January Newsletter

Happy New Year from our Board and Staff!

Our 2023 Fiscal Year in Review

Thank you for your Support!

We are so grateful to those who have donated toys, personal items, non-perishables, and more to survivors this holiday season!

Allison Arnett with Boswell, Schultz, Sonneberg, & Arnett, PLC

Kylie Jean and CJ Cockroft

James Johnson Jr. with IBEW252 and Tabitha Williams with United Way

Staff from the Michigan Department of Corrections

Program Spotlight: Sexual Assault Response Team

SART stands for Sexual Assault Response Team. It is a multidisciplinary team made up of victim advocates, law enforcement, prosecution, hospital staff, other community partners, and sexual assault advocates. The SART develops a protocol for dispatching sexual assault advocates to a scene when someone reports a sexual assault and provide advocacy and accompaniment in this process.

The goal of the SART team is to create policy and protocol that aligns with the needs of each individual partner while maintaining a trauma informed, victim centered, and best practices approach to handling sexual assault cases in Jackson County. Currently, we are in the process of rebuilding the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program at Henry Ford Jackson Hospital. In the meantime, we have developed a response protocol and established safe referrals to clients as they navigate their process.

The SART team is important because it provides privacy, confidentiality, and choice to the survivor when they are deciding who they want to disclose to and what follow up services they want to pursue by connecting the survivor with an advocate early on in the process.

To speak with a Sexual Assault Advocate directly, call or text 517-888-7757.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the solution, we are seeking volunteers to help with our Sexual Assault Crisis Response. Volunteer shifts needed are open availability, nights, and weekends. Interested persons should be able to dedicate a minimum of 5 hours on-call per shift and commit to an in-person, weeklong training.

Why Are SART's Important?

Sponsorships Available

We're Hiring!

We're hiring a full-time client advocate for first and third shift combined. Pay rate starting at

$15/hour plus medical, dental, vision, and IRA.

Email resumes to sbrown@awareshelter.org. **No phone calls, please.**

More Information

Have You Seen Our New Donation Page?

Make a donation in just one click without leaving the website or signing in to PayPal! Your tax-deductible donation helps us to make a tangible difference in the lives of survivors. AWARE does not believe in a one direction approach. We help survivors get to safety through our emergency shelter and hotel stays program and then help them build a life independent from their abuser through counseling and legal remedies. We set survivors up for success by partnering with other local organizations to help survivors get health and dental care, employment, housing, and more.

More Ways to Donate:

- AWARE can accept stocks, bonds, or mutual funds
- Designate AWARE as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy
- Employee matching gifts – many employers offer this option to its employees
- Gift certificates or gift cards, such as prepaid phone cards, gas cards or grocery cards
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