



The Dawn Connection

3rd Quarter 2015



Our Mission: To break the cycle of domestic and sexual violence, by providing supportive services and leadership that promotes social change.

Our vision: A community free from violence and abuse.

We changed lives April-June!

176 people were provided safe shelter!
81 of these were children!
We ended the month at 100% of capacity!

203 people were served through Dawn Center Outreach Services!

256 calls were answered by our local crisis hotline!

175 people received support with navigating the legal system!



An Empty Table in Honor of the 5 Lives Lost to Domestic Violence in Hernando County Last Year.

Dawn Center held its 2nd annual Power of Purple Breakfast in May at Silverthorn Country Club in Brooksville. The venue was beautiful and we had great attendance. The proceeds from the fundraiser will go to help fund the many programs that Dawn Center offers.



August 13th 6pm-9pm
4th Annual Dental Bowling Fundraiser at Spring Hill Lanes hosted by Edgewater Orthodontics

September 11th 5pm-8pm
Reidence Reception at Weekie Wachee State Park hosted by Greater Hernando Chamber of Commerce

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October 10th 5pm
Dash for Dawn 5k Run hosted by Dawn Center of Hernando County

Call (352) 684-7191 for more information on any Dawn Center event

A special thank you to the event sponsors:

Brooksville Rotary

Junior Service League of Brooksville

Mr & Dr Capooocia and family

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Thank you to all who attended and made the event a success. Please click on any of the sponsors' names above to learn more about their business services and let them know you appreciated them supporting Dawn Center.



Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence has a new mascot, meet Darby!

Dawn Center knows the importance of having the option for survivors to bring their pets into shelter in an emergency safety situation. We are happy to announce that we now offer shelter for

Voices of Survivors

What this *real* participant in Dawn Center programs had to say...

"To everyone at the Dawn Center, I am not able to find the right words to adequately express my gratitude for all of your help. I may not have been able to win my case without the assistance you provided. Everyone in my family thanks you as well. You are a light in the darkness for the women and children who feel alone and without means to reach out for something better. May God bless each one of you and keep you safe". Best Regards- Survivor



Know someone who needs help finding safety or healing due to intimate partner violence or sexual assault?
We are here 24 hours a day!

Dawn Center Hotline:
(352)686-8430

www.dawncenter.org



Volunteer opportunities available!
If you would like to volunteer please access our [volunteer application](#) on our website or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at

situation. We are happy to announce that we now offer shelter for the pets of survivors seeking shelter. We have a small kennel on property that can house a dog and cat comfortably. We look forward to growing this kennel in the future. We are always in need of donations for our kennel program such as pet beds, cages, blankets, cleaning supplies, and more. Please call 352-684-7191 for donation drop off locations.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Community Awareness and teaching prevention to our youth is a large part of our focus in ending the violence. Dawn Center promotes healthy relationships, bystander intervention, and anti-bullying education within our community.

We were proud to be a part of the
KIDS SAFETY FAIR at Oak Hill Hospital.



Kids used squirt guns of Paint to spray a canvas committing to "Ending the Violence Today"

The finished picture was given to The Pediatric Emergency Care Center for display in their offices.



Dawn Center also engaged our youth at Father-Daughter Skate Nights. Thanks to the two events we were able to promote healthy relationships between fathers and daughters, collect canned goods for the shelter's pantry, and raise money to benefit

Dawn Center's many programs. Check out the Event Sponsors:
[Locomo Skating Rink](#) [Rainbow Rollerland Skating Rink](#)
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FROM DAWN CENTER TO SPEAK OR HAVE A TABLE AT YOUR UPCOMING EVENT PLEASE CONTACT APRIL JOHNSON AT 352-592-1288

A THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Members of [Brooksville Rotary](#) working hard to give the children at Dawn Center Shelter a new playground. Thank you [Brooksville Rotary!](#)

mhoppes@dawncenter.org or
(352) 684-7191.



STAFF CORNER

June 2nd 2015 was Gun Violence Awareness Day Supporting Ending Gun Violence. Our staff joined the movement by wearing orange



The presence of a gun makes it 5 times more likely Domestic Violence will turn into Homicide. So many victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence have lost their lives to Gun Violence. We wore orange for those who have not lived to tell about it.



Each year in May, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence encourages domestic violence advocates to practice self-care. They have a contest to see which agency has the most healthy hours counted for the month. All together our advocates spent 588 hours doing healthy activities and had 240 reported healthy meals. We displayed our hard work on a poster contest at the conference. Have fun looking at our creativity.

Executive Director Corner



These last few months have been a great time to be part of anti-violence



A HUGE thank you goes to Knights of Columbus Columbiettes and the St Joan of Arc Parish for the many items donated.



Thank You From Dawn Center

We want to recognize our community partners that are part of the [Food Donation Connection](#). These organizations support Dawn Center by providing food for our participants. We encourage you to support them when making your dinner plans. [Carrabba's](#), [Bonefish Grill](#), [Bob Evans](#)

Dawn Center is proud to be a recipient of funds from The United Way. Many of our programs wouldn't be possible without their support.

Click on the link below for a message from



IN THE MEDIA

Inspired quotes from [MEN who take a stand against violence against women](#):

"Our silence is deafening and deadly." — James Brown, CBS Sports



work in the great state of Florida! Not only has Dawn Center continued to provide excellent service to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children in Hernando County, but our Florida Legislature has been hard at work passing new laws that will support survivors for years to come. Some of this new legislation will take effect July 1 and others on October 1 of 2015. Some of the exciting changes include Florida's first law making it a criminal offense for someone to install a tracking device or application on another person's property without their consent, extension of the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses to eight years, enhancement of criminal penalties related to human trafficking, and Florida's first law that criminalizes sexual cyber-harassment such as distributing explicit photographs of someone online without their consent. Those of us at Dawn Center would like to thank the members of the Legislature for their commitment to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children. These new and strengthened laws will provide much needed relief for survivors as they rebuild their lives. We are proud to live in a state who takes these issues seriously and takes action to protect our citizens!



"Young men need to show women the respect they deserve and recognize sexual assault and to do their part to stop it." — Barack Obama, President of the United States

"There is never a reason for any man to be violent towards any woman." Chris Harris, host of The Bachelor

"Men have an important role to play in sending out the message that real men do not hurt or abuse their partners." — Ian Somerhalder, actor

"Those of us who have the eyes and ears of the media have a responsibility to amplify the voices of the voiceless." — Peter Gabriel, singer

"One of the most basic things we can do is let the men in our lives know it's not okay to mistreat a woman." — Tim McGraw, singer

"But think about how evil that is for one man to think that he's actually more valuable than a woman, because as a human being your worth is immeasurable." — Terry Crews, actor

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