



HARBOR LIGHTS

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MISSION

To lead a community-wide partnership in the awareness and prevention of domestic violence and abuse and to offer safety and support to diverse families in crisis.

Immigration Bill Could Hurt Victims of Domestic Violence

Sometimes what seems to be a good idea, on closer examination, turns out to hold hidden dangers.

So it is with the Border and Immigration Enforcement Act (H.R. 4437), sometimes known as the Sensenbrenner Bill. This proposed legislation has been presented variously as an anti-terrorism bill, a law enforcement bill and an immigration reform bill.

According to the National Council of La Raza, rather than fixing longstanding problems with immigration, the bill has the potential to be largely punitive. It expands mandatory detention and expedited removal of undocumented aliens, which could lead to the imprisonment of millions of people and generate huge costs to American taxpayers.

If passed, it will not only subject immigrants who are here illegally to deportation, it could send them to already overcrowded U.S. prisons. Citizens of the United States married to undocumented aliens could be convicted of aiding aliens; U.S. citizens who drive their nannies to doctor's appointments could be subject to charges of transporting aliens.

In addition, it would have a chilling effect on non-profit agencies such as Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs. According to Harbor House Executive Director Beth Schnorr, staff members would be bound to act as police officers, making sure that every woman and child who needs shelter is in the United States legally.

"When women come to us they need



help. We don't ask them their (immigration) status; we just take them in and give them whatever help we can," Schnorr said.

If H.R. 4437 passes, that situation likely would change.

Imagine a victim and her children coming to Harbor House late at night. They are citizens of another country living in Outagamie County. They are frightened, possibly injured, and they need a safe place to stay. Before they can be taken to a room or given a hot meal, though, they must prove they are in the United States legally. If they cannot produce the proper proof, the bill could mean they must be turned away or reported to law enforcement.

Of course, this scenario changes if police officers responded to a call for help. In that case and under this bill, they must determine whether or not the victims, as well as the perpetrator, are legally in the United States. Many law enforcement officials already have expressed opposition to the bill, which deputizes them to enforce federal immigration laws, saying it will reduce their ability to protect public safety in their communities.

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Immigration Bill Could Hurt Harbor House Clients, *continued*

A growing number of Harbor House clients are from countries outside the United States. Rather than acting as police, the staff's efforts go into helping these women and children heal, find work, go to school, and start new, productive lives. That approach to improving lives could change dramatically under the Sensenbrenner Bill.

If these families are turned away because of their immigration status, they can end up living lives of fear and desperation. They might have no choice but to return to the home where the abuse occurred or to live with other family members, most likely in poverty.

Some of the bill's more extreme provisions go beyond targeting undocumented aliens and move toward pursuing legal immigrants as well, taking away their right to court appearances and making it more difficult for them to become citizens.

If you share the concerns of the Harbor House staff and board of directors regarding this bill, please contact your member of Congress and voice your opinion about H.R. 4437. Tell him or her that you support a comprehensive, well-functioning immigration system; the kind of system the Sensenbrenner Bill does not provide.



Harbor House needs your help!

Every Girl's A Princess – 2006!

Saturday, October 14th: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, October 15th: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



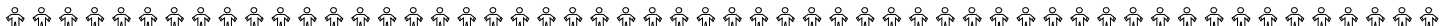
This fabulous event for girls is in need of Formal Dresses – in **bright colors** (such as prom, bridesmaid, etc.) and Costume Jewelry.

Please drop off your donations off at Harbor House (720 W. Fifth St., Appleton) Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sorry, we are unable to take donations on weekends. We will happily take broken jewelry pieces (the girls can use them in decorating their crowns). Please make sure dresses are clean.

TEEN GIRLS! – We are in need of **"Royal Dressers"** to assist the young princesses in crafting their crowns and wands, and helping them choose and fit a gown they can keep. This is a really a fun way to get those VOLUNTEER hours. Call Carla at Harbor House (920-832-1667) to sign up!

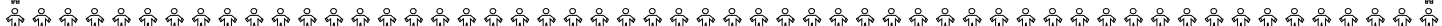
ADULT VOLUNTEERS are also needed. Call Mary at Harbor House (920-832-1667) to sign up.

This fundraiser not only provides fun for the girls, but is also an awareness event that promotes self-esteem and teaches that every girl is a special person with her own unique "princess" qualities.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HARBOR HOUSE WISH LIST TEAM?

We are fortunate that our community continues to generously support the basic needs of Harbor House and our residents. From time to time, we have run short on items. Examples of these items: laundry soap, cleaning supplies, pillows, paper towels. On a monthly basis we send out any urgent supply needs via email. Please contact Amy Helien, House Manager, at hhamy@athenet.net if you would like to be added to our list.



2 Contact us at 920-832-1667 or 1-800-970-1171 Email: hhdap@athenet.net



**At our A Time To Laugh
Fundraiser, Harbor House
raised over \$40,000!
Thank you to all the
sponsors and volunteers!**

*(Pictured HH Exec. Director Beth Schnorr and
her mother, Gerty Murray)*

STRANGULATION TRAINING TOOL

Medical staff, advocates, and law enforcement are finding an increase in the number of domestic violence victims who identify being strangled during a d.v. assault. Because strangulation injuries seem to be under the surface, they are a great cause of concern. If a woman was strangled by her partner she is 10 times more likely to be murdered than other women. These injuries often go undetected due to other more obvious injuries. However, because of the constricted airway, victims can lose consciousness and even die 24-72 hours after a domestic violence assault.

A team from the Domestic Abuse Response Team, which Harbor House is a member of, worked to complete this new training video. Fox Valley Technical College donated its services to help record a training video for health care professionals and law enforcement. The training video is available on CD Rom. This new training tool helps educate medical staff and law enforcement on how to work with victims of strangulation.

Special thanks to Fox Valley Technical College, Melinda Tempelis-Outagamie County DA's Office, Sgt. Scott Lund and Officer Duane Dissen-Combined Locks Police, Jean Coopman-Jansen and Dr. Hunter-Appleton Medical Center, and Kathy Flores-Harbor House for their roles as actors/actresses and production crew. Team members recently won The Best Badge Award for their work on this training tool. If you are interested in learning more about this training, contact Kathy Flores at 920-832-1667.

**Harbor House Announces : Spiritual SPEAK OUT
for Violence-Free Families** An ecumenical sermon contest

A Call for Sermons

One of every three members of a church or synagogue is a victim or survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault (*Statistic from Family Refuge Center, WV*). Religious teachings can serve as either a resource or a roadblock in addressing the issue of domestic violence. As religious communities, our responsibility is to minimize any barriers facing abused members of our congregations and maximize the resources that exist within our religious traditions. We are pleased to announce a sermon contest sponsored by Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs. Ministers and faith leaders in the Fox Valley are asked to help us play a pivotal role in actualizing a vision of families and communities free of violence.

Sermon Guidelines

Sermons should be typed, double-spaced manuscripts of oral sermons. To enter the sermon contest, each sermon **must be preached** and the typed copy should include the date on which the sermon was delivered to your congregation. Please keep your sermon 10-20 minutes in length and include the following elements:

- o Address the issue of power and control in relationships
- o Interpret religious texts referring to domination and submission
- o Spread a message of hope and/or a "call to action"
- o Make graceful use of inclusive language

Provide your name, religious organization/church, and contact information (address, phone number and email address).

Deadline for submitting a sermon is Monday, October 2. Remember, you must preach this sermon before the deadline date to qualify. This contest will run from April 1, 2006 to October 2, 2006.

Send, email or deliver to: Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs Attention: Kathy Flores
720 W. Fifth Street Appleton, WI 54914 Email: hhkathy@athenet.net, Questions: 920-832-1667

Include the date on which the sermon was delivered to your congregation.

Judging

A panel of judges, including clergy, lay person(s), formerly battered women, and domestic violence advocates will rate each entry according to sermon guidelines.

Awards and Recognition

All entrants are invited to our Reception of Faith Leaders to be held at Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs during Domestic Violence Awareness month on a Sunday afternoon in October to be announced. The winner of the contest **will be asked to deliver her/his sermon** at this reception. The winner of this contest will also receive the special prize of *Broken Vows: Religious Perspectives on Domestic Violence*, a video and training packet for her/his organization's library valued at \$139. The winner will also receive a plaque to display in her/his church or religious organization denoting her/him as a supporter in the fight against domestic violence. Winning sermons will be posted on our website at www.harborhouseonline.org and will appear in the winter newsletter edition of *Harbor Lights*.



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Kathy Renaud, Outstanding Vol. of Year
 Ruth Cooperman, Front Desk Vol. of Year
 Barbara Harms, Shelter Vol. of Year
 David Derber, Maintenance Vol. of Year
 Emily Schultz, Childcare Vol. of Year
 Missing from photo:
 Ann Kendzierski, Tech. Vol. of Year

The staff of Harbor House would like to thank our volunteers for an outstanding job this past year. The mission of Harbor House would not be possible without the overwhelming volunteer hours that are generated each year by its loyal core of volunteers. Our volunteers are a gift not only to the clients, residents and staff that they assist but also to our community. Without their dedication, compassion and hard work, many of our programs would not be possible.

The real GEMS of Harbor House will always be the silent workers, better known as VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you all for a job well done.
 Mary Buser, Volunteer Coordinator



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