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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR FUNDRAISER

Summer traditionally offers fundraising staff a respite from the busy seasons. At the same time, the "slow" time of year usually means sluggish income. Not so this year! With our tile artist leaving for a one-year sabbatical, the Women's Center pulled out all the stops this summer to fill EVERY spot in the soon-to-be-completed kitchen tile mural.

And... WE DID IT! -- due in part, to Women's Center groups, which put their individual resources together to dedicate group commemorative tiles. Many thanks to: *The Coming Out Group*, *Creativity and Healing*, *For Crying Out Loud*, the *30+ Lesbian Rap*, the *Thursday night Incest Survivors' Discussion Group*, the *Reproductive Rights Network*, the *Women's Community Cancer Project*, and the *Women's Counseling and Resource Center*.

Your collective (and individual) contributions make a real difference to the Women's Center. In fact, donations (and volunteers) are our fuel. So, to everyone who participated in the tile project, THANK YOU! The tile mural is one of the wonderful ways we celebrate our **25th Anniversary Year**. (P.S. keep your eye out in '97 for a possible continuation of the Commemorative Tile Campaign, with a new design!) Speaking of the 25th...

GALA / CELEBRATION / CONCERT / BASH  
In Celebration of the Women's Center's

**25th Anniversary:**  
**OCTOBER 19, 1996**  
SAVE the DATE!

We hope you all come out to help celebrate being the oldest and one of the most successful women's centers in the country!!!

...and if you'd like to make an additional donation in honor of our **25th Anniversary**, you can join the Women's Center's **PROGRAM BOOK** for the festive October 19th event (see back page).

- Pamela Goldstein

## 25 YEARS! LET'S CELEBRATE!

Please don't wake me if I'm dreaming. Patricia Smith is performing her poetry. She's awesome, taking me along to a new, wonderful place. Then, Toshi Reagan's singing, her beautiful voice surrounds me. I'm in Sanders Theatre. What could make this better? It's a benefit for the Women's Center!

It's all true! On **Saturday, October 19, 1996**, at **8pm**, at **Sanders Theatre**, **Toshi Reagan** and **Patricia Smith** will perform at a benefit celebrating the Women's Center's 25th year!

**Toshi Reagan**, is a soulful and upbeat folk/blues/rock singer and **Patricia Smith** is an inspiring and eloquent poet (4-time national poetry slam champion!), and a Boston Globe columnist. And there will be other surprise talented guests to delight and entertain you.

We are thrilled to have great performers and a wonderful hall for this historic occasion, with a huge assist from **Revolutionary Acts** (a.k.a. **Multistage Productions**), which is producing the event with Women's Center. All we need now, to guarantee that the evening is a tremendous and heartwarming success, is you!

Come to celebrate what the Women's Center means to you. Come to let all those who have contributed to the Women's Center's success know how much they are appreciated. Come to contribute to the **Women's Center's future**. Come to have a wonderful time!

Be sure and reserve your tickets early!! All proceeds (above expenses) will go to the Women's Center! For ticket information contact the Women's Center at (617) 354-8807.

Hope to see you there, so we can mark this important milestone together!

P.S. Of course, as always, we could use more help with planning, publicity, etc. If you could help, *please* call Dawn at (617) 354-8807.

- Judy Norris

## THE TRANSITION IS UNDERWAY: SO LONG JENNIFER...

...AND WELCOME DAWN!

Big changes are underfoot at the Women's Center. In June, devoted, full-time staffer, **Jennifer Norris**, announced her plans to attend law school in the fall. She has been the Women's Center's *Volunteer/Administrative Coordinator* for the past 5 years. Jennifer brought tremendous skill, patience, expertise, dedication, and positive energy to her work and had a similarly positive impact on the well-being of the Women's Center. And, while we will miss her greatly, we share her enthusiasm for the challenges that await her, and extend our very best wishes for continued success!

To fill Jennifer's position, we conducted a concentrated search which drew over 70 applicants, and ultimately hired **Dawn Dougherty** as our new *Volunteer/Administrative Coordinator*. Dawn comes to us from the North Shore Rape Crisis Center, where she was the *Educational Outreach Coordinator*. She is also on the Board of the *Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Speakers' Bureau* of Boston. We look forward with enthusiasm to working with Dawn and benefiting from her many talents... and we extend our heartiest welcome!!

So if you've been thinking about volunteering at the Women's Center, this fall is a great time to start! Come on down and meet Dawn, or call her up at (617) 354-8807 to volunteer.

### A QUICK HELLO...

I'm Dawn Dougherty, the new *Volunteer/Administrative Coordinator* at the Women's Center. I have taken over Jen Norris' responsibilities and want to formally introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me.

I am originally from a suburb of Philadelphia (a very forgettable place called Zieglerville, PA) and moved to the Boston area after completing my masters in Theatre at SUNY Albany. I've spent the last year working at the North Shore Rape Crisis Center where I coordinated rape and sexual assault awareness programs. I also just recently moved to Somerville and am finally feeling settled into both my new apartment and my new job.

I'm very excited to be on board as the Women's Center celebrates its 25th anniversary!

## ABORTION ACCESS ACTION MONTH

Last October, 18 groups were involved in a variety of actions to highlight issues of access to abortion. In view of this year's legislative attacks on abortion rights, we are again declaring October "Abortion Access Action Month" this year. We hope that you or your group will get involved. Possible activities include: Informational leafletting in front of hospitals that do not provide abortions and in front of health insurance companies that do not cover abortions, informational tabling, letter writing campaigns, and forums. Let us know what your plans are!

As part of Abortion Access Action Month, the **Reproductive Rights Network (R2N2)** will be sponsoring the New England premiere of "The Fragile Promise of Choice," the new film by Academy Award nominee Dorothy Fadiman. The film will be shown **Tuesday, October 22 at the Brattle Theater in Harvard Square.**

The Abortion Access Project is a project of the R2N2 and meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7pm at the Women's Center. Our phone number is (617) 661-1161. Give us a call!



### WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOLDS

The *Women's Cancer Support Group*, sponsored by the *Women's Community Cancer Project*, will hold its last meeting on October 24, 1996. The decision to end our Group was a difficult one. Since 1990, the Support Group has offered a free, drop-in, confidential space for women with cancer to meet and share their experiences, an important service to the feminist community. We are proud of our work, and grateful to the many women who have shared their stories with us. Lately, however, attendance has dropped significantly. Hospital support services have increased greatly, and support groups with focus on specific cancers, treatments, and/or groups of people, have formed throughout the Greater Boston Area.

We will continue to provide referrals to other groups. The *Women's Community Cancer Project (WCCP)* continues to meet on the 1st Thursday of each month and we welcome new members. WCCP's direct phone number is (617) 354-9888.



## BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Around 1975 I began attending a *Battered Women's Support Group*, facilitated by Betsy Warrior, on Wednesday mornings at the Women's Center. At that time I desperately needed help and had called several local hotlines to seek it. On one occasion someone gave me the number of the first battered women's shelter in the area, Transition House. When I spoke to the woman there about my situation, she seemed to understand exactly what I was going through. She invited me to the very next meeting of the support group at the Women's Center.

I was eager to go just so I wouldn't feel so alone or so mentally stressed by the agonizing situation I was in. I thought I was the cause of my husband's low self-esteem and his wretchedness. He used to tell me that I couldn't cook right, I couldn't talk right, I couldn't clean right.

The group support helped me immediately. I was always an outgoing person, and the women liked me to speak because I was so outspoken and could make them laugh. I would not hide my feelings when I didn't like what my husband was doing or when I heard what other women's husbands or boyfriends did that I didn't think was right. I openly, honestly and blatantly revealed my thoughts. The other women liked my freedom of expression. **So did I.** I had lost that freedom prior to going to the support group. Or maybe it was just buried under all the rubble of verbal abuse my husband had heaped on me. He tried to destroy the life in me by killing my spirit.

It's now 1996. Twenty plus years later. I went to the group steadily for one or two years and continue to keep in touch with Betsy Warrior. I give her my soul support because we were pioneers: the first support group for battered women. God bless her for her resistance to abuse. I'll never forget the women I met at the Women's Center. They saved my life. Just a small band of women telling our truths and standing up for all women.

In the interim years I have spoken at the State House for funding for shelters for battered women. After succeeding in my struggle to leave my husband I went back to school and became a Licensed Physical Therapist. My daughter became a Registered Nurse and is now working to specialize as an Anesthetist. We are both fully able to take care of ourselves - **and we do.**

I needed the support group in the past - and I do now. It is important to all women to know that the unmanageable and unbearable conditions are not their fault. The problem has always been the political oppression of all women.

-Carole Siriani-Skinner

## LISA MILLER

1961 - 1986

Lisa Miller was a sensitive, life-loving intelligent woman. Her bright eyes were full of hope and promise. She had dimples that could spin waves of joy in our souls. When she laughed, joy was contagious. She will not be forgotten. Nor will the murdering of women globally be forgotten. Lisa Miller, my sister, our sister, was beaten to death by a man.

The destruction of women's life force exposes the ultimate political motivation central to the sexual violence of femicide. In true bonding among women men's trivialization and objectification of women will be revealed as the Patriarchy's political strategy of continued control over women's lives.

As we become enraged at the condition of women's lives, we can work together to envision freedom -- freedom from the shackles of Patriarchy. Together we will not forget Lisa Miller and her energy that strengthens us.

-Stephanie Foisey

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**Stop the Presses!** Good news about sexual harassment in the workplace! House Bill #4052 has been signed into law by the Governor. It was filed in 1991 by Reps. Pamela Resor of Acton and former Rep. Susan Tracy of Brighton.

This bill encourages education and training in the workplace. All employers, employment agencies and labor organizations with 15 or more employees shall promote a workplace free of sexual harassment by adopting a policy which states:

- that sexual harassment is unlawful
- that it is unlawful to retaliate if someone files a claim

and includes:

- a description and examples of sexual harassment plus the range of consequences
- the process for filing internal complaints
- how to reach appropriate state and federal employment discrimination enforcement agencies

Suppose your employer ignores this mandate? The Women's Center **Sexual Harassment Support Group** has been meeting monthly for four years to help women devise strategies to protect themselves against unwanted, unwelcome and repeated behavior of a sexual nature at work.

Upcoming meetings will be held from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday, Sept. 26 and Monday, Oct 21, or call me, the facilitator, at (617) 254-1729.

-Louise Bonar

## WRITERS' CIRCLE

*Writers' Circle* is an open group that meets at the Women's Center every other Tuesday of each month, from 7pm to 9pm. Writers bring six to eight copies of written work to share with the group. Group members read their work aloud and discuss it in the first ninety minutes of each meeting. The last thirty minutes are devoted to the writing process and the business of writing. A moderator starts us off each meeting, explains the format to newcomers, and keeps things moving.

*Writers' Circle* is all about, as Ann Lamott describes in her wonderful book on writing and life, *Bird by Bird*: "...feedback, encouragement, benevolent pressure, and the company of other writers." It's a place to try new things, to revise works that never quite worked, to ask for critiques, to practice reading for a poetry slam; each meeting is different. Mostly we respond to what is on the page. Sometimes we talk about how hard it can be to find the right words and get them down on the page where others can read them.

One of the interesting things about *Writers' Circle* is the variety of genres and subjects people are working on: novels, autobiography, poetry, travel pieces, short stories, children's books. One writer put her experience at *Writers' Circle* like this:

"I have gotten very helpful responses to two short stories, and I hope to start bringing in pieces of a novel. I really look forward to meeting with the regulars and seeing the group's identity and the various relationships evolve. And of course the best thing about a group like this is that it helps you to just keep writing."

For more information about the group you can contact me at (617) 494-2695.

-Cassandra Oxley

## WOMEN'S WRITING GROUP DOING WONDERFULLY!

Wonderfulness continues to abound at the Saturday *Women's Writing Group*. We women write from the heart, then read what we have written as we choose to, then comment positively or neutrally on what we have heard, and then go on. We welcome new members. Meetings are every other Saturday 12:30pm to 2:30pm, all year. We're here for you, for each other, for us, for wholeness and for re-seaming.

### WOMEN'S CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10am - 10pm

Friday 10am - 8pm

Saturday 11am - 4pm

## FINDING AND SURVIVING THE WORKPLACE INVITES NEW PARTICIPANTS

Whether you are from the boardroom, classroom or delivery room; the song shop, body shop or donut shop; if you are unemployed, underemployed or overworked; if you are desperately searching, casually looking or weaving in and out, *Finding and Surviving the Workplace* has something for you. Pro-active students, workers and thinkers are encouraged to share their experiences and suggestions, and to use the resources of the Women's Center, at this facilitated drop-in discussion group. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month (September 28, October 26, November 23) from 11:30am to 1:30pm. JOIN US!

## CON ALANON COMENZO MI RECUPERACION

Gracias a Dios por el programa de ALANON. La gente y los amigos, que he encontrado allí me han dado lo que necesitaba. He estado en el programa hace tres meses y he notado mis cambios, mi primer paso fué el abandonar la negación de que mi hijo es un alcohólico. Múltiples crisis familiares me llevaron a tomar el telefono y llamar a pedir ayuda, poco a poco he ido encontrando la serenidad que necesitaba al asistir al grupo. Ahora puedo tomar los sucesos nuevos con optimismo y progresar con ellos. Ahora también me doy cuenta de que tenía que encontrar un lugar seguro, amoroso y digno de confianza, para dar escape a los sentimientos y secretos reprimidos durante años. Los temas e instrumentos del programa me dieron la alternativa de pasar de la oscuridad a la luz. También surgió mi reconciliación con mi Poder Superior. Yo era una persona rencorosa, estaba llena de mucho odio, pensaba que Dios amaba a todo el mundo menos a mi. Hoy he sanado mis heridas. Al practicar este programa, la esperanza y el valor de creer en mi misma y en el poder superior volvieron a mí.

Alanon, reuniones familiares para las mujeres latinos con problemas de alcoholismo en la familia, 6:00pm a 7:30pm Lunes. Para informacion (o si necesita cuidado de los niños), llame a Aleyda al (617) 232-4916.

## WOMEN'S COUNSELING AND RESOURCE CENTER CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

The *Women's Counseling and Resource Center* is planning a reunion of past members this fall. If you or someone you know has been a therapist or supervisor with us, please call us at (617) 492-8568 so that we can include you in our celebration plans!

## MULTIPLES GROUP

There will be a ten session *Multiples Support* group for women with multiple personalities beginning Tuesday, September 17. This, like other groups I facilitate, will be a place where people with similar difficulties in life - perhaps similar beginnings - will have an opportunity for sharing, listening and learning from each other. This group space will be supportive, sensitive and confidential. There may be 8 - 10, at most 12, women who will have spoken with me beforehand to register, ask questions and voice concerns.

I encourage each participant to be in some helpful therapy, although I understand some women may have not found the right therapy situation, others may have had a bad experience and hesitate to try again, and still others may not want to take that route. If you are not in therapy, you will need to have some other kind of support as you work on difficult issues.

Support can be many things, including: a job you like and some companionship there, a friend or two with whom you can be very open, a living situation that is comfortable, family members or relatives who are on your side and there for you, a romantic relationship in which you feel understood and safe, or, of course, therapy you feel good about.

If you are new to this area or have little or none of the above, you might begin by coming to the Women's Center, looking around, asking some questions and participating in some way. One way to participate is to help out, volunteer and/or suggest a group in which you'd be interested. In the meantime, remember, it's not easy to be a human being, but it can be fun and interesting.

For more info about the Multiples Group call me, Vera, at (617) 354-2304.

-Vera S. Cohen

## INCEST RESOURCES OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Incest Resources will resume its monthly discussion group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse in September. The group meets on the last Friday of the month from 6pm to 7:30pm, September through June. Meetings are open and free to all survivors, and are facilitated by survivor-therapists Elaine Westerlund and Patricia Hunt. Feedback on the group has been wonderful, and we encourage survivors to attend. Please be on time to avoid disrupting the group! See the enclosed Women's Center calendar for upcoming topics.

For more information on the group please call the Women's Center at (617) 354-8807.

## RELATING BETTER GROUP

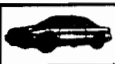
Returning to the Women's Center this fall is the *Relating Better Group*, facilitated by psychotherapist Betsy Ross. Back by popular demand, this 8-week workshop is designed to increase our awareness of how and why we relate the way we do with partners, friends, co-workers, family members, etc. In a safe, accepting environment, the group explores a variety of topics selected by its members. Issues may include examining current relationships, identifying effective vs. ineffective relating styles, and learning about the obstacles to being closer.

A new group will begin **September 11th** and run for 8 weeks on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. **To register** just call (617) 354-8807.

## BODY ACCEPTANCE/CONSCIOUS EATING GROUP

Beginning the first week of October (Tuesday, October 1)! Not a diet or 12-step group, but a forum for women to explore the possibility of accepting our bodies and eating with awareness. We'll meet Tuesdays, **7:30pm to 9pm**. Newcomers are always welcome, but are strongly encouraged to attend an orientation on the 1st Tuesday of each month at **7pm**. If you can't make the orientation meeting, or would like more information, call Linda at (508) 374-7344.

## ATTENTION: BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE!

We need rides for battered women at 9pm on Wednesdays (except for the 3rd Wednesday of the month). Please give them a ride home or to their bus stop so that they and their children may be able to come out to get help! By car, van, cab, anything!!! Call the Women's Center at  (617) 354-8807 if you can help out.

## EXPLORING OUR CREATIVITY FOR HEALING: FOR INCEST SURVIVORS

A group will be forming to create a safe, supportive environment for incest survivors to explore their issues around creative expression. We hope to be able to release creative blocks, to achieve greater expression and thus greater healing. The group will form in the next several months and will have discussions based on the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. After the first meeting we will close to new members. The group will last fourteen weeks with shared facilitation. To join, one year of alcohol/drug sobriety is needed (if necessary). For more information contact the Women's Center at (617) 354-8807.

## 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 19, 8pm at Sanders Theatre  
**Singer, Toshi Reagan \* Poet, Patricia Smith**  
**and other fabulous surprise performers**  
Information: (617)354-8807.

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

#### LESBIAN RAP

*Mondays, 7:30 - 9pm*

- Sept. 9 Women in Sports.  
16 Introducing Your Lover to Your Family.  
23 Qualities We Look for in a Partner.  
30 Breaking Up but Staying Friends.

#### 30+ LESBIAN RAP

*Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30pm*

- Sept. 3 Lesbian Humor.  
10 Let's Talk about Sex.  
17 Alternative Health Treatments.  
24 Stone Butch Blues Discussion.

#### BISEXUAL WOMEN'S RAP

*1st Tuesday/3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm*

- Sept. 3 Women's Erotica: Bring Some to Read.  
19 Play Pool at the Hideaway.

#### INTERNATIONAL/INTERCULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

*Last Saturday/month, September - May, 1 - 3pm*

- September 28 *Working with Croatian Women  
Victims of War* with Bettina Brown, healer.  
October 26 *International Violence Against  
Women & Domestic Violence.* Panel Discussion.

#### INCEST RESOURCES' FACILITATED OPEN DISCUSSION FOR SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

*Last Friday/month, Sep. - June, 6 - 7:30pm*  
*(please be on time to avoid disrupting the group)*

- September 27 Isolation and Belonging.  
October 25 Growing Up.  
November 29 Self-blame.

#### INCEST SURVIVORS' THINKTANK

*1st Wednesday/month, 7:15 - 9:15pm*

- September 3 *The Workplace: Succeeding and  
Earning Money.*  
October 2 Survivors and Our Co-workers.  
November 6 Media Watch.  
December 4 Surviving the Healthcare System.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT SUPPORT GROUP

*Thursday, September 19, 7 - 9pm*

*Monday, October 21, 7 - 9pm*

#### WOMANSPEAK CABLE TV SHOW

- 2nd Wed./month, 5:30 - 6pm, Camb. Cable, Ch. 55*  
September 11 Manjusree Sen on the recent *Beyond  
Beijing* conference in Washington, DC.

## ONGOING GROUPS

### MONDAY

- Al-Anon Grupo para Mujeres (*en español*) 6-7:30pm
- Battered Women's Support . . . . . 7:30-9pm
- Feminist Reading Group (*1st & 3rd Monday*) 7-9:30pm
- Lesbian Rap . . . . . 7:30-9pm
- Lesbian Partners & Ex-Partners of Incest  
Survivors (*3rd Monday*) . . . . . 7-8:45pm
- Reproductive Rights Network (R2N2)  
(*usually 2nd & 4th Monday*). . . . . 7-9pm
- Women's NA 12 Step . . . . . 7:30-8:30pm

### TUESDAY

- Bisexual Women's Rap (*1st Tuesday*) . . 7:30-9:30pm
- Body Acceptance/Conscious Eating (*beginning in  
October, newcomers: 1st Tuesday, 7pm*) . . . 7:30-9pm
- ♿ • 30+ Lesbian Rap . . . . . 7-8:30pm
- Writer's Circle (*every other Tuesday*) . . . . . 7-9pm

### WEDNESDAY

- Battered Women's Support Group  
(*weekly except 3rd Wednesday of month*) . . . . . 7-9pm
- Boston Bisexual Women's Network  
(*2nd Wednesday, odd #d months*) . . . . . 7:30-9pm
- Incest Survivors' Thinktank (*1st Wed.*) . . 7:15-9:15pm
- ♿ • Lesbian Al-Anon . . . . . 6:30-8pm
- Relating Better (*8 wks; starts 9/11; 354-8807 to register*)
- Women of Colors Rap . . . . . 7-8:30pm

### THURSDAY

- Bisexual Women's Rap (*3rd Thursday*) 7:30-9:30pm
- ♿ • Cancer Support Group (*2nd & 4th Thursday,  
through October, 1996*). . . . . 7-8:30pm
- Chemical Injury Information Network  
(*1st Thursday*). . . . . 5:30-7pm
- Coming Out Exploration Group (*Info: Anna, 547-6240*)
- Incest Survivors Open Discussion . . . . 7:30-9:30pm
- ♿ • Lesbians Choosing Children (*3rd Thursday*) 7-8:30pm
- ♿ • Women's Community Cancer Project, Open  
General Meeting (*1st Thursday*) . . . . . 7-9pm
- Women over 45 (*every other Thursday*) . . . 7:30-9pm

### FRIDAY

- CODA (Codependents Anonymous) . . . . . 6-8pm
- ♿ • Incest Survivors Anonymous . . . . . 6:30-8pm
- Incest Resources' Facilitated Discussion for Survivors  
of Child Sexual Abuse (*last Friday*) . . . . 6-7:30pm

### SATURDAY

- Broken Hearts/Broken Relationships: A Support  
Group for Lesbians (*3rd Saturday*) . . . . . 2-4pm
- ♿ • Coming Out Discussion for Women of All Ages  
(*1st Saturday; usually ASL interpreted*) . . 11am-1pm
- Finding & Surviving the Workplace  
(*4th Saturday*) . . . . . 11:30am-1:30pm
- ♿ • Friendship Connection (*2nd Saturday*) . . . . 1-3:30pm
- ♿ • International/Intercultural Women's Group  
(*usually the last Sat./month, Sept. - May*) . . . . 1-3pm
- Women Writing (*biweekly*) . . . . . 12:30-2:30pm

## THE MYTH OF WOMEN'S SILENCE ABOUT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

On Saturday, November 9th from 1:30pm to 3pm, the Women's Center will sponsor a talk by Karen McLennan, author of the book *Nature's Ban: Women's Incest Literature*. This book presents women's writings about childhood sexual abuse and its long term effects, from the 12th century to the present. Women used public forums to protest and testify to the inhumanity toward girls and women many centuries ago. There will be time for discussion and questions.

Books will be available for purchase and the author will be available for book signing. Proceeds from book sales will go to the Women's Center. For more information about the event contact the Women's Center at (617) 354-8807.

## IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!

Are you fed up with the state of our country? Well the Women's Center and the Massachusetts Women's Vote Project urge you to make your voice heard this election year by getting out and voting. In order to vote you must register with your local board of elections by October 16th. Voter registration forms can be picked up at any post office. The Women's Center also has a stack of forms on the front porch. Get your form filled out and in the mailed in as soon as possible. And then, **VOTE!** Our votes will make a difference!! For more information contact the Massachusetts Women's Vote Project at (617) 292-5100.

## WISHFUL THINKING....

Next time you're going to the office supply store, how about picking up something for your friendly neighborhood Women's Center? We have an extensive wish list. Please call if you have something specific that you would like to donate.

Here are just a few of the things we could use: laminator, fax machine, white copier paper (20lb recycled), colored copier paper, pens, correction fluid, scissors, stamps, highlighters, rubber bands (thick), access to free printing or photocopying, glue sticks, clipboards, masking tape, plastic sheet protectors (clear, for insertion in 3-ring notebooks), 2-pocket folders, spiral notebooks, pushpins, thumbtacks, posterboard, computer discs (IBM formatted), copy holder/stand, computer screen filters, and computer dust covers.

Thank you in advance. We need you to help us continue on for another 25 years!



## SHAPING OUR HEALTH CARE FUTURE: TAKING CONTROL OF AN OUT-OF-CONTROL SYSTEM

This conference will be held on Saturday, October 26, 9am to 3pm, at the Cambridge YWCA. \$15 registration includes a box lunch; some scholarships are available.

Highlights: a keynote address by Attorney General Scott Harshbarger; a panel moderated by Rosario Salerno; and workshops on patients rights, self-advocacy, choosing a managed care provider...

Sponsors include: OWL (Older Women's League), Women's Center, NOW, Health Care for All, and the Mass. Public Health Association.

To register, send a check, payable to *Greater Boston OWL*, to Betty Campbell, 60 Babcock Street, Apt. 12, Brookline, MA 02146.

Brochures will be available at the Women's Center. For more information, call (617)576-3541.

## AN INVITATION TO LESBIAN COUPLES

If you or your partner is pregnant or has been pregnant in the past year, then you are both invited to participate in a study about lesbian couples' experience of pregnancy and its impact on relationships. Although lesbian parenting has been explored, the pregnancy period itself is often overlooked. I am a PhD candidate at Rutgers University and this study is my dissertation research. For more info, call me, Nancy Friedman, collect, at (201) 798-5429.



## RE: PARKING AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Two years ago, the Women's Center received a very generous offer from our very neighborly neighbor, **Keezer's** (the formal wear retailer across the street). Because they don't often use their parking lot after 6:30pm on weekdays, the owner has offered special use of their parking lot to the Women's Center (but **ONLY after 6:30pm on weekdays**). Needless to say, we were delighted by their generosity -- after all, it ain't easy to find free parking in Cambridge!! But we need your help to maintain our good standing with Keezer's:

1.) **NO PARKING** at Keezer's on weekends or before **6:30pm** on weekdays.

2.) Get a **DASHBOARD PASS** from the Women's Center that says "Keezer's." (We suggest that you park first, get the pass from the Center, and then return to your car to place it on the dashboard.)

3.) Leave your driver's license with the volunteer at the front desk (payphone) until you return the dashboard pass.

THANK YOU for your sisterly cooperation! ♀♀

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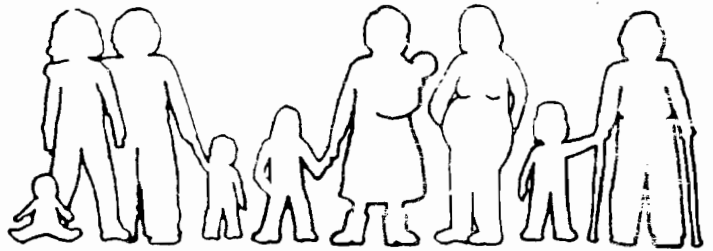
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**JOIN THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION PROGRAM BOOK**

We invite any and all Women's Center supporters to list yourself/selves in the Women's Center's **25th Anniversary Commemorative Program Book**. The Program Book will tell a little about us, a little about the performers, and a lot about who supports this place! This Program Book will reach up to 1200 folks who come out for the big bash, as well as others who pick up a Program Book as a memento. For individuals and/or groups who wish to be listed in the Book, please fill out and return the coupon below to us *by October 4, 1996*:

If you'd like us to run a business (or other) advertisement in our 25th Anniversary Commemorative Program Book, or a business card-sized ad, a special message from you, or other noteworthy item, ad space can be purchased for as little as \$100 and up to \$1,000. Please call Pamela at the Women's Center to discuss camera-ready, business ad, and other Program Book space: (617) 354-8807. Thank you!



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**YES!** I want to be included in the 25th Anniversary Commemorative Program Book on October 19th!

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Enclosed is my **tax-deductible donation** of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$other \_\_\_\_\_

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