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Volunteer Needs

Are you interested in volunteering with children? We are currently recruiting volunteers for Making It Better, which is an 11 week educational program for mothers and children who are survivors of domestic abuse. Volunteers will be provided a curriculum and will help co-facilitate support groups to children. Training starts soon, so please contact Kelly Evans at 795-8001 to sign up!

Donate to Emerge! For Free on Facebook!



Simply Bits, a local Tucson Company, is donating \$1 to Emerge! for every new Facebook Fan they get in 2011, beginning September 1. All you have to do is go to [Simply Bits' Facebook page](#) and click "like" at the top of the page, and you've secured a \$1 donation to Emerge!.

Emerge! Has a Fresh, Updated Website!

Have you checked out Emerge!'s new website? It's updated with new information, is easier to navigate, and it's even easier to donate online now! Simply visit www.emergecenter.org to take a tour of the new website.

Read Our Latest Participant Story

Jenny came to the Emerge! shelter program after enduring a four-year abusive relationship where there was physical, emotional and verbal abuse. Jenny had domestic violence in her family growing up and the cycle continued into her adult relationships. Jenny had been in the Emerge! shelter program before, but had returned to the abuser after promises of change. She reports that when she returned, the only thing that changed was the increase in severity of the abuse. Click [here](#) to read further.



Mark Your Calendars!



Simoniz, Journal Broadcast Group, and Sun Tran present *Stuff the Bus for Emerge!* on Friday, September 30th. From 6am-6pm, Sun Tran will provide a bus to be stuffed with supplies for

Emerge! Location TBD, more information will be sent in September.



Pink Pearl Masquerade Ball hosted by The Eta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will be held October 1, 2011 at Desert Diamond Casino. All proceeds from the event will benefit Emerge!. Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, and the Ball will be 7pm-11pm. Please contact Brandi Davis at 504-329-9025 or email brandi_r_davis@yahoo.com for more information or to purchase tickets.



heART Show: A Local Art Sale to Benefit Emerge! Center Against Abuse. The event will be held October 15, 2011 (11am-4pm) at the offices of Dr. Carol McGonigle (1802 East Prince Road). Parking is free. More details will become available in future e-news issues, please mark your calendars and stay tuned!!

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.

Domestic Abuse and Guns

Guns and domestic violence are a lethal combination. A gun is the weapon most commonly used in domestic homicides. Contrary to many public perceptions, many women who are murdered are killed not by strangers but by men they know. In fact, more than three times as many women are murdered by guns used by their husbands or intimate acquaintances than are killed by strangers' guns, knives, or other weapons combined.

Abusers who possess guns tend to inflict the most severe abuse on their partners. And, access to firearms increases the risk of intimate partner homicide. A study of women physically abused by current or former intimate partners found a five-fold increased risk of the partner murdering the woman when the partner owned a gun.

In homicides where males use firearms to kill women, handguns are the most commonly used weapon, over rifles and shotguns. Seventy-three percent of all female were killed with a handgun.

In Arizona in 2010, 71 (74%) of the 96 domestic abuse-related deaths were from gunshot. From January through June this year, 28 (62%) of the 45 domestic abuse-related deaths were from gunshot.

Many people own guns for self defense, however, keeping a gun in the home raises the risk of homicide. Studies show that higher gun ownership puts both men and women at a higher risk for homicide, particularly gun homicide.

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