



# Inspire

Dear Friends,

Summer 2008

It has been a long time since you've seen a newsletter from the Center and while we've missed you, we are pleased to welcome you to the new and (we hope you'll agree) improved Center newsletter. We think you'll find this new format easier to read and will give you an insider's look at what is going on at the Center.

The work done here at the Center is very much driven by the clients we serve and you'll see that reflected in this publication. We've spent a lot of time over the past few years working on ways to not only improve services to clients, but also to make sure that the community is aware of those services and the absolutely incredible work done by the Center staff.

While the newsletter has been absent, the Center has not! Here are just a few of the things that have happened over the past few years:

- Acquired much needed additional space via a generous building donation by National City Bank located at 1825 McKinnie Ave.
- With help from Missing and Exploited Children, organized a well attended rally to call attention to Domestic Violence in the Latino Community.
- Staff organized and facilitated DV trainings in both Indianapolis and Birmingham, Alabama.
- We were honored by the Latino Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse, "*In Recognition of the Center's Outstanding Advocacy in Increasing Access to Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Services for Latinos Affected by Violence.*"
- Received accolades for our work and came into full compliance with ICADV and FSSA standards for DV programs.
- Received the 2006 partnership award from the American Red Cross for outstanding support.
- Began an endowment through Community Foundation of Fort Wayne.
- Created and Facilitated a 12 week pilot project "Pathways" for women coming out of incarceration.
- Completed a successful pilot, serving 135 4th & 5th graders, of the Community Non-violence Initiative—an initiative that takes nonviolence education to youth in their school or community agency.

You should be seeing us around!



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# *In the Spotlight...*

## **CfN's Coordinating Panel**

Kim Miller

Brindha Hariharan

Nancy Cripe

Susan Minke

Ann Frellick

Jose Hernandez

Alan Hoffer

Sherwin Kepes

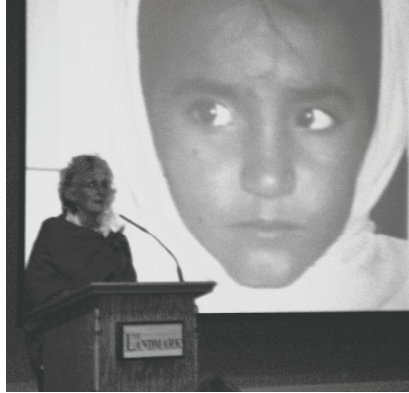
Barbara Linden

Jeanne McGee

Gail Milne

Laurie Weier

Rosa Wheeler



## *Athena Award*

The Center's own Beth Beams was acknowledged recently, by her nomination for the Athena Award, for the unique and dynamic leadership that she provides our community. Beth was not only a nominee for the internationally recognized award, but also the keynote speaker for this year's annual awards banquet organized by the

Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Beth's inspiring keynote presentation spoke to the "common threads" connecting all women throughout the globe across culture, language, and nations. She called upon the audience to act on the awareness of these common threads to help women locally and globally.

## *Bandana Project*

Migrant women have the highest rate of sexual assault amongst working women. To call attention to this epidemic, the Center took part in the Esperanza (Hope) project. The project entailed the decorating of bandanas as a visual representation of the plight of migrant women. The symbolism of the bandanas, which may be the only weapon that migrant women have to protect themselves in the fields, proved to be a powerful representation to all who were able to see it. The bandanas decorated at the Center by women attending our support groups were returned to the Southern Poverty Law Center to become part of a national display.



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# Center Sightings:

## *Peace in the Streets*

The concern and outrage over the 11 homicides that occurred in the city between March 24th and April 18th prompted community leaders to take a stand against violence. On April 26th, about 300 marchers organized at the intersection of McKinnie and Anthony Blvd., utilizing the Center's McKinnie building for gathering space. The group marched 2 miles down Anthony, drawing on-lookers and cheering supporters from the sidelines. Throughout the march, participants chanted "we want peace" and "violence must go." The Center's banner proudly led the march.



## *Take Back the Night*

Also, on April 26th, the "Take Back the Night" (TBTN) event took place at IPFW. TBTN has a history in Fort Wayne dating back to the 1970's. CfN representatives worked with the TBTN committee to make the event a success. The one-mile walk, vigils and speak outs brought survivors, supporters, and community leaders together to call for the end of violence against women. It offered survivors of violence an opportunity to give voice to their experiences and publicly affirm their transition from victim to survivor.

## *Upcoming Event:*



*October 11, 2008*

Show your "Strength in Stride" when you join us at Headwaters Park West for a two mile walk, on the "Circle of Hope" River-greenway to promote Domestic Violence Awareness month. For more information and registration forms check out our website:

[www.centerfornv.org](http://www.centerfornv.org)

\*See "Dates to Remember" section for the pre-registration deadline.

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## *Dates to remember:*

**August 26th:** Center for Nonviolence's Anniversary

**September 21st:** International Day of Peace

**September 27th:** Pre-registration deadline for our **Strength in Stride** walk event

**October is DV awareness month**

**October 2nd:** United Nation's Day of Nonviolence

**October 11th: Strength in Stride** Walk at Headwater Park West

**November 17-18:** In Our Best Interest Training in Indianapolis

**November 19-21:** Duluth Training in Indianapolis

## *Services of the Center*

*All services are also available in Spanish*

- Adult Violence Intervention Programs
- Support Groups
- Mother's Educational Groups
- Parenting Classes for Latino/as
- Bienvenido (orientation for immigrants)
- Violence Intervention for Youth
- Community Nonviolence Initiative (school-based programming)
- Trainings

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