



Putnam/Northern Westchester
Women's Resource Center

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Join Us at the St George Winery
Route 6 Mohegan Lake
For Our Kick-off Event
"Shine A Light On Domestic Violence"
6:00 pm

NO ADMISSION FEE- Cash Bar- WEAR PURPLE

Contact the WRC 845-628-9284 or info@pnwwrc.org to register

The "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" campaign is spearheaded by New York State Office for Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV).

The campaign encourages public, private and non-profit entities to raise awareness of the issue by embracing the color purple- the symbolic hue for domestic violence awareness.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month but, as we know, domestic violence comes in many forms and can affect anyone at anytime. The PNWWRC is proud to join with the NYS Office for Prevention of Domestic Violence in this campaign. Our hope is that one day we will bring an end to domestic violence but until then, we hope you will join us in our efforts to raise awareness.

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center services over 2000 women, children and families in our community, annually, through non-residential counseling, advocacy, shelter, and our 24-hour Hotline.

In addition, we ask that you:

Wear PURPLE on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Be creative and organize your own awareness raising campaign!

Send us your photos!



Join Us for Our Annual Benefit Concert
"A Woman's Voice "Singing for Our Lives"
Mark Your Calendar
Friday, October 26, 2012

Towne Crier Cafe, Pawling

Reservations are \$40.00

(A dinner menu is available and requires a separate reservation.)

Contact the WRC at 845-628-9284 or info@pnwwrc.org
for more info or to register [Click Here](#)

Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program



Each year the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center matches families in our community (donor families/groups) with clients of the Women's Center (adoptees). Our Adopt-a-Family program offers community members the opportunity to share the spirit of the holidays (Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza) with families whose difficult situations are often overwhelming. Donors help to provide a memorable holiday for children and families struggling with critical issues including domestic violence, sexual abuse and homelessness. Our donor families/groups are given a "Needs/Wish" list from their adopted family. The donor family then purchases items from the list for each family member, wraps the items and returns them to the Women's Center in time for the holiday that their family celebrates.

In 2011 55 families/groups in our community volunteered to adopt a family. Our adopted families were truly overwhelmed and touched by the generosity displayed. Many are brought to tears when they are presented with their gifts.

How Can You Get Involved?

A program like this takes a lot of time and coordination. We begin the process early. In October a letter is sent out to past donors asking if they would like to participate. We have adopted families of all sizes from single women to families with five or more children. Many businesses in the community have participated over the years and the employees each purchase gifts for a family member. As a donor you would choose the size of the family you wish to adopt. Once you have decided to adopt a family you are given your adopted families Need/Wish list in late November or early December and asked to return your purchases to the Center by a specified date. We always have last minute families that come into our shelter and we are very grateful to have donors who are willing to take on the shopping for these families.

If you would like to learn more about our Adopt-a-Family program please contact Judy Margiotta at 845-628-9284 x15 or email her at jmargiotta@pnwwrc.org. Judy will be happy to discuss the program with you in detail.

