



Tuesday April 8

Twelfth meeting of Spring 2008

Meeting Start/End Times: 12:35-1:15

10 Students & 3 Faculty in Attendance

Volleyball game this week!!! Friday April 11 @ 2:00pm
Outside the Psych building on the front lawn with light refreshments

Thank you Holly Watts for inviting and introducing our guest speaker, Holly Rogers (BS psychology VSU), from the Haven! The Haven has been helping women and children for 20 years. This was a very enriching informational meeting. Here are the highlights:

***The haven is a dual program (shelter & rape crisis center) with a 22 bed capacity. They do serve men, but they only house women and children. Those who come have a police escort because they are located in a disclosed location. The Haven gives food and clothing and their team members make case plans that set daily goals and include individual, group and family therapy. They offer Project Light, a night group treatment to help women get off substance abuse. You can volunteer to help facilitate the group. Children's programs include play therapy. Haven offers a facilitated TPO (temporary protective order) legal program. The sexual assault center has an on site exam room with an advocate to help the women in reporting their case. The Haven serves 9 counties and some victims come through DEFAX. Last year they had 1,200 domestic violence cases and 102 sexual assault cases.*

**** The Haven can use your help!****

Donate – money, clothing, linens, furniture, toiletries, food, anything you can give, TIME
Volunteer – translate, serve at info booths, help cook, facilitate groups, clean, answer the crisis line, or anything you can help with. **MEN you could help move furniture
3 Volunteer types: direct, non-direct (**Need 10 hours of training w/ 4 additional for specific area such as supervised contact with children.), 1 time community awareness volt.

The Haven helps women and children get homes and fresh starts in life. They provide help locating and moving into apartments and provide the families with furniture, clothing and every basic necessity that they do not have. The Haven provides bus fare or plane tickets for women who need to get to family out of town or out of state. The services can only be provided when the funds are there to provide them.

April is Sexual Assault awareness month and support is represented with a teal ribbon. "Take back the Night" will be Thurs. April 17th at 8pm. Come walk down the pedestrian walk and hear a speaker in front of West Hall.

For more information please stop by the table outside the break room for a brochure or call **Holly Rogers at 229 244-6142** on her direct line.

****Minutes Continued on next page. Important GPS info****

Conference: GPS Saturday April 19, Macon GA

- \$5 admission fee
- Poster and paper sessions in which we listen to research being presented (some by your classmates!)
- A FREE mock GRE so that you can get a feel for that graduate examination!!
- Interest groups such as Developmental, Industrial Organizational, Clinical, etc.
- Graduate schools in GA that will be available for information: Columbus, Macon, and GA State Universities to name a few.
- Transportation by Dr. Hilgert leaving Fri. morning 8:30am – conference starts at 8:00am Sat. morning
- Hotel accommodations will be at Super 8. Price is about \$44+tax. Those staying will split this 3 or 4 ways. We do have to pay for our own rooms. **Contact Dr. Browne ASAP to let him know if you are going to need space in a room!!**
- Some of us will be jumping in to ride up with others, then riding back in VSU's transportation provided by Dr. Hilgert who will depart when we are ready after dinner at a restaurant
- We will be back around 8pm or 9pm Sat. evening
- *Georgia Psychological Society web site is linked on Psych Department page*