

# Women in crisis receives state grant

Snicker, snicker, snicker . . .  
 . . . to all of you out there who thought you escaped to the warmer summer climates, you have just missed the summer of '82 in Barrow . . . warmest in a long while . . .

First of all in this report, Arctic Women-in-Crisis has received notification of grant award from the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The award is for a goodly sum, and will be supplemented with funds Arctic Women-in-Crisis has secured from the North Slope Borough Health Department. There'll be no frills for the program, yet at the same time there are many activities planned.

Number 1 for Arctic Women-in-Crisis is to continue to provide advocacy and support and shelter to victims of Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault. Another broad goal is to provide for alternatives — choice. Victims of Domestic Violence may feel locked into a situation. Arctic Women-in-Crisis offers safe shelter as an alternative to an abusive situation.



Of course, we look forward to our volunteer group growing in size and service, as they continue to be a cherished resource for A.W.I.C.

Women's Support Groups will also continue, and as time progresses we hope to be working closely with three sep-



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arate alcohol-help programs: Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-non, and Barrow Alcohol Program.

AWIC will work towards community awareness and has a plan for reaching the villages. And there is much more. Thus there is much to be done as we look forward to this coming year.

This summer we have two summer workers: Martina Vonda and Patricia Thomas. Helen is presently on vacation and other staff members have plans in the making.

Volunteers are having their own vacation until August. We will meet again around August 20th. At the last volunteer's meeting, we had a going-away party for volunteer Bonnie Livesay, who has left for Kansas.

Bonnie and her husband Wilbur are retiring from PHS Hospital and Public Health Nursing. We had a grand time! Joanne handed out certificates to the volunteers showing appreciation for their time and effort as volunteers for AWIC.

Special thanks go out to Sonya Leavitt and Sarah Jacoby for their participation and devotion over the last 2½ years to the AWIC Program. And, to Joanne Tadjerson for her dedication to and leadership with the volunteers.

Recruitment for new volunteers will begin in October. However, you can join our volunteer group anytime! There'll be pot-luck suppers, bi-monthly meetings, training, and working on the volunteer's cookbook . . . as well as volunteering for emergency on-

call advocacy for victims of Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault, or helping out in the shelter. Come join us!

## ATTENTION TO VILLAGES:

Arctic Women-in-Crisis has some funds to help women (and their children), who are from Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault situations, get to the Barrow shelter from your village. These funds are very limited, and AWIC can pay for seat-fare only.

If you need to get out of an abusive home situation or need to leave your village because of rape, Arctic-in-Crisis can arrange for your trip into Barrow, but you must be willing to stay at the shelter for at least three (3) days — and you are welcome to stay at the shelter for up to thirty (30) days.

Please! Don't abuse these funds. When the money is then Women-in-Crisis will not be able to really help out a woman who is in crisis, because there will be no money for plane fares. Thank you!

Arctic Women-in-Crisis runs a Crisis Phone Line, also. If you have been battered, abused or raped, are thinking about suicide or of abusing your child, or if you just need someone to talk to . . . CALL 852-4357. This crisis phone line is open 24-hours every day. We listen!

Soon AWIC will add a new phone. This new phone line will be for client's personal use and staff business use. The new phone line will hopefully free our crisis line for crisis phone calls only. Please help us by limiting your calls to the 852-4357 number unless you are having a crisis. Thank you!

To all Arctic Women-in-Crisis staff: a good job well done! THANK YOU for your advocating and support to the AWIC Shelter and to the North Slope Community!

ARCTIC WOMEN-IN-CRISIS SHELTER WILL BE THREE YEARS OLD THIS COMING NOVEMBER, SO WE'LL HAVE TO CELEBRATE . . . JOIN US THEN!

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER



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