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**THE TRI-CITIES REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
TASKFORCE PRESENT
THE 2010 COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARDS**

The Tri-Cities Regional Domestic Violence Taskforce, with support from The James House, hosted its 2010 Community Impact Awards ceremony on Friday, October 15, 2010 at First Baptist Church in Petersburg. This year the Taskforce focused on those in the Tri-Cities area who have significantly impacted the lives of children and youth, especially those who have been impacted by domestic violence. "Mentoring Today's Youth, Creating Tomorrow's Leaders," was the banner slogan for the event.

Honorees were chosen by their local taskforce membership based upon their commitment and dedication and each displays a passion for supporting, caring for, and nurturing our children and youth. Winners included: Sandra Coleman and Abby Lynch from Colonial Heights; Linda Hyslop and John Weigel from Hopewell; Patricia Hines and the Honorable James Hume from Petersburg; Ken and Glen Swader from Swaders Sports Park and Jay "C" Paul from Prince George County and regional winner, Arlene Vassell-Richards from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. Along with the Taskforce award, each honoree also received a letter from Senator Mark Warner congratulating them on their exemplary leadership and community involvement.

Mayor Annie Mickens welcomed guests to Petersburg, the Petersburg Sheriff's Office Color Guard posted the colors, Reverend Jeremiah Tillman from First Baptist Church gave the invocation, and Delegate Rosalyn Dance, Chairperson of the Tri-Cities Regional Domestic Violence Taskforce, served as mistress of ceremonies.

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Pictured left-to-right:
Sandra Coleman, Abby Lynch,
John Weigel, Linda Hyslop,
Pat Hines, James Hume,
Arlene Vassell-Richards,
Ken Swader, Glen Swader, and
Jay Paul

LOOKING FOR SERVICES?

CALL 458-2704

Gloria Parham, Rural Domestic Violence Intervention Advocate, provides services in Dinwiddie County at the Department of Social Services Tuesday 9am - 12pm and Thursday 2pm - 5pm.

If you are interested in a domestic violence support group, please contact Marissa for details. A children's domestic violence support group will meet at the same time and in the Petersburg area.

SAVE THE DATE

December 17th

Holiday Open House
10:30am-4:30pm

January 13th

Volunteer Meeting 6pm-8:30pm

February 5th

Pancake Breakfast at Applebees

April 8th

Sexual Violence Awareness Event
7pm-9pm

April 30th

Volunteer Picnic at Crystal Lake

Women of the latina community who have been affected by domestic violence can attend a support group while children ages 4-12 attend a group at the same time. Each of these groups meet on Monday from 5pm-6:30pm beginning on October 25th in southern Chesterfield County. Contact Elvira at elvira@thejameshouse.org.

Please contact Sim Wimbush at sim@thejameshouse.org for details about our sexual violence support group — starting November 17th in the Prince George area.

A new support group for young women ages 16 to 22 will be offered this fall in Petersburg. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Marissa at marissa@thejameshouse.org. Location TBA.



HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner. Many of our families are struggling to make ends meet and could use a little help this holiday season. If you are interested in adopting a family or donating items for Christmas please contact Jane at jane@thejameshouse.org or call 804-458-2704.

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS

J U L Y 2 0 1 0 - O C T O B E R 2 0 1 0

Financial Support

Boehringer Ingelheim, Petersburg
 Bill & Betty Burton
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 Colonial Heights American Legion Post 284
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 The Ladies of Faith Fellowship, Chester
 Woodmen of the World Camp No 264

Ongoing Support

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign
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Memorial Gifts

In Honor of Fran Simpson

Special Gifts, Goods, and Services

11th District Court Service Unit, Petersburg
 Art Worcz
 Nubia Asca
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 Caroline Baughman
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 Annie Boothe
 William "Bill" Brown
 Jack and Myrtle Casey
 Lloyd Chaser
 Chester United Methodist
 Church



Pat Pennington, local author visits with staff

Andy Clark
 Robert & Pat Clark
 Tory Clayborne
 Dulaney Collins
 Anne Craft
 Karen Crowder
 Lisa Crowder
 Barbara Daffinee
 Bennie Dalton
 Jeff Decker
 Dinwiddie Social Services
 Pat Doherty
 Brenda Drew
 LeAnne Eckstine
 Jan'el Edwards
 Evonik Goldschmidt
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 Glenn Freeman, Old Dominion Priority
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 Estee Newby-Howard
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 Steve Parkhurst
 Pat Pennington
 Jeremy Peterson
 Linda Picard
 Powers Memorial Baptist Church, Hopewell
 Shawn Pry



Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Art Worcz in Hopewell



Community Yard Sale

Karla Ramos
 Tami Rawls
 Shontrice Rean
 Shirley Rigby
 Rivers Edge Bible Church, Hopewell
 Lori Roeleveld
 Kimberly Rue
 The Sanctuary-Home Fellowship Group #111,
 Prince George
 Second Presbyterian Church, Petersburg
 Charles Shaneen
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 Shelia Shannon
 Kim Shirer
 Shirley Slotsberry
 Tammi Slovinsky-Reel
 St. Martha's Guild of St John's Church, Hopewell
 Swader's
 Tabernacle Baptist Church, Petersburg
 Tammi Kamin Band
 Tinsley Charter
 Pam Tomko
 Debbie Trexler
 Shea Tuttle
 Dr. Kelly Vernon
 Chuck Whitlock
 Connie Wilde
 David Winkler
 The Woman's Club of
 Prince George County
 Peter Wrobel



Tammi Kamin Band rockin' out at Longstreet's in Old Towne Petersburg

Volunteers

Samina Abdullah
 Seneta Burns
 Bill Burton
 Ruthy Cutler
 Ann Cunningham
 Sue Carson
 Lisa Hicks
 Donna McBride
 Catherine Middleton
 Jill Magruder
 Nuala Petet
 Deborah Reed
 Tami Rawls
 Sue Skalleburg
 Joy Tewari
 Gloria Wyatt
 Felicia Walker



Recent graduates of the Volunteer Training Program

L to R: Tami Rawls, Deborah Reed, and Felicia Walker

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Guest speakers included Corie Tillman-Wolf, Assistant Virginia Attorney General and Statewide Facilitator for Victims of Domestic Violence; Patrice Lewis, Outreach Representative from the office of Senator Mark Warner; and Joan Fallon, Senior Constituent Services Representative and Senior Advocate for Congressman J. Randy Forbes.

During the ceremony, Delegate Dance announced the creation of a domestic violence taskforce in Dinwiddie County with County Administrator, Kevin Massengill, serving as chairperson and Lisa Caruso, Commonwealth's Attorney, serving as vice-chairperson. She welcomed Dinwiddie into the Tri-Cities Regional Domestic Violence Taskforce and stated that she looks forward to their participation in future events.

A reception in honor of the winners and catered by The James House was held after the ceremony.



LOCAL BUSINESS GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

On Friday, September 3, 2010, we were the grateful recipient of a very generous donation of furniture from Evonik Goldschmidt Corporation. Phil Munson, Site Manager at Evonik and James House Board of Directors Vice Chairperson, saw an opportunity for Evonik to fill a need since Evonik had collected a stockpile of excess furniture over recent months and years. Mr. Munson stated, "Evonik is a very community-minded organization. We strive to be a strong community partner and this seemed like the perfect opportunity to make a difference in a very concrete way."



Special thanks go out to dedicated Evonik employees Charles Shaneen, Jeff Decker and warehouse operators Peter Wrobel, Shawn Pry, William "Bill" Brown, and David Moore who spent four long hours loading, unloading, moving, and setting up the furniture. Thanks also to Mr. Glenn Freeman, Old Dominion Priority, who donated his time and the use of his truck for this worthy cause.



James House employees are thrilled with the new furniture. "We no longer have to worry about legs falling off of desks, file cabinets that don't hold enough, or book cases with broken shelves," said Jane Clayborne, Community Services Director. "The quality of furniture donated by Evonik has enhanced the overall look of our offices and created a much nicer working environment."

A GIFT FROM THE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

We are excited to announce that the James House has developed a new relationship with the Woodmen of the World Camp No. 264. The group's members believe in the work that we do to address the issues surrounding domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking and have chosen to support our efforts to provide high-quality, accredited services for people in the Tri-Cities area who are impacted by interpersonal violence. Over the past several months they have donated a total of \$2,000.00 to our agency and we are truly grateful for their generosity. The continued support of committed donors such as the Woodmen of the World is vital to our agency.

Thank you Woodmen of the World!



David Winkler on behalf of The Woodmen of the World

Many thanks to the First Baptist Church on Harrison Street in Petersburg who provided the venue for the Community Impact Awards

Mission Statement:

Founded in 1989 on the belief that all people deserve a life free from interpersonal violence, The James House Intervention/Prevention Services provides support, advocacy, and education for people in the Tri-Cities area who are affected by domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking, to empower them to become healthy, safe, and self-sufficient.



HELP OUR ORGANIZATION EARN CASH

The more you shop at Food Lion the more cash we earn. Simply log on to www.foodlionmvpwards.com/mvp and register your MVP Card for The James House. Our designated code is 252303. Every time you shop, present your MVP Card and a percentage of all of the dollars spent is automatically credited to The James House by Food Lion. With your support, we're strengthening communities, empowering people and making a difference.

Looking to donate your time or talents? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator lori@thejameshouse.org



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STORIES FROM THE HEART

While still in high school, Sam met what she believed was the “man of her dreams.” She fell head over heels in love with Dan and dated him throughout her junior and senior years. Sam had grown up in the foster care system, moving from home to home, and when Dan proposed to her right after graduation, she was thrilled. She eagerly looked forward to settling down and starting a family of her own.

Shortly after their marriage, Sam became pregnant with twin girls and it seemed as if her life was perfect. She and Dan agreed that she would stay home with the girls and he would support the family. It was difficult as a young couple with two new babies to care for, but Dan worked 60 hours a week to do just that. At first things seemed to be going well, but within a few months Sam and Dan began to argue over little things like the house not being as neat and clean as Dan expected it to be. Sometimes Dan would push or shake Sam, but she loved him and vowed to try harder to do what he wanted her to do. Things were great, as long as Dan wasn't angry.

Over the years, Dan continued to abuse Sam. Sam did not have family or friends that she felt she could turn to and she was embarrassed and ashamed to let anyone know what was happening in her home. She and the girls learned to “walk on egg shells” when Dan was home and Sam tried her best to protect herself and her children. One day Dan came home and became enraged at Sam because the girls were crying, dinner wasn't ready, and the house was a mess. He punched Sam repeatedly in the face, screamed obscenities at her, and threatened to hurt the girls if she didn't “straighten up.”

Sam was so frightened by what had happened that after Dan left for work the next day, she went on-line to look for help. She found out about The James House and immediately called their 24-hour crisis line. She spoke at length with an advocate and after doing some safety planning, she and the girls were placed in an emergency safe shelter. Sam began individual counseling sessions and attends a support group for women in abusive relationships. She is learning about domestic violence and how it affects her and her children. She worked with her advocate to locate safe, affordable housing and found a part-time job. She continues to struggle to furnish her new home and to provide necessities like clothes, coats and shoes for the girls.

At The James House we work to empower our clients to become healthy, safe, and self-sufficient, but it is not always easy. Families like Sam's come to us with a multitude of needs. If you are able to purchase clothing, coats, shoes, or household items such as linens, dishes, or small kitchen appliances for this family or if you would like to adopt another of our families for Christmas, please contact Jane at The James House by calling 458-2704.

Help us help others. We are asking for your financial support. It costs approximately \$100 to train 1 community volunteer for 8 weeks. Transporting a family to and from counseling sessions costs about \$50. The expense for operating our 24-hour crisis line is about \$25 per day.

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Can you help?



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