

Voices Against Sexual Assault



MONTHLY UPDATE

AUGUST 2011

VOICES Community Outreach: Upcoming Events



In the past several years, Voices Against Sexual Assault has expanded our community presence to include health and wellness fairs at Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and hosted two successful annual events at the YWCA Kalamazoo!

During 2011, it is our goal to keep this momentum going and be an ever growing presence in our community! To this end, we have already scheduled several events for the coming Fall season, and plan to schedule several more.

Our potential Fall event schedule includes:

- KVCC's Cougar Connection on Tuesday, September 6th from 9AM-7PM
- WMU's Bronco Bash on Friday, September 9th from 3PM-7PM
- WMU's Health and Wellness Expo on Wednesday, November 9th from 10AM-3PM

Volunteers Needed!

As the Kalamazoo community prepares for the flood of college students, VOICES is preparing for the flood of events that comes with the filling of local campuses. The events lined up for the Fall mean one important thing for VOICES: we need volunteers!

Are you available to work 2-3 hour shifts at a table? Are you friendly and able to hand out information and resources to community members?

We're looking for you! Volunteers work in pairs to hand out information about VOICES at community events. If this sounds like something you're interested in, please email us at info@voicesasa.org with the subject line "Volunteer" to help at future events!

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 11th @ 4PM
YWCA Kalamazoo

VOICES meets regularly at the YWCA of Kalamazoo on the SECOND Thursday of the month at 4PM. Please RSVP to info@voicesasa.org to join us!

To augment our 2011 community events schedule, VOICES is also seeking community organizations, classrooms and groups who would like to take advantage of our *free* community education services.

These community education presentations are designed to raise awareness about sexual assault in our community, including educating the community about perpetrators of sexual assault.

VOICES disseminates this information by sending individuals or entire panels of professionals to events, classrooms and organizations to discuss the reality of sexual assault.

Each community presentation can be carefully tailored to meet the needs of the audience we are presenting to in order to ensure that each presentation is a success! Additionally, it is important to remember that VOICES members are always available to sit at community events and fairs throughout 2011!

If this sounds like something you or your organization is interested in, please contact us via email at info@voicesasa.org and let us know what's going on!

Mothers of Hope: Event Recap

On Saturday, August 6th VOICES joined a multitude of other local organizations at Spring Valley Park for an event sponsored by the Mothers of Hope—the 4th Annual Ultimate Family Reunion. Mothers of Hope is a non-profit, community based organization that unites women to uplift families and empower leadership in the community.

Although the day dawned cloudy and rain showers fell lightly throughout the day, event turnout was impressive! Families of all sizes turned out to enjoy the food and music provided throughout the day, as well as to take advantage of the great information and resources offered by community organizations.

