



## E-News

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### Volunteer Needed for Childcare During Support Groups

Do you enjoy spending time with children? Emerge! is looking for volunteers interested in assisting with child care during evening support groups. These groups are held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Voices Against Violence (2711 E. Broadway).

Volunteers for this position must be 18 years of age. For more information, please contact (520)-795-8001 or [volunteer@emergecenter.org](mailto:volunteer@emergecenter.org)

### March is Write-A-Will Month

*Learn How a Will Can Benefit You*

Please join us for a Write A Will Workshop in partnership with Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona and YWCA Tucson. This free educational seminar addresses the importance of writing a will, the legal aspects of a will and charitable giving opportunities available through wills. You will receive invaluable tools and information needed to develop your will.

The Workshop will be Tuesday, March 29 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the YWCA. The workshop will be presented by attorney Susan Villarreal with Villarreal Law Office.

Pre-registration is required. To register call 520-795-8001 ext. 7013 or email [robink@emergecenter.org](mailto:robink@emergecenter.org). If you have questions or would like more information about Emerge!'s planned giving circle, call 520-795-8001 or email [philanthropy@emergecenter.org](mailto:philanthropy@emergecenter.org)

### Mi Carrera Professional Development Program

The YWCA's bilingual professional development for Spanish-speaking women was created in January 2010 in response to a



need identified through the YWCA's partnership with Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse.

Often women from Emerge! were referred to the YWCA's YWorks Program for employment who were not sufficiently proficient in

## Emerge! Welcomes New Vice President of Philanthropy

Kim Thompson, CFRE, has been named Vice President of Philanthropy at Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse, Southern Arizona's largest exclusive provider of domestic abuse services in Southern Arizona.

Thompson has more than 14 years of major gift fundraising experience. Most recently, she was Senior Director of Development and Outreach for James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona.

Previously, Thompson was the Director of Development and Outreach for University Libraries at University of California, Santa Barbara and a Director of Development at the Oregon State University Foundation.

English, their opportunities for employment were limited. Mi Carrera was created to fill the gap.

Mi Carrerra is a six-month bi-lingual program covering the topics included in YWorks:

- Assessment of personal skills and individual interests
- Development of job search strategies
- Review of educational options
- Interviewing skills
- Resume development
- Computer skills (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Internet)

Mi Carrerra also provides English as a Second Language, English Conversation Groups, and enrichment activities for children while their mothers attend classes.

Ninety-five percent (95%) of the graduates of Mi Carrerra secure employment, start their own businesses, complete specialized job training, or achieve an educational goal.

Each of the sixteen graduates of the Mi Carrerra the Summer/Fall 2010 class prepared a graduation presentation and celebrated with more than one hundred and fifty (150) friends and family members on December 11, 2010.

There are currently forty women enrolled in the Mi Carrerra Class that began in January 2011.

## Brain Injury Awareness

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month. Did you know that serious injuries that can occur to an abused partner and their children in domestic abuse situations? Sometimes, victims downplay what has happened to them after experiencing physical abuse, because they are lucid and their body is responding normally. However, they can suffer brain damage that they are not aware of by impact of head trauma.

Many times, victims of abuse seek assistance for shelter, however, do not seek medical care. There are many signs/symptoms that are present when a head injury has occurred. These include: dizziness, impaired senses, low breathing rate, drop in blood pressure, severe headache, slurred speech, stiff neck, and change in personality/demeanor. Victims of domestic violence who are experiencing these symptoms should seek medical attention immediately. It is important for those in domestic abuse situations to understand the gravity of what is happening so that they can take appropriate action.

If you or someone you know has experienced or is currently experiencing domestic abuse, please call 520-795-4266. Our staff is available 24/7 to assist you.

## Upcoming Events

### Vocal Extravaganza- March 20, 2011

You are invited to a vocal extravaganza featuring Mezzo-soprano Kirsten Cook, Tenor Jeffrey Jahn and Pianist Brent Burmeister. This concert will include the music of Richard Strauss, Handel, Rossini and Mozart among others and will take place on Sunday, March 20

at 2:30 p.m. in Holsclaw Hall in the U of A School of Music. Admission is free but donations are encouraged. All donations will benefit *Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse*, which provides crisis intervention and housing, support and advocacy, prevention and education.

**A Bach Birthday Celebration- March 20, 2011**

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church (665 W. Roller Coaster Road) will host a concert on March 20, 2011 at 2pm. This is an all-Bach program, including the E Major Violin Concerto and Brandenburg Concerto No. 4. Plus, be the first to hear a newly discovered organ work performed by Jeffrey Campbell and join in singing your favorite Bach chorales with TCA's singers. Birthday cake will be served!

There is no charge to attend the concert, however, a freewill contribution will be collected. All contributions will benefit Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse.

**Stand Up to Stop Violence - May 1, 2011**

*Stand Up to Stop Violence*, May 1, 2011, at Laffs Comedy Café, will be emceed by David Fitzsimmons, (voted Best Entertainer, *Tucson Lifestyle Magazine*) the cartoonist for the *Arizona Daily Star*, and local attorney Elliot Glicksman. Comedians scheduled to perform include Suzie Sexton, who appears at *Laffs* and at Scottsdale's *The Comedy Spot*, Tom Potter, a comedian/actor/musician who has been seen on the *Jay Leno Show*, Gary Hood from *Showtime Comedy Central*, Joey Giron and others. Music by Maggie May and Clue and the Mystery.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door (if tickets are not sold out). All proceeds from the event will benefit Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse. Contact Suzie Sexton, 990-9343 or Ken Folwell, 907-0788 for tickets or to become a sponsor.

For more information about upcoming events or how to hold your own fundraising event, contact Anna Stevens-Denae at 520-795-8001 ext. 7005 or email [annas@emergecenter.org](mailto:annas@emergecenter.org).

**Special Thank You's**

**DLR Group KKE**

Their donation will assist in ensuring all people with disabilities have equal access to programs and services at Emerge! Thank you!

**Empire Beauty School**

We are grateful for your commitment to providing safety to women and children in Southern Arizona!

**Long Realty Cares Foundation**

Their donation is helping us to continue to provide the opportunity to create, sustain, and celebrate a life free from abuse. Thank you!

**Mark B. & Jean G. Higgins Foundation**

We are grateful for your gift and commitment to programs and services for victims of domestic abuse!

**Premier Hearing**

Their recent fundraiser will help many victims of domestic abuse access life-saving services! Thank you for your support!

**Riverbend Foundation**

Their recent donation ensures that victims of domestic abuse have access to safe shelter and case management services! Thank you!

### **St. Mark's Methodist Church**

Their recent gift will help many children recover from the effects of domestic abuse to help break the cycle of violence! Thank you!

### **Sundt Foundation**

Their gift will help many victims of domestic abuse heal and begin a new life! Thank you for your commitment!

### **TJX Foundation**

We are grateful for your commitment to ensuring safety and healing to victims of domestic abuse!

## **Ensure a Safe Future... Join the Frances Power Cobbe Circle**

When planning your estate, ensure a sustained future for families by becoming a member of the Frances Power Cobbe Circle. Frances was instrumental in the passing of legislation in 1878 that provided protection to married women and their children living in domestic violence situations.

Gifts of appreciated stock, real estate, IRA gifts, life insurance, and other assets are accepted. Please speak with your tax consultant. If you have already designated support in your estate plan, please let us know so we can recognize your generosity. Call 795-8001 or email [philanthropy@emergecenter.org](mailto:philanthropy@emergecenter.org) for more information.

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