



2011 Clothesline Project

In honor of October being Domestic Violence Awareness month, the 2011 Clothesline Project was on display throughout Winona. Every year we receive comments from those who view this memorial to the



women, children and men who have lost their lives due to domestic violence in Minnesota. This year we honored 18 women, 3 children, and 3 men for a total of 24 lives lost in Minnesota between January 2011 and September 2011.

We appreciate all the comments that were left at our displays. While this tribute brings awareness to the issue of domestic violence, it also raises questions and comments that

make us conscious of how much more education needs to be done. These are a few comments we received this year:

- "We pray for an end to all violence"
- "Praying for all the victims. This really touched all of our hearts."
- "I'll keep you in my prayers"
- "Josselyn was my friend, she will always be in my heart."
- "Nice job – powerful."
- "Thank you for all the good you do"
- "Praying that complete healing for the victims will occur."
- "What an honoring of their beautiful souls and life! Thank you and I will send prayers for their families and the hope that one day such horror will STOP."
- "So devastating, so sad. These people will always, and forever remain in my heart. This is wonderful!!!"
- "Un día a la vez...paz" (One day at a time...peace)



January: Stalking Awareness Month

Stalking is a dangerous crime that affects 3.4 million adults in the United States each year. The better we understand the facts about stalking, the more we can do to stop it. Stalking is considered to be any unwanted attention that causes the victim to fear for their safety. There are many forms of stalking including contact through unwanted visits, telephone, text messaging, Internet, GPS in cell phones, mail and presents. Because of the large increase in technology usage, Internet stalking has become increasingly easy and often provides the stalker information about the victim's whereabouts.

- 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year.
- Persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.
- 75% of victims know their aggressor.
- 30% of victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- Intimate partner stalkers frequently approach their targets, and their behaviors escalate quickly.

For more information on Stalking Awareness visit: <http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/about>





Volunteers make the difference

This fall 33 advocates were trained at Winona State University! This includes students from St. Mary's University, community members, and WSU students. Thank you all for joining the WRC to create a better community! Training is a total of 45 hours, after which individuals are equipped to staff the 24-hour crisis line for the Center. This fall 4 WSU interns are working at the WRC: Rebecca Bauer: Criminal Justice and Child Advocacy, Emily Dierling: Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies, Kara Eggers: Communication Studies and Women's and Gender Studies, Claire Spano: Women's and Gender Studies.

Much appreciation to the 2011-2012 WRC Board of Directors for all of their hard work ensuring the WRC is healthy and stable, now and into the future. The Board is currently planning the 2012 Gala and Tour of Gardens. Thank You for representing the WRC!

Pictured Left to Right:
Laurel Mohan, Kelly Kirby, Stephanie Nuttall, Brooke Lenz, Jamie Sanders, Jay Palmer, Taff Roberts, and Judy Yess. Not pictured: Jennifer Monsos



Intern Spotlight: Emily Dierling

Emily is currently in her last year of college at Winona State University studying Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies. She got involved in the program last year and became invested in ending violence against women and girls while on a travel study to St. Croix this past summer. "On the St. Croix Island it was amazing to see how aware and educated everyone was. Walking down the street everyone knew who the director of the Women's Coalition was. They had posters and flyers everywhere. It was encouraging to see how proactive a small island was."

After graduation Emily plans to become a counselor at a high school and implement awareness on dating violence and sexual assault.

Thank you for your help and good luck after graduation!

WRC Winter Calendar and Events

- December 14th** — Board Of Directors meeting
- December 19th** — 1:00pm, WRC: Wisewomen Discussion Group
- December 26th** — WRC Closed

- January 2nd** — WRC Closed
- January 10th** — 5:30 pm, WRC: Board of Directors meeting
- January 16th** — WRC Closed

- February 14th** — 5:30 pm, WRC: Board of Directors meeting
- February 20th** — WRC Closed
- February 23rd-25th**— 7:30 pm Somsen Auditorium
The Vagina Monologues

