



# The Center Line

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## Anti-Immigration Policy is a Barrier for Survivors

By Carolina Alzuru, Latina/o Services Coordinator

North Carolina is becoming one of the harshest states when it comes to immigration policy and enforcement. One example of the state's increasingly anti-immigrant stance is the adoption of Section 287(g) by eight local law enforcement agencies in the state. The 287(g) program authorizes local law enforcement to act as federal immigration officers, giving them the power to identify and deport undocumented immigrants.

One of the detrimental consequences of this program is to make undocumented immigrants, who live in constant fear of deportation, hesitant to report crime. This provision could have especially significant negative consequences for survivors of sexual violence. Sexual violence is already the most underreported crime.

Undocumented immigrants who are also survivors of sexual violence already face



many barriers to getting the help they need. Fear of violence and deportation compound other obstacles such as language barriers and cultural factors, making immigrants even less likely to report sexual violence and to seek the services that survivors often need after an assault, such as medical, mental health, and legal services.

Over the last year in our work with Latina/o and Spanish-speaking clients, we have found that immigration status is often a barrier for clients as they seek services and make reports to law enforcement. We have served almost 40 Latina/o clients in the last year and have seen multiple cases in which a survivor's undocumented status was used as a tool of coercion by her/his perpetrator. Some have been told that if they don't "consent" to certain sexual acts they (or

their family) will be turned over to officials for deportation.

In September 2007, a former Orange County State Trooper pleaded guilty to charges after pulling over at least three Latinas while on duty. He touched, kissed and fondled the women, threatening that deportation would result if they attempted to file a complaint.

Although Orange County has not adopted Section 287(g), undocumented immigrants living here may believe that reporting crime will lead to deportation. In fact, the marginalizing effects of the provision on immigrant populations in neighboring counties are clearly significant.

At the Center, we strive to provide accessible, culturally competent, age-appropriate and empowerment-based services to the community. One way that we do this is providing our services to the community regardless of immigration status. The Center is committed to ending sexual violence and all other forms of oppression and will continue to speak out against measures like Section 287(g) that oppress and disempower our clients and others in our community.

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**VOICES** The OCRCC is looking for poetry and artistic expressions for a new website and newsletter project. *VOICES* is a space dedicated to helping break the silence and allows individuals impacted by sexual violence to give voice and tell their stories. All submissions will be reviewed as part of the selection process. To submit a piece or for more information, please contact Krista Park Berry at [krista@ocrcc.org](mailto:krista@ocrcc.org) or (919) 968-4647.

The mission of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center is to stop sexual violence and its impact through support, education and advocacy. We envision a just and equitable world free of sexual violence and all other forms of oppression.

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## From the Director

Each September, the Rape Crisis Center holds its Annual General Meeting. This annual meeting is a chance for us to connect with our membership, educate the community on a topic related to sexual violence and present awards to individuals who have made a difference in our work to end sexual violence.

This year's annual general meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center. We could not do the work that we do without the support of the community. Our membership donates their time and money to keep the Rape Crisis Center a place of help, hope and healing.

This year's Annual General Meeting will include a panel discussion on sex trafficking. The issue of sex trafficking is a global problem. It has received a lot of media attention. This problem may seem far away but the reality is that it happens across North Carolina. It has an impact on our community and the work of the Rape Crisis Center.

I hope you will consider joining us at this very special event. Our Annual General Meeting is free and open to the public. It is a great way to get an introduction to the work of the Center and to hear about all the great work we are doing in the community to end sexual violence.

~ Christina Riordan



*Center staff left to right: Christina Riordan, Carolina Alzuru, Jessica Clark, Krista Howell, Stacey Rader, Shamecca Bryant, Krista Park, Christine Hudelson and Michelle Johnson.*

*Staff not pictured: Sage Keene, Alexis Kralic, and Tricia McGovern.*

## Farewell May

May Mitchell left her role as Rape Prevention Education Coordinator at the Center this July to begin new adventures at North Carolina State University. There, she will be working towards a Masters in Counseling.

May has been dedicated to educating the community about sexual violence and its magnitude with various audiences in Orange County. Over the past year and a half, May has created a primary prevention program which shifted and expanded education efforts at the OCRCC. May integrated her passion and commitment to anti-oppression work into this curriculum which she presented to 7th grade students at Smith Middle School. She also helped train volunteers and provided them with continual support and guidance.

May served on the Center's diversity committee where she consistently reminded everyone of our vision to end sexual violence and all other forms of oppression. May is thoughtful, intentional, creative, committed and has given many gifts to the Center, community and volunteers over the past three years.

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## Legislative Update: Rape Kits

By Krista Howell, Administrative Services Coordinator and Krista Park Berry, Volunteer Management & Marketing Coordinator

In 2005, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) charged NC legislators to ensure all policies were in compliance by January 2009, fueling a more in depth look by politicians into the financial burden rape survivors currently face. Under current NC legislation, no survivor should pay for a sexual assault forensic exam, also commonly referred to as a “rape kit.”

Unfortunately, a majority of the 3,000 or so North Carolinians examined each year have had to pay at least part of the bill, according to a news brief by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. This came as a surprise to many in the General Assembly this year when legislators addressed VAWA regulations and worked to ameliorate this financial burden for survivors of sexual violence.

This July, several provisions related to sexual violence, including VAWA regulations, were amended and enacted during the 2007-2008 biennium session of the North Carolina General Assaumbly. With the passing of NC House Bill 2763, the state is expanding its current Rape Victim Assistance Program to now pay up to \$800 for a forensic exam with a cap of \$1,000 for any additional expenses incurred.

Survivors of sexual assault or an attempted sexual assault are eligible for this funding assistance if the sexual assault is reported to law enforcement within 72 hours of the assault itself and if the forensic exam is performed within that 72 hour period following the assault.

While such funding reimbursement is encouraging, the costs for forensic exams can reach upwards of \$1,600 if survivors have needs for other medical services like HIV prophylaxis, a treatment for curbing the transmission of the virus. We must encourage healing for survivors; ensuring the costs of sexual assault forensic exams and other post-trauma medical treatments are covered by state funds is just one way to do so.

This information was adapted from an update provided to NC rape crisis centers by the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA). NCCASA works with elected officials at the state and federal levels to ensure adequate funding for sexual assault response programs, victims’ rights, and offender accountability.

For more information about state and federal legislation impacting survivors of sexual violence and rape crisis centers like the OCRCC, please visit NCCASA’s website at <http://www.nccasa.org/resources/resources/legislative.html>



I am grateful that the NC Legislature is looking at the importance of reimbursement for the forensic exam for individuals who have been sexually assaulted. It must be stated that this is only a **part** of what these individuals require.

We cannot discount the importance of providing medical screening, treatment for STI’s, unplanned pregnancy, HIV PEP, and the mental heath needs that are vital for these individuals and their recovery and should also be included in the Legislature’s consideration for reimbursement.

~ Tricia Heafner, RN  
UNC Hospitals’ SANE Coordinator



## Support Bags for Survivors

This summer the Rape Crisis Center created bags of supplies to be given to survivors of sexual assault who receive medical treatment at UNC Hospitals and UNC-CH Counseling and Wellness. These bags include informational resources for sexual assault, toiletries, and information on support and educational services provided at the Rape Crisis Center.

In an effort to reach more survivors of sexual violence, the resource bags will be given to every patient receiving emergency medical treatment for sexual violence. Patients do not have to use Rape Crisis Center services in order to receive the materials.

The Rape Crisis Center would like to thank UNC-CH’s Panhellenic Council for supporting this outreach effort.

# Witnessing the Vision: a volunteer recounts time in Cuba

By Kelly C., Volunteer

A teacher once told me, "Everything that is in society is in your own family." I absolutely agree; one can learn a lot about society by simply looking at one's family. We often times learn power differences, diversity in its various forms and deep rooted traditions.

Growing up, I have felt a sense of helplessness and guilt that I could not meet or help my family in Cuba. One of the worst feelings is not being able to help a loved one in need. Many times, the Center has helped support friends and family members share their feelings when someone they care about experiences sexual violence.

Going to Cuba to meet family and explore my roots has been a long awaited dream for me. This past semester, I had the opportunity to travel to Cuba with UNC-CH's study abroad program. I expected to return from Cuba feeling more guilt as the privileged family member who lives in the United States. In fact, going to Cuba meant coming to terms with my

privilege and understanding how situational privilege truly is.

Living in Cuba with my cousins for just four months, provided a sense of solidarity; one that comes from being with family, one that I will never forget. Surprisingly, witnessing the day to day struggles of life in Cuba gave me a sense of peace. I caught a glimpse of what life is like for them.

I strongly believe that loving family and friends means learning about differences and sometimes sitting with uncomfortable truths. bell hooks said, "The heart of justice is truth telling, seeing ourselves and the world the way it is rather than the way we want it to be."



Kelly with a family member during her travels in Cuba

Everyone has their own experiences, their own voices and their own perspective in society. We each have something to contribute, some truth to be told. We all have that right to speak to our own experiences; similarly, survivors of sexual violence have the right to break the silence and tell their stories of violence and of survivorship.

I have learned that I may not be able to trade in my privileges, but more importantly, I have learned that we must be aware of our differences and hold

that awareness as best we can. Accepting that often times the best way to support someone is to be a little uncomfortable and listen.

## Panel Discussion on Sex Trafficking, September 9th

OCRCC Annual General Meeting ~ Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 7p.m. Carrboro Century Center

OCRCC invites you to attend our 2008 Annual General Meeting featuring a panel discussion with community leaders on sex trafficking at the Carrboro Century Center on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7 p.m. Dessert and coffee reception included.

We will also present *Shauna Hay* with the Margaret Henderson Award for Service and Self-Care, the Mary Ann Chap Awards for Community Service to *Tray Batson* and the *Carolina Women's Center*, and the new Margaret Barrett Award for Advocacy.

OCRCC membership will vote on new members for the Board of Directors. The September 2008 slate of officers and members of the Executive Board is as follows:

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## Teaching Children To Protect Themselves

By Stacey Rader, Youth Education Specialist

Every year for over 15 years, the Rape Crisis Center has collaborated with teachers and guidance counselors to empower and educate children about sexual abuse and its importance as a personal safety issue. The OCRCC's "Safe Touch" programs focus on sexual abuse prevention and are presented in almost every elementary classroom in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City and Orange County School Systems. These programs use age-appropriate terms and are an effective way for students to learn safety practices.

In 85% of child sexual abuse cases, the child knows their offender. Usually the abuse happens in a gradually escalating manner. This means we can work towards preventing sexual abuse by helping children learn strategies to trust their instincts about difficult situations.

Children need to understand and feel empowered. They should know their rights, know how to identify a potentially abusive situation and learn what to do to try to get out of potentially dangerous situation.

## ~ 10 Things Adults Can Do ~

1. **Children need to hear the following messages:**
  - Your body belongs to you.
  - No one has a right to touch you in a way you do not like.
  - Your feelings are important.
  - It is OK to tell a trusted adult.
2. **Be Approachable.**
  - Listen to children's questions.
  - Stop other activities to listen.
  - Treat children's problems seriously.
3. **Educate children about sexual abuse.**
4. **Treat child sexual abuse as a safety issue.**
5. **Explain different types of touches.**
  - Good, Bad and Confusing touches
6. **Give children a plan of action.**
  - Say No.
  - Get Away.
  - Tell Someone.
7. **Teach children to trust their instincts.**
8. **Keep children well supervised.**
9. **Question strangers.**
10. **Seek support for yourself.**

If you would like to learn more, contact the OCRCC at (919) 968-4647.

## A New Face in Education



Christine Hudelson

Center welcomed Christine Hudelson to the Rape Prevention Education team. We are very excited Christine is

joining us from one of our sister agencies, the Domestic Violence Response Center (DCRC), where she served as the crisis response coordinator for several years prior to working at DCRC, where she worked as a rape crisis agency in Utah and served as their rape prevention education coordinator.

In her free time Christine likes to travel to new places, read and spend time with family and friends. Christine will focus on conducting a community assessment of sexual violence awareness and continuing our primary prevention work. If you are near the Center, please stop by, say hello and welcome Christine to the Center and the Orange County community.

## New Safe Touch Video

By Stacey Rader, Youth Education Specialist

The Community Education team is pleased to announce the arrival of a new third grade video program called "Time to Tell." Produced by the J. Gary Mitchell Film Company, "Time to Tell" is the story of a how a safety pledge allows Jules to help her brother Alex who is receiving uncomfortable touches from his soccer coach.

In our school program that uses this video, we include the OCRCC's safety saying, *Say No, Get Away and Tell Someone*, and brainstorm safe adults the students can tell if they are having a problem like Alex. In addition to traditional brochures and stickers, safety pledge cards are now given to each student. Pencils with these safety messages, "Say No, Get Away and Tell Someone." and "My body belongs to me!" are given to teachers to keep and use in the classroom.

A segment of this video can be viewed at [www.empowerkids.com](http://www.empowerkids.com).

# Orange County to Improve Care with New Guidelines

By Jessica Clark, Crisis Response Coordinator

On March 25, 2008, the Orange County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) announced the completion of its sexual assault response guidelines. The Orange County SART is a multidisciplinary team of public and private agencies that provide services for survivors of sexual assault. Members of the team include the Orange/Chatham District Attorney's Office, six local law enforcement agencies, UNC Hospitals and UNC Student Health sexual assault nurse examiners, victim advocates, officials from UNC-Chapel Hill and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

The guidelines are the result of a two year effort to develop a coordinated and consistent response among agencies that serve the needs of survivors of sexual violence. SART hopes that the result of these efforts will be an increase in reporting in order to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

To show their commitment to ending sexual violence in the community, police chiefs, executive directors, heads of departments and the District Attorney were on hand to

sign the guidelines and speak with press.

Donna Bickford, the Executive Director for the Carolina Women's Center said, "The Carolina Women's Center at UNC is pleased to be a member of SART and contribute to community efforts to provide services to survivors of sexual assault and to work toward a world where sexual violence does not exist. The adoption of this set of guidelines from SART member agencies is an important step toward strengthening our system of care for survivors."

While serving as a message of support to survivors, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and SART also hope the adoption of these guidelines serve as a warning to perpetrators that Orange County will not tolerate sexual assault.



Members of SART gather during the press conference. From left to right: Chief Brian Curran, Chief Clarence Birkhead, District Attorney James Woodall, Executive Director Linda Frankel, Executive Director Christina Riordan, Executive Director Donna Bickford, Captain Joel Booker, Nursing Director Carol Kozel and SANE Nurse Tricia Heafner.

"Through the efforts of SART, we have worked hard to obtain uniformity and efficiency in the process of investigation and evidence collection to increase the successful prosecution of sexual assaults in Orange County," stated Jim Woodall, District Attorney for Chatham and Orange Counties.

Copies of the guidelines can be found at <http://www.occcc.org/sart.html>

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Auction benefit for the OCRCC will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at the newly renovated Sheraton Hotel in Chapel Hill.

The auction will begin at five o'clock with a reception and silent auction and follow with dinner and a live auction. We will end the evening with the always highly anticipated bidding on decadent desserts.

The Annual Holiday Auction is the Center's primary fundraising effort for the year and in 2007 generated over \$70,000 to support our programs and services. This year we anticipate an even more remarkable year and with your help we hope to meet our goal of \$90,000.

The Rape Crisis Center is accepting sponsors for the event. Sponsorships range from \$5,000 to \$500 with great benefits. If you would like more information about sponsorships, making a donation or volunteering for the event please contact: Shamecca Bryant, Development Director at (919) 968-4647 or email [shamecca@occcc.org](mailto:shamecca@occcc.org).

## Filmmaker Angela Shelton, *No!*, Denim Day, Shout Out & more...

Every April, OCRCC recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month through a number of community events.

Denim Day was commemorated with a fashion show on the evening of April 16th (see picture below). On April 23rd, community members viewed and discussed Aishah Shahidah Simmons' documentary, *No!*, which explores sexual violence and its impact within the African-American community. Both events were held at the UNC Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History and co-sponsored with the Carolina Women's Center. The OCRCC also held an outreach event during SAAM for the

Latina/o community at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill.

During the weekend of April 25th, filmmaker, author and activist Angela Shelton participated in a Nia Jam with Balanced Movement Studios and spoke following a showing of her award winning documentary, "*Searching for Angela Shelton*." Her visit to the community was co-sponsored with the UNC School of Social Work Clinical Lecture Series, Triangle Nia, and UNC Hospitals' Women's Health Information Center. Thank you to the Jelly Foundation for their generous support which made these events possible.

**"It is time for survivors to break the cycle of abuse and trauma and lead joyful lives because joy and violence cannot coexist." ~ Angela Shelton**



Members of the UNC-Chapel Hill student organization Project Dinah display awareness messages on red t-shirts during the Denim Day Fashion Show held on April 16th at the UNC Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. Project Dinah works to raise awareness around sexual violence on UNC's campus. Internationally, Denim Day is a response to a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction because the survivor wore jeans. Wearing jeans has become an international symbol of protest against destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

## VOICES

Voices is a new project at the Rape Crisis Center and is a space dedicated to helping break the silence and allows individuals impacted by sexual violence to give voice and tell their stories.

### in sleep

silhouetted like moonlight shadows,  
my body lays here to beams attacking.

limbs crawl inwards, a basic instinct  
in becoming the smallest shape,  
hiding from chances of punches hitting,  
escaping being pulled apart, robbed  
from ever knowing safety again.

i prepare,  
poised,  
every night,  
ready to,  
this time,  
fight back.

sleep has passed me by these years,  
turning life into one stretched awake.

if i rest tonight, how old will i be,  
having only slept one night,  
dreamt one dream,  
lived one day?

i will sleep only if i know,  
i will never awake hurt  
again.

~maryam

This piece was included in this year's 6th Annual Shout Out Event held on April 30, 2008 during SAAM.

***Thank you to those who shared their voices and stories.***

# Support Groups ~ Communities in Healing

By Sage Keene, Support Group Coordinator

When we use phrases like “Do you know what I mean?” we’re really asking “Do you understand my experience as I understand it? Can you understand what this means to me?” As human beings, our sense of self does not evolve in a vacuum; it evolves within our relationships– to self, to others and to our community. When sexual violence maims or obliterates that sense of self, the support of an understanding community is integral to rebuilding it.

Each of us has our own concept of community. Communities enrich us, support us and give us context for the meaning of our lives. Support groups offer a form of community in which to explore healing and process trauma with others who share a similar experience.

It is not uncommon that clients ask “Have you ever had an experience like this?”



Violence, and by extension sexual violence, is pathologically normalized in our social culture and the trauma and repercussions that result from violence and sexual violence are often ridiculed, ignored or negated.

Sexual violence survivors frequently voice a strong yearning to have their experience validated by other survivors, those who have the experiential authority to say, “Yes, your experience was real! Your responses are

completely valid! Your emotions are normal and okay.” Clients who participate in our support groups overwhelmingly report satisfaction with and deep gratitude for their experience in group.

The overarching goal of our support group program is to create that space for communities of healing. The groups that we offer, and the frequency with which we offer them, depends in part on the interest we receive for specific groups from members of the general community.

More information about the Rape Crisis Center’s support group program can be found at [www.ocrcc.org/support\\_groups.html](http://www.ocrcc.org/support_groups.html) If you are interested in participating in a support group or training as a Support Group Facilitator volunteer, please email Sage Keene at [groups@ocrcc.org](mailto:groups@ocrcc.org) or call (919) 967-7273.

## VOLUNTEER!

2008 Fall Volunteer Training begins in early September. For more information and a class training schedule, please visit our website at [www.ocrcc.org](http://www.ocrcc.org) or call the Center’s office at (919) 968-4647.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors, please contact Christina Riordan via email at [christina@ocrcc.org](mailto:christina@ocrcc.org) or (919) 968-4647.

## Short-term Therapy now offered

By Michelle Johnson, Associate Director

Since July 2007, the Rape Crisis Center has been able to expand client services to include short-term therapy, free of charge for primary and secondary survivors of sexual violence through a two year grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission.

Adding this service is a way of addressing the comprehensive needs of survivors and to address the growing impacts of mental health reform on survivors’ ability to find and receive free or low-fee mental health treatment. Survivors of sexual violence often experience post traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, disordered eating patterns, a decrease in self-esteem and self worth and express feelings of shame and guilt.

Mental health reactions stemming from sexual violence can be addressed in our short-term therapy program by providing education about mental health disorders, normalizing reactions to trauma, creating a safe place to discuss feelings and begin healing and providing tools to feel empowered to make changes in survivors lives. In evaluation, clients have reported a decrease in symptoms of distress and an increase in feelings of empowerment and hopefulness.

Our hope is to continue informing the community about this service and to receive more referrals to the program. If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact Michelle Johnson, LCSW, Associate Director at (919) 643-0722.



## Volunteer Spotlight

By May Mitchell, former Rape Prevention Education Coordinator



Emma G.

Emma G. began volunteering as a Community Educator with the Rape Crisis Center in the fall of 2007. Emma has provided tremendous support for our Safe Touch program and in the short time she has been volunteering at the agency, she has presented 59 programs which reached 1,260 students.

“Being a community educator allows me to do what I like the best-- get out there and work with kids.

Although the topics of sexual abuse and sexual bullying can be hard to talk about at times, I always have fun seeing how different classes and different kids respond to our information. What interesting questions can they come up with? What funny stories do they have to tell? But, also, are they really getting it?” Emma commenting on her time in the classroom.

In addition to the time that Emma has donated to the Rape Crisis Center, she has been working part-time as a school program counselor educator at Family Violence Rape Crisis Center in Chatham County.

When asked about rewards of this work she shared, “I love it when a child makes an insightful comment or probing question, knowing that they are really hearing what we have to say. [It’s] good to know they have the tools to respond should anything ever happen to them.”

While a student at the UNC-Chapel Hill, she co-founded the Carolina V-day initiative, a group that raises awareness about violence against women and also raises funds for local organizations such as OCRCC.

Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the community in the way that we do. Thank you to Emma for providing an invaluable service to our agency and to the Orange County community!

### Triangle Community Foundation Supports Education

In June, the Center received a \$15,000 grant through the Floyd Fletcher Fund, the Frank U. and Nelle Crowell Fletcher Fund and the Claude and Eleanor George Fund of Triangle Community Foundation to support a Community Education Assistant (CEA) through the AmeriCorps Public Allies program. The CEA will work with staff and volunteers to provide sexual assault awareness and prevention programs to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in local schools. This grant will allow the OCRCC to expand programming to include more students with disabilities.

Thank you again to the Triangle Community Foundation for your continued support in educating the community about sexual violence.

## Stewards Fund Leaves A Legacy

Since 2003, the Stewards Fund has awarded the Rape Crisis Center various challenge grant opportunities for our annual appeal. With the support of the community we have successfully met every challenge, totaling to \$90,000 in grant funding from the Stewards Fund.

This past winter we accepted our final Stewards Fund Challenge where we raised pledges to receive a \$30,000 matching grant. Again, with the dedication of the community we were able to meet this challenge and have over \$60,000 of pledges from our supporters. Throughout the years, grants from the Stewards Fund have been instrumental in funding our 24-hour crisis line, support groups and education prevention programs in the public schools. Even more importantly, their support has resonated with the community to increase or extend individual giving, allowing the OCRCC to leverage the foundation’s grants with support from caring individuals.

On behalf of the OCRCC and the community we would like to give our heartfelt appreciation to the Stewards Fund for being integral to ending sexual violence.

## Earth-Friendly Supporters

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Twig, an eco-friendly store in Chapel Hill, held their first Green Day Fundraiser Event for local non-profits. Twig donated 20% of its revenue for the entire event and 5% of sales from the balance of the week to local non-profit groups. As one of the community partners, the Rape Crisis Center received almost \$200 from the event. Thank you TWIG for your commitment to creating a more sustainable future and to ending sexual violence.



## Chapel of the Cross Supports Healing

Thank you to the Chapel of the Cross for their donation of \$1,000 through their annual ABC Sale. Funds from this event will help fund the Rape Crisis Center’s support group coordinator position. Support groups help survivors and their loved ones learn coping skills and start the process of healing.

Thank you to the Chapel of the Cross Social Ministry Committee for their generous donation of \$2,000 to help support the Center’s work throughout the community.

## Thank you to the following businesses & individuals for your generous donation.

We are deeply appreciative of the trust our donors place in us to use their money wisely. Without your financial support, the work we do would not be possible. Listed below are those who have given financial or in-kind donations to the Orange County Rape Crisis Center from September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Although we make every effort to maintain the accuracy of this list oversights are possible. If you notice an error or absence of a name that should be on the list, please notify us and we will make the corrections in the next newsletter. Again, thank you for your continued support.

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# Combating Sex Trafficking: Prevention and Intervention in NC and Beyond

By Dr. Pamela Lach, Conference Coordinator, Carolina Women's Center



Sex trafficking is a global human rights violation with striking local ramifications. It is estimated that of the approximately 20,000 individuals trafficked into

the United States, nearly a quarter end up in the Southeast, including North Carolina.

In the Carolina Women's Center's ongoing efforts to educate about and fight against sexual trafficking in North Carolina, we hosted our second biennial conference on April 3-4 at the Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill. "Combating Sex Trafficking" was designed to create action and brought together an impressive array of international, national

and local experts to talk about a wide range of subjects—child exploitation, shutting down the demand for commercial sexual exploitation, government and corporate prevention models.

The program began with a call to action in the account of a survivor—a brave and strong woman who has since become an anti-trafficking advocate. Her story framed the entire conference, providing attendees with a sense of urgency.

Our conference culminated in the formation of five breakout working groups, each of which devised specific and implementable action items. We have already begun to share these items with RIPPLE: The North Carolina Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

Though the conference is over, our efforts to combat trafficking here in NC are

gaining momentum every day. Using grant money, the Carolina Women's Center/RIPPLE recently hired a state-wide training coordinator, and we are helping to form a new grass-roots coalition: North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking.

We are lending support for new research projects at UNC, and are helping Senator Ellie Kinnaird push for the formation of a State Commission on Human Trafficking. And, our work is beginning to have a more regional impact, inspiring a flurry of anti-trafficking activity in the Atlanta region, a long-time hub of sexual exploitation.

For more information about the conference or to join these efforts, please contact Dr. Lach at [plach@email.unc.edu](mailto:plach@email.unc.edu).

**Note: The Rape Crisis Center is hosting a panel discussion on sex trafficking at its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 7p.m. (see page 4)**

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