 2011 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Friends of Yates, Inc. 11th Annual Faith Luncheon
October 28th 11:30am-2:00pm located at Friends of Yates, Inc

Save the Date: Friends of Yates, Inc Annual Gala "Holliday at the Apollo" December 10th, 2011 from 12pm-3pm at the Jack Reardon Convention Center

If you have any questions regarding upcoming events please contact Sara Dolton at 913-321-1566 or via email at sdolton@friendsofyates.org



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Helping Victims of Domestic Violence

If you know someone who is being abused, you can help her by showing you care. Let her speak confidentially about her situation and without judgment. You may be the only person with whom she feels comfortable. Who you care in these ways: Listen to her, Believe her, Do not minimize her struggle, Do not judge her, Do not blame her, Assure her that she is not responsible for the abuse, Tell her it's not her fault and you can never make someone else hurt you. Give her Dell Gill/Joyce H. William's Do-

mestic Violence Shelter Hotline 913-321-0951. Direct her to resources in her community for victims of domestic violence. Let her keep important papers and extra clothes at your house. Help when you can with transportation and childcare.

Tell her she deserves to be safe. Physical violence in a relationship is never acceptable. Remind her that no one deserves to be physically, emotionally or economically abused.

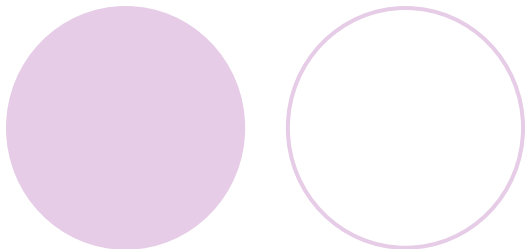
Help her learn not to deny or minimize the abuse. If she says "It's really not that bad," tell her it is serious.



Assure your friend that violence in her home does concern you. There is no excuse for abuse. No one deserves to be abused. Domestic Violence is a crime.

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