

Prudence Crandall Center, Inc.

New Beginnings

Providing Hope & Safety to Victims of Domestic Violence Since 1973

Fall 2016

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Celebrating Hope for Bright Futures

"I didn't know if being in a shelter was the right thing to do... but in the end, I did know it was better that way."

Taking that important first step is often the most difficult for victims of domestic violence. After years of isolation and abuse, the challenges seem overwhelming. Too often, victims have been told, over and over, that they will never survive on their own.

"Stories of Strength and Survival" was the theme of our first "Celebrating Hope" breakfast, held June 10th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol. Survivors who shared their stories demonstrated to all that hope—and a bright future—was possible through the services offered by Prudence Crandall Center and ***YOUR vital support.***



PCC board president Claudia Barbieri shared her passion for supporting victims and their children.

The capacity crowd of 245 guests and volunteers were visibly moved as survivors from different walks of life described the years of suffering they endured. Life had become a nightmare they thought would never end. At times, life didn't seem worth living. Until the day they reached out for help, and Prudence Crandall Center was there.

"When I was ready to get help, it was the easiest thing. One phone call, one bus ride, and I was safe."

"The energy in the room at the Celebrating Hope breakfast was amazing. The excitement and enthusiasm were palpable as attendees watched the video and listened to speakers. It was an inspirational morning motivating all of us to help others."

—Dr. William Petit, Jr.

Three of PCC's clients, all young mothers, told their stories in a video shown for the first time during our breakfast. Each began their journey in our shelter and moved on to our supportive housing program.

As one client explained, it was PCC's unique continuum of services—the constant support, the "friendly faces," the "family" she found at PCC—that made the difference in her ability to not only survive, but to thrive. Realizing the "dream" of a safe, peaceful home for their families, each described with pride the steps they've taken to rebuild their lives, free from violence.

Thanks to YOU, our caring community, we will continue to work tirelessly to help victims and children find safety, comfort and the courage to take that important first step toward a new life—inspiring hope for strong families, safe communities and bright futures for all!



Theresa Valentine, Founder of the Sunrise Foundation for Women & speaker on our Hope Tour, shared her journey of healing and hope.

YOUR Support Provides Safety, Healing & Hope!

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Our Generous Sponsors!*

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Our first “*Celebrating Hope*” breakfast raised over **\$145,000** in donations and multi-year pledges to support our vital services. In the year ahead, we hope YOU will invite friends to our Hope Tours, help raise awareness and plan to join us next June for “*Celebrating Hope*”!



Kimberly, Christine, Rolande, William, Sr. and Barbara Petit, Dr. William Petit & Bernard Lidestri of the Petit Family Foundation, Presenting Sponsor.

Caroline Aston Fund members: Janet Culton, Charlotte Ohanesian & Judy Robertson.

PCC board and event committee members Nikita Joslyn & Lynn McArthur-Lefler.



PCC board member Lynda Cannon and speaker/event committee member Sarah Gallardo.

Guests Pastor Jane Rowe, Bob Mugford, Miriam Hayes & PCC board member Mary Healey.

PCC executive director Barbara Damon, Barnes Group Foundation's Wilma Hart, Lisa King, Christine Destefano & Claudia Barbieri, PCC board president.



Members of the Sunrise Foundation for Women's board, Ivette Sanchez, Enid Gotay, Allison Valentine, Joe Jevnik & Theresa Valentine, PCC's Barbara Damon & Claudia Barbieri.

Guests from Alpha Delta Kappa: Emilie Yukna, Gabriela Backiel, Diane Brylle & Joan Cromwell.

Lucinda Prigionieri & Moukda Afshar from Webster Bank, Barbara Damon & Claudia Barbieri.

Join Us for a Hope Tour

Hear powerful stories of strength and survival, tour our unique facility, and be inspired!

All tours are 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, September 14

Thursday, September 29

Wednesday, October 19

Wednesday, November 2

Wednesday, November 30

Individuals & groups welcome!

Pre-registration is required.

Please call 860.225.5187 ext. 23.

A Story of Courage

I remember the night when I made the decision to leave. My husband came after me with a gun and threatened to hurt our kids. That's when I called the police. I was hurt, alone and terrified. I knew that when I went to court, he would be there—angry, wanting revenge.

Then I met with Prudence Crandall Center's court advocate. She understood exactly what I was going through. She was calm, comforting, knowledgeable. She explained my rights and options. She spoke up for me in court when I was too scared to speak on my own.

She made sure MY voice was heard. Thanks to PCC, we are safe, my abuser is in jail, and we are working on healing as a family. I don't know what would have happened to us without PCC. Sometimes I wonder if we would have made it out at all.



-PCC Court Client

A Legacy of Love & Hope

As their loving family teaches them, Walker boys are “respectful, kind, smart, humble, loyal, caring, giving, funny, positive, truthful” *and* handsome!



Front, L-R: Amari, Nasir, Mario & Naseem Walker, Shenia's four sons.
Back, L-R: Tammie, Penny, Ashley & Mozelle "Pat" Walker.

Most importantly, they are a tribute to the mother they lost three years ago to the senseless tragedy of domestic violence.

The spirit of Shenia Walker, only 29 years old at the time of her murder, shines brightly through her boys and the remarkable family she left behind. Each year, they honor her memory through a basketball tournament

designed to promote awareness of domestic violence.

“You don’t hear about domestic violence until something in your household happens,” explained Pat Walker, the boys’ grandmother. “When my daughter was killed, Prudence Crandall Center was there for us.”

This year, when the tournament turned a profit for the first time, the boys were asked to decide where the money should be donated. They chose Prudence Crandall Center.

“It’s a good place.
It’s for my mom.”

-Mario, age 5

Surrounded by family, the boys—Mario, Nasir, Amari and Naseem—proudly presented PCC’s Executive Director, Barbara Damon, with a “big check” for \$200. “The Walker family has a special spot in our hearts,” said Damon. “It’s really amazing how they’ve turned this tragedy into a triumph for us by raising awareness.”

Making a Difference



The **Good Old Boys** have raised over \$27,000 in the past five years to provide safety, healing, and hope for victims of domestic violence.



The **Twisted Sisters MC** annual breakfast had a sell-out crowd, raising over \$3,600 to support PCC and educate others about domestic violence.



Our friends at **Liberty Bank** donated their time to beautify the playground at Rose Hill. They were committed to making sure our kids had a safe place to play all summer long.

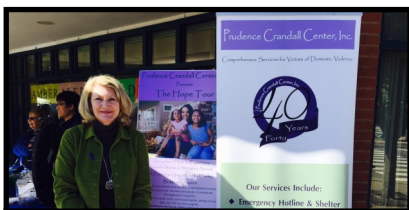
Our Caring Community



The students at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol ran a fundraiser to collect summer items for our residents.



The Tariq Farid Foundation’s generous grant will support our emergency shelter for victims and their children.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church donated \$2,645 from Southington’s Apple Harvest Festival.



Community Chest of New Britain & Berlin provides vital funding for our DV education & prevention programs.

Hope... Begins with YOU

Every year, we raise one-quarter of our funding from YOU, our supporters and friends. As we face steep state and local budget cuts this year, our need is greater than ever!

Here are ways YOU can help:

- ◇ Create/host a fundraiser with family, friends or co-workers
- ◇ Donate by mail or on-line
- ◇ Attend our Hope Tour
- ◇ Invite others to Hope Tours & help spread the word!
- ◇ Plan to sponsor “Celebrating Hope”
- ◇ Volunteer to help with our events & community outreach efforts
- ◇ Contact us or visit our website for our “Wish List” of current client needs

For more ideas & information, please contact our Development Department at (860) 225-5187 ext. 18.

Thank you!

OCTOBER is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Dress Down and Go Purple!

YOU can help end the violence!

Join our “Dress Down and Go Purple” campaign and raise awareness at your school, work, or place of worship. We’ll provide you with all you need, including purple ribbon stickers, posters and flyers.

You pick the day and rally the troops! Encourage everyone to wear purple and send us your pictures. We’ll share them on social media and give a shout-out to your awesome group.

Let's get talking and take a stand - *together, let's end the violence!*

For info, contact Gabrielle Nadeau at (860) 225-5187 ext. 23 or gnadeau@prudencecrandall.org

Visit our website, PrudenceCrandall.org, to view our Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.



The staff of Rich's in New Britain held a “Dress Down & Go Purple” day last October — and raised over \$1,500 to support PCC and our families!

Prudence Crandall Center

Silent No More Candlelight Vigil

We invite you to join us in remembering those who lost their lives to domestic violence last year and to hear inspiring stories of courage and hope from survivors touched by our services.

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Rain or Shine

Refreshments served at 6:00 pm
Program begins at 6:30 pm

Save the Date

Prudence Crandall Center's

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

594 Burritt Street, New Britain

Reception & Buffet at 5:30 pm

Invitation to Follow

Mission

Prudence Crandall Center is dedicated to helping individuals achieve lives free of domestic violence by providing care, advocacy, support, and education.

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