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Mission Statement: The Mission of Crisis Connection Inc. is to work in partnership with communities to empower victims, survivors & persons affected by domestic & sexual violence through confidential crisis intervention, education and advocacy in Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties.

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BETH STEIN RECEIVES TORCHBEARER AWARD

We are so proud to announce that our Executive Director, Beth Stein, is a 2008 Torchbearer Award recipient.

The Indiana Commission for Women presented the distinction to her at the fourth annual Indiana's Salute For Women on January 23 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

The Torchbearer Award is the highest honor given by the State of Indiana to Hoosier women who have overcome obstacles or whose achievements have contributed to making the state a better place in which to live, work, and raise a family. Since 2004, only seventy three women have been honored as Torchbearers.



Just like cities, you and I
On a mountain, where we can't hide
This little light of mine,
Want to see your light
Called to be uniquely different lives
We all gotta shine
Let's shine our radiance.
Let's shine our radiance.



Pictured: Beth & Rebecca 'Becky' Dunlap



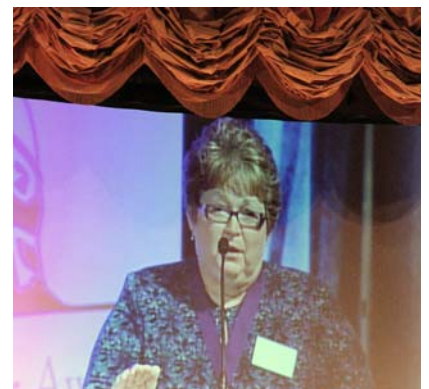
Pictured: CCI Board Members Cheryl Hillenburg, Katie Pappano, and Cathie Hammond

Beth's Nominee Wrote:

"Twenty-three years ago, Beth Stein, dismayed at the prevalence of domestic violence in Spencer County, helped to establish a volunteer toll-free hotline operated out of volunteer's homes in the evenings and overnight. Fifty calls that first month from victims of domestic violence and sexual assault convinced Ms. Stein that more services and an advocacy center were needed. She embarked on the task of building Crisis Connection, Inc. Headquartered in Jasper and serving several counties, Crisis Connection is now one of the most respected advocacy centers in the state. Has Beth Stein made an impact? Just ask the thousands of families in Southern Indiana who have been assisted in breaking the chains of shame, abuse and beginning anew, as a direct result of her commitment to them. Under Beth's guidance and leadership, the Crisis Connection staff and volunteers continue to make significant inroads in exposing our region's disgraceful secrets while offering the opportunity for peace & justice to the survivors."



Pictured: Beth holding her medal that was presented to her by Senator Teresa Lubbers and State Auditor Tim Berry



Pictured: Beth Giving Her Acceptance Speech



Pictured: Beth & Her Sister, Marc



Pictured: Beth & Her Family; Her Husband Jan Stein & Daughter Natalie Bolin.
Not pictured: Daughter Janessa Force

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another."

Among the many services offered to our community by Crisis Connection as a direct result of Beth's response and concern for our region's needs are:

CLIENT SERVICES

- Immediate crisis response to court, hospitals, police stations
- Crisis counseling- short and long-term
- Information/referral services on behalf of clients
- Follow-up counseling for as long as needed/desired by the client
- Personal advocacy on behalf of client with criminal justice and medical providers
- Accompaniment with client to court, prosecutor's, police station
- Referral to legal assistance and advocacy on behalf of clients for fee reduction
- Emergency and essential transportation
- Assistance with victim impact statements
- Assistance with protective orders
- Assistance with victim's of violent crime compensation applications
- Assistance with victim notification
- Emergency local safe homes
- Local transitional housing
- Access and transport to regional shelters
- Assistance with Child Protective Services reporting
- Support groups for adult, female domestic and sexual violence survivors
- Assistance with rent, utilities, household supplies, food, clothing, personal care items, back-to-school supplies, holiday meals and gifts
- Spanish speaking advocate on staff and assertive outreach within the Hispanic community
- Comprehensive educational materials for victims/survivors of domestic &/or sexual violence and the community at large
- Assistance with Indiana's Address Confidentiality Program
- Stalking logs
- 911 and HopeLine cell phones
- Assistance with obtaining a new social security number
- Lethality assessments

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Anger Management for court or Dept. of Child Services ordered women
- Men's Batterers' Intervention Program for court or DCS ordered men
- Brochures, pamphlets, posters, hotline cards
- Speakers & presentations
 - Love is NOT Abuse (Liz Claiborne)
 - CARe curriculum (Purdue University)
 - Natural Helpers (school-based curriculum)
 - Media Literacy Awareness
 - Internet Safety and Exploitation for Youth & Parents
 - Indiana's Sex & Violent Offender Registry
 - Non-lethal Strangulation
 - Sexual Respect and Responsibility
 - Medical Screening for Domestic Violence Victim Safety
 - Attorney Screening for Victim Safety
 - Law Enforcement Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Training
 - Medical Sexual Assault Response Training
 - Anti-bullying Curriculums (K-12)
 - Child Safety and Safe Environment programming for the Catholic Diocese
 - Sexual Harassment Prevention
 - Predatory Drugs
 - Sexual Assault: acquaintance, stranger, marital
 - Respect & Healthy Relationships
 - The Role for Faith Communities
 - Workplace Violence Prevention and Response Training
 - Scouts (Crime Prevention, Child Protection, Violence against Women, Studio 2B Take Charge, Staying Safe)
 - Human Trafficking and Prostitution
 - Conflict Resolution for Students
 - Indiana Protective Orders
 - Advocate's Role within the SART (Sexual Assault Response Training)
 - Men's Batterers' Intervention Program
 - Cut It Out! Salon Professional against Domestic Violence



THE INDIANA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Indiana Commission for Women is a Bi-partisan advisory commission of fourteen appointed members from across Indiana. Established in 1992 by Executive Order and enacted as a State Commission in 1996 through the passage of Senate Bill 500, the ICW is symbolic of Indiana's commitment to improving the quality of life for women and families. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore.

Their mission is to assess the needs of Indiana women and their families and to work strategically for systematic change in the way our State, our communities and our political, economic and educational spheres interact. The ICW is committed to the full participation of women in all areas, making Indiana a better place.

Their purpose is to foster a greater understanding of 21st century women's issues and to encourage the full participation of the women of Indiana in government, politics, business, education, the judicial system and all other aspects of life.

Check out: www.in.gov/icw.

"MY OWN BACKYARD"

Performed at the Ceremony
by Sarah Bauer
(www.sarahbauer.com)

How do You want me to change the world
today? Where do I start?
How do I begin? What is my part?
How do I fit in?

The faces I've seen starved for food. The
voices I've heard that are starved for
truth. Oh what can I do from my own
backyard?

How do You want me to change the world
tonight? What can I do? How am I to
know? Are you asking me to stay or
should I go?

A simple smile or a brief hello.
A patient ear when I want to go.
A helping hand when there's no time.
One small sacrifice can change a life.
Oh, these I can do from my own backyard.



All of the 2008 Torchbearer Recipients are pictured above. The honorees included: The Honorable Sara Evans Barker, Rabbi Susan Shifron, Gazella Summit, Carole Stein, Sister Marie Tighe.

Torchbearer award categories run the gamut from business, biotech, and education to engineering, sports, architecture, construction, and labor advocacy, among others.