

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



William D. Turner, FRC's new Executive Director, states that it is his hope to "reach out to men of good intentions to enlist their help in ending the scourge of domestic violence in the Greenbrier Valley. **A peaceful life starts at home and we all have a role to play in building a non-violent future.**"

Turner also said, "Female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault should rest assured that FRC will continue to provide the same excellent services it always has."

Mr. Turner joined the FRC Board of Directors in 1995, shortly after moving to the Greenbrier Valley with his wife, Susan Rosshirt. Mr. Turner has

practiced law with Pyles & Turner, LLP and its predecessors since 1986. He has attended numerous national and statewide trainings on domestic violence law and policy. Mr. Turner's legal career has been characterized by his willingness to support victims of domestic violence, and he has given his time and legal expertise to the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In his spare time, Mr. Turner enjoys fly fishing, UNC basketball, and Golden Retrievers.



Our New
Executive
Director:
**William D.
Turner**

FRC is proud to host LunaFest (an annual, traveling film festival of films by, for, and about women) at the historic Lewis Theatre in downtown Lewisburg. The premiere will take place on Mother's Day, 13 May 2012 at 7pm, and a second showing is

scheduled for the following Tuesday, 15 May 2012, also at 7pm. Tickets are available online at www.lunafest.org/lewisburg, at the FRC office, or at the door. Seating is limited, so please reserve a ticket for yourself (and your mother, daughter, sister or wife) today. Info: call Quincy at 304-645-6334.



Annual FRC *Yard Sale*: 19 May 2012

303 East Washington Street, Lewisburg: 8am to 1pm: Please, No Early Birds

FRC Welcomes New Staff



Rece L. Burns: I am honored to once again join the Family Refuge Center, only this time as an Advocate. In 2005, I was fortunate to complete an externship at FRC prior to earning my B.A. in Psychology from WVU. My husband and I subsequently traveled and worked throughout the country, and we could not be happier to, once again, call Lewisburg home. I am grateful to be working within the midst of this incredibly gifted staff with such community support. Every day I continue to grow and learn from our brave clients and am able leave work feeling as though we are truly making a difference.

Stacey Lambert: I am honored to join the team at FRC and look forward to working with staff members to develop a therapeutic program to address the needs of individuals and families served. I earned my MSW degree from the University of Denver and have experience in both community and clinical social work practice. Most recently, I provided clinical services to children and young adults with various mental health issues as well as those who have experienced trauma. My husband and I moved our family back to WV three years ago and bought a small family farm in the Greenbrier Valley. I enjoy the simplicity of life on the farm as well as the hard work that goes into gardening, caring for small animals, participating in the local farmers market, and raising our lovely daughter, soon to be daughters! I find peace in the great outdoors and being back home in the mountains of WV.



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Sexual Consent: Only “Yes” Means “Yes”

“The problem is not that rape is over-reported, but instead that it is under-reported. The fact that rape is under-reported is hardly disputed. To some extent, the under-reporting of rape can be seen as the result of the treatment victims receive at the hands of the legal system. It is common that women report a second, non-physical, violation, this time at the hands of the courts and defense attorney. Another explanation for under-reporting, however, is that many victims do not view what happened to them as a crime. The Ms. [Magazine] survey data indicate that **only 27 percent of those whose experiences met the legal definition of rape considered themselves rape victims.** More disturbingly, 42 percent of those who had been raped reported later having consensual sex with the man who raped them.

“Critics... argue that these numbers indicate that rape has not occurred at all in the situations considered. An alternative view sees this response as the product of societal factors. “Rather, it is one where the moral lessons taught by society make it difficult for many women to understand when they have been the victim of rape.” Many believe that no woman would ever go back for another encounter with a man who had raped her. Such behavior, however, has been explained by a need to normalize the situation, especially when the initial rape occurred in a dating environment. By having later consensual sex with the rapist, the victim can be seen as attempting to regularize her world and regain a degree of control over the situation.

“That a woman does not realize she has been raped does not, of course, mean that the rape has not occurred. The victim of theft by deception is still a victim of theft, whether she realizes it or not. More importantly, this under-recognition of rape by the victims themselves may be a result of societal factors. When women see the way other women who have been date raped are treated, they may not wish to place themselves in the same category, even on a subconscious level.

“Women raised in a society that does not teach girls they have the right to control access to their own bodies may, quite reasonably, not recognize that an action is rape. After all, if society and the media do not consider such a thing to be rape, it is perfectly plausible that those who grow up under that influence will also not consider it to be rape.” From No Means No to Only Yes Means Yes: The Rational Results of an Affirmative Consent Standard in Rape Law (Nicholas Little)



FRC will show a film about this topic...
At New River Community College, Lewisburg
On April 11 at 2pm
Please Attend

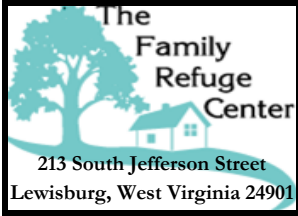
WV Legislative Update: 2012

The WV State Legislature passed some significant legislation to assist victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

- 1.) It is now a misdemeanor to interfere with a 911 call for assistance. This will help victims who are calling for law enforcement assistance and are prevented from doing so by abusers.
- 2.) The Personal Safety Protective Order will now be available to those who are being stalked or assaulted by someone with whom they have no ‘family or household relationship’. Until now protective orders were only available to those were physically abused or threatened with abuse AND were in a relationship with the abuser. This will be a good tool for advocates working with victims who have no relationship with the stalker or abuser.
- 3.) If a person is sexually assaulted, until now HIV testing of the alleged perpetrator did not occur until the person was arrested or convicted. New legislation will require that HIV testing be done as soon as possible after the assault. This is really a health issue that will protect sexual assault victims. All in all, the legislative session provided some new protections for victims.

Congratulations to the winner of the FRC Valentine’s Day Raffle: **Glen Tallent! (Beckley)**
...And thanks to those who donated lift tickets, lodging and meals:
-Snowshoe Mountain
-Old Spruce Café & Tavern
-Dave and Paula Brown

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