



Safe Space

March 2015 Newsletter

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March is Gender Equality Month!

This month gives us a chance to stop and remember the obstacles we have faced throughout history, the hindrances of today, and the challenges we must overcome in the future.

Our staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year! We are committed to providing excellent advocacy and resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

ADVOCACY

An Advocate can help with:

- ∞ Emergency Shelter
- ∞ Locating community resources
- ∞ Court Accompaniment
- ∞ Safety Planning
- ∞ Emotional Support

Defining Gender

Let's start with how gender used to be defined, from The New American Webster Dictionary, Copyright 1972:

gender: n., in grammar, the classification as masculine, feminine, or neuter.

Here is how it is defined by today's standards, from Dictionary.com, Copyright 2014:

gender: n. 1.a. *grammar* a set of classes that together include all nouns, membership in a particular class being shown by the form of the noun itself or by the form or choice of words that modify, replace, or otherwise refer to the noun, as, in English, the choice of he to replace man, of she to replace woman, of it to replace table, of it or she to replace ship. The number of genders in different languages varies from 2 to 20; often the classification correlates in part with sex or animateness. The most familiar sets of genders are of three classes (as masculine, feminine, or neuter in Latin or German) or of two (as common and neuter in Dutch, or masculine and feminine in French and Spanish).

b. one class of such a set.

c. such classes or sets collectively or in general



d. membership of a word or grammatical form or an inflectional form showing membership, in such a class.

2. sex: the feminine gender.

3. kind, sort, or class.

Contact Us!

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"The soul has no gender."
—Clarissa Pinkola Estes



The only problems with the constructs of gender occur when someone feels obligated to follow them.



Bystander Awareness

“Love is not getting high on fantasies of romance, the perfect lover, absolute happiness and sexual ecstasy. Love is based on a two way communication and respect, and that only exists between equals.” — Anselma Dell’Olio

Domestic and sexual violence, as well as stalking, does not always happen behind closed doors. All forms of these types of violence can also happen in public settings: grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, parks, and walking down a sidewalk. When someone witnesses domestic or sexual violence, there are ways that individual can help deter further violence and help a victim receive support. First, the witness, or bystander, should evaluate the level of danger to

themselves. While it is vital to intervene and help stop violence, it should only be done in a safe manner. If the situation is going to cause harm to yourself or another by intervening, it is best to call your local police department or dial 9-1-1 immediately.

When calling 9-1-1, be sure to remain calm, explain that you are witnessing domestic or sexual violence, where you are, and your name. The dispatcher will then ask you questions to gather pertinent information. Remain

on the phone until the dispatcher ends the call.

If you are able to intervene safely, start with verbally stating that the actions are not ok, and tell the abuser to stop. If you are able to speak with the victim individually (like when the abuser leaves to the restroom), ask if they are ok. Tell them you are willing to call someone for help. This is a good reason to have the Safe Space 24 hour crisis hotline saved into your cell phone (406-782-8511). Remember, there are strength in numbers. While one person is verbally stating that the behavior is not okay, another one can be calling for help.

Visit www.safespaceonline.org for more information.

Meet Kat Ousley, Volunteer Coordinator/Victim Advocate

Kat Ousley is the newest member of the Safe Space team. Kat has previous experience working in domestic violence programs as well as in a homeless shelter program.

Kat is new to Butte and is enjoying meeting all the selfless volunteers who work with Safe Space. She has great passion for helping others, and is excited to inspire others to do the same.

Kat is holding weekly one-hour volunteer meetings on every Thursday (except holidays) at 5:30 PM at our Community Resource Center located in Jacobs House at 201 W. Granite St. Currently, volunteer meetings are a great opportunity to get involved with the upcoming Flock Party (March 21, 2015) and Flamingo Flocking (April 2015). At every meeting, regardless of the agenda, you can always come to ask questions on the multitude of other volunteer opportunities, new ideas, and how to become a certified volunteer advocate through Safe Space. Registration to be a volunteer is free, unless you intend to work at the shelter facility or directly with clients. In the latter option, there is a \$15.00 application fee to help cover the cost of a criminal background check.

Join Kat, and our amazing group of volunteers, for a chance to be part of a valuable service to our community in the prevention and intervention of domestic and sexual violence.

You can reach Kat at our office Monday through Friday by calling 406-782-9807 or emailing her at kato@safespaceonline.org. Don't forget to congratulate and welcome Kat on our Facebook page!

BIG THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Thank you to our February 2015
PSA sponsors on KBOW/KPOR.

Wetona's Coffee House & Deli
2121 Amherst Ave
Butte, MT 59701
406-494-7924

Safe Space appreciates all the
help that our community spon-
sors provide in helping to share
that love shouldn't hurt, and that
domestic violence is not okay!

Thank
You

National Youth Violence Prevention Week: March 23-27, 2015

National Youth Violence Prevention Week is brought to you in part by the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). The goal is to raise awareness and education on how to prevent or reduce violence among youth.

Day 1: Teaching Tolerance (March 23)

Day 2: Manage Your Anger (March 24)

Day 3: Resolve Conflicts Peacefully
(March 25)

Day 4: Support Safety (March 26)

Day 5: Unite in Action (March 27)

The Executive Director will be providing information and tools to the students participating in the T.I.P. (Teens In Partnership) Lock-In on March 20, 2015 at East Middle School. If you are interested in accessing more information sooner, visit these sites:

<http://www.tolerance.org>

<http://schoolcounselor.org>

<http://www.glsen.org>.

<http://www.schoolsafety911.org>

<http://www.ysa.org>

Client Testimonials: Have You Heard?

Non-Resident Client:

"Even when the other people I spoke to said no, Safe Space said yes—they helped me when no one else did."



Residential Client:

"I had nothing. {Advocate} made sure I had what I needed: pajamas, shampoo, a toothbrush, food, and more."



The Flocks Are Coming! The Flocks Are Coming!

April Flocking Brings Awareness

You can flock a friend, family member, workplace or neighbor for a donation of \$20.

Upon receipt of your order form and donation, a volunteer will secretly place a Flock of 10 Flamingos in the front yard of the address you provided during the month of April. Flamingos and signs will be delivered in the late afternoon/early evening, and will remain in the yard for no more than 24 hours.

A special **Flamingo Flocking Pre-Order Prize** will be given out at the 4th Annual Flock Party on March 21, 2015 (see next page). All you have to do is stop by the Flock Party, complete your order form, pay your donation, and you are entered to win!

Our feathered friends are unable to migrate on their own. Safe Space is offering a 1 hour **Flamingo Technician Training** for all interested volunteers on **Tuesday, March 24, 2015** (see below)

Please contact our office at 406-782-9807, visit us online, or email us for further details.

Flamingo Technician Training

Join our Flamingo Flocking experts, Sabrina and Kat, to learn how to become a Flamingo Technician!

Learn the art of skillfully and strategically placing and removing our fantastic flamingos to and from their destinations.

Get a sneak peak at the awareness packets to be shared at each residence and business the flocks migrate to.

Enter a special drawing to win a prize the night of the training, specifically for trained Flamingo Technicians of 2015!

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

WHERE: Safe Space Community Resource Center
Jacobs House
201 W. Granite St., Butte, MT 59701

COST: FREE!

For every friend, family or co-worker you bring with you, receive an extra entry in the Flamingo Technician Prize Drawing!

For more details or to pre-register call

406-782-9807

Or visit www.safespaceonline.org to submit your registration electronically.

Visit our Website! www.safespaceonline.org





4th Annual Flock Party

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Butte Plaza Mall Event Center

Doors Open at 4:30 P.M.

Silent Auction, Live Auction, Door Prizes

**Dinner Catered by Butte Hill Catering
Live Local Entertainment by Dynamic Dance**

Requested Donation of \$15 at the door

Pre-Order Flamingo Flocking Order Prize Drawing

Pre-Order your flock of flamingos to frolic in your friends lawn at the 4th Annual Flock Party and you are entered to win a Support Butte prize basket!

One night only!

One Entry Per Order!

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LGBT Group	3 Women's SA	4 Women's DV	5 Men's Group Volunteer Meeting	6	7
8	9 LGBT Group	10 Women's SA	11 Women's DV	12 Men's Group Volunteer Meeting	13	14
15	16 LGBT Group	17 Women's SA	18 Women's DV	19 Men's Group Volunteer Meeting	20	21 4th Annual Flock Party Doors Open @ 4 PM Butte Plaza Mall Event Center
22	23 LGBT Group	24 Women's SA Flamingo Technician Training 6pm	25 Women's DV	26 Men's Group Volunteer Potluck Social	27	28
29	30 LGBT Group	31 Women's SA Advocacy Training Registration	<p>The Flamingo Technician Training is a one hour training and scheduling meeting.</p>			

For information on times and locations of support groups offered by Safe Space (LGBT, Women's SA, Women's DV, and Men's), please contact our office at 406-782-9807 and speak with an advocate.

All listed volunteer meetings are held at Jacobs House at 201 W. Granite (Safe Space's Community Resource Facility) at 5:30 P.M. Specific Committees meet separately based upon committee members availabilities. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy, at nancyb@safespaceonline.org or on our office line for details on committee meetings and happenings.

Additional activities may be scheduled after this publishing. Please visit www.safespaceonline.org for the most current information.

A Look Ahead

In 2015, Safe Space will be providing trainings and presentations on all forms of domestic and sexual violence, including stalking and teen dating violence. In addition to this, advocates will also be providing education on Bystander Awareness, Healthy Relationships, and how to become a trained advocate.

Here is a 2015 overview of when trainings and presentations will become available (and will remain available throughout the year after), when committees will begin to meet, and how to access them.

Month	Event/Committee/Training/Presentation First Available
March	Bystander Awareness Presentations Flocking Technician Training (For April Flocking) March 21, 2015—4th Annual Flock Party
April	Sexual Assault Awareness Presentations Flocking Season all month long Flocking Committee
May	Children Witnessing Abuse Presentations Mother's Day Shelter Event 4th of July Parade Float Committee Volunteer Advocate Training (Certificate Provided at Completion)
June	Decorating 4th of July Parade
July	Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committees First Meeting
August	Annual Fall Clean Up
September	Annual Volunteer Welcome Event Flock Party Committee First Meeting
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events: Purple Pinkies Challenge Purple Sock Drive Annual Appreciation Dinner Purple Lights Nights Holiday Committee First Meeting
November	YMCA Holiday Collaboration
December	Holiday Gift and Dinner Deliveries

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**A Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Program**

Safe Space is Butte's only domestic and sexual violence shelter and program for over 40 years. Safe Space staff receive ongoing training in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, healthy relationships, case management, bystander awareness, agency collaboration, and more! Safe Space is staffed by these knowledgeable advocates 24/7, including holidays.

The staff at Safe Space is supported, guided, and led by a Board of Directors who donate their talents, skills, and time. Without their expertise and generosity, the outreach and advocacy provided by the staff would be unattainable.

Safe Space Staff:

Executive Director:

Sabrina Tauscher

Shelter Manager:

Rachel Cotton

Sexual Assault Specialist:

Sonja Foster

Volunteer Coordinator:

Kat Ousley

Night Advocate:

Traci Nellis

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