



COMMUNITY ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES AGENCY

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Logan domestic violence shelter gift wrap fundraiser raises over \$5,000 *Funds directly benefit victims of domestic violence and rape in Cache Valley*

LOGAN, Utah – February 1, 2009 – The CAPSA Gift Wrap Booth wrapped thousands of presents at Cache Valley Mall this year, and raised over \$5,000 in funds for victims of domestic violence and rape in the community.

The money, generously donated by Cache Valley shoppers and residents, will provide much-needed supplies, food, and clothing for the CAPSA shelter and office.

“All the money stays right here in Logan to help local victims,” said Tracy Hernandez, Operations & Marketing Director at CAPSA. “We love providing this service, but I don’t know if the shoppers whose presents we wrap fully understand how much their donations help our organization.”

CAPSA is funded partially by grants, and partially by private donations. Last fiscal year private donations made up almost 22 percent of CAPSA’s total budget for the year, with nearly \$154,000 raised through fundraisers like the Gift Wrap Booth, general donations, and in-kind donations.

Private donations to CAPSA help provide services that government grants do not cover. For example, between July 2007 and June 2008, 326 individuals stayed in the CAPSA shelter. To feed all those people CAPSA spent over \$5,100 on groceries, and received thousands of dollars more in donated food. This year CAPSA does not have a grant to pay for grocery expenses in the shelter, but still needs to provide food for men, women, and children who are fleeing abuse and have no resources to purchase groceries and other necessities.

Funds also pay for office services that are not covered by grants, like copy paper to print protective orders, or utility bills to keep CAPSA’s office open so victims have a place to go for services.

In addition, CAPSA received over \$15,000 in toys, clothing, and other in-kind donations in December.

“Around Christmas, the toys, clothing, and other donations we receive allow us to provide a “Christmas Gift Table” where clients come and get presents for themselves and their children,” said Ruth Wilson, CAPSA Donation Coordinator. “Those items are the difference between the children having presents on Christmas morning, or having nothing.”

“The grants we receive are great, and they provide a base for our programs, but the private donations fill in all the gaps,” said Hernandez. “We would like to express thanks to all the generous donors who give time, money, and other donations.”

About CAPSA

CAPSA is a non-profit organization located in Logan that is dedicated to providing safe, caring, and confidential shelter, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to reducing incidents of abuse through prevention education. CAPSA services include a 24-hour crisis line and mobile crisis response team; emergency shelter and food; individual crisis intervention and case management; educational support groups; coordination of services with other local agencies; on-site sexual assault forensic exams and law enforcement interviews; protective order and civil stalking injunction assistance; court advocacy; children's programs; and educational presentations and workshops. All CAPSA services are free and are provided in English and Spanish.

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