

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

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Our Club continues to confront the issue of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention on many local community fronts.

Prevention Activities

Each year the Billings Area Domestic Violence Task Force puts on a two-day McGuire Conference on Family Violence, drawing participants throughout the area. BJWC provides three scholarships to this Conference.

Community Agencies BJWC worked with this year:

1. YWCA/Gateway House

Financial support was contributed towards a newly constructed "Gateway Vista," a 24 unit apartment complex on the grounds of the Shelter.

2. Angela's Piazza

Recyclable bags were filled with personal gifts and given to 35 clients at a Christmas Party. Many of our members attended a "Souper Bowl" fundraiser.

3. Family Promise

One member volunteers with this church affiliated support group for homeless families. Nightly dinners are held at participating churches and lodging is provided.

4. Family Support Network

Funding is provided for this organization to provide supplies for Parent Education classes. A needy family is "adopted" by a member, and gifts are provided at Christmas.

5. Tumbleweed

Many types of food items are donated throughout the year to this shelter for runaways and homeless teenagers. The Committee also provided a hot lunch for 20 teens.

6. Sexual Assault Victims Billings Clinic

Quilts made by one of our members are supplied to children undergoing physical examinations due to possible sexual abuse.

7. Family Services

Items of all types were donated to this organization for families in need of assistance.