



▶ APRIL IS.....
SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS AND
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION
MONTH, 1

○ Semi-annual issue | ○ July | ○ 2009



▶ BOY SCOUT TROOP
80, FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH; BILL, BEN,
AND MAX PRESTAGE 2



▶ JOYCE OWEN, JIM
MATTHEWS,
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U Care, Inc.

The When, How, What, Where,
Who and Why of U Care, Inc.

Did you know...

In 2007-2008 fiscal year, U Care, Inc. helped 2,491 victims, between last year to the present, there was a 26% increase in victims. During this time operational needs have increased, while grants funds were cut, anticipating more cuts in the near future. Everyone in the community is needed to assist in the ongoing mission of U Care, Inc.



WHEN

U Care, Inc. began as a grassroots effort by concerned citizens of Sampson County. Women attending the 1994 N. C. Equity Women's assembly in Sampson County expressed an outstanding concern for the lack of assistance for local victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. U Care, Inc. is a domestic violence/sexual assault program located in Sampson County. Thanks to the many volunteers and advocates for this cause, only nineteen (19) months after the woman's assembly meeting, U Care secured, renovated, and developed a fully operational 24 hour emergency shelter and outreach program.

HOW

While U care has been fortunate, over its past 15 years, in receiving grants, those funds hardly satisfy the financial demands of the community. This year alone state budget cuts of 9% from all shelters statewide and their threats to cuts us even more is crippling our program. It is the right and responsibility of everyone in Sampson County to step up to the plate and help those innocent children who are emotionally crippled daily as they survive abusive homes. We must all band together as the community we are and assure those seeking relief have somewhere to go. Somewhere tried and true, trusted for its dedication to this mission.

WHAT

It's live, on-site, support network provides confidential services to all victims and their families free of charge, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or age. The court mandated "INSIGHT": Abuser Treatment and Anger Management programs do require a fee.

WHERE

Clinton, North Carolina, central Sampson County

WHO

U Care, Inc. is made up of four essential groups of individuals. U Care, Inc. Staff/Bee Hive Thrift Store Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers.

WHY

Mission Statement:
"To break the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault."



Volunteers are the foundation from which U Care was born and it will be volunteers who assure its success for another 15 years to come.

April was... Sexual Assault Awareness Month And Child Abuse Prevention Month



“The tradition of art as a voice for domestic violence survivors has spawned a number of well-known programs, including the [Clothesline Project](#), a project to address violence against women. In 1990, visual artist Rachel Carey-

Harper, inspired by the AIDS quilt, presented the concept of using shirts hanging on a clothesline as a way to raise consciousness. Since doing the laundry was always considered women's work and women often exchanged

information over backyard fences while hanging their clothes out to dry, the concept of the clothesline became the vehicle. Each year thousands of women now tell their stories of survival—and commemorate victims who died from domestic violence—by using words and/or artwork to decorate a t-shirt to be exhibited on a clothesline. “

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(Displayed at the Clinton Bee Hive Thrift Store)



**Union High School Student
Senior Project
Jeans decorated by Valerie
Peterson & April Boney**



**Pictures
to the left:
Displayed
at JC
Holliday
Library)**



Displayed at Sampson Community College

A Look Back...



June 2009 We at Matthews Cards and Gifts would like to donate three styles of Crocs (shoes) to the U Care program. As we were thinking about possible donation opportunities in our community, we felt the families that come to the U Care organization for help would most benefit from this donation. It is our hope and prayer that those you serve will find comfort in a new pair of shoes at a time when they may feel all hope is gone. Joyce Owen Manager, Jim Matthews, Barbara Werner



May 2009 three young boys from Troop 80 of the Sampson county Boy Scouts volunteered at the U Care, Inc. facility to revitalize the landscaping. Ben, Bill and Max Prestage.



Pictured above right: March 16, 2009 U Care, Inc. was presented with a grant award of 5,000.00 from the South River Electric Membership Corporation for much needed shelter repairs.



Jennifer Bass presented Pamela Gonzalez with blankets collected by the Sampson County Girl Scouts. In result, Mrs. Bass invited U Care's Executive Director to one of their monthly meetings to express the currents needs for services, as well as, volunteer efforts.



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Emergency Shelter
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U Care, Inc. is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Sampson County. We operate through grants and private donations. All donations are provided documentation for tax deduction purposes.

YOUR SUPPORT IS ALWAYS NEEDED!!
YOU Can Help STOP Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Yes, I want to become a volunteer!
- Yes, I want to volunteer at the "The Bee Hive Thrift Store!"
- Yes, I want to become a contributor!
I am sending \$ _____
- Yes, I would like to be an emergency helper. (Provide fresh foods/or supplies for victims in the shelter).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW
YOU CAN HELP CONTACT:**

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Coming Soon!
U Care's Annual Reverse Drawing
February 12, 2010



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