

## **Highlights**

138,511 calls for fiscal year 2008-2009  
Providing 38 years of Service to Mahoning, Columbiana, Ashtabula,  
and parts of Trumbull County  
May 1971 - May 2009

## **Cold Weather**

Cold Weather Emergency/Homeless Shelter Program - serving the homeless with shelter and transportation from 12/01/08 to 3/31/09.

## **Community Center**

The Open House was held on 11/15/06 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This location is home to the Drop-In Center and approximately 40 consumers utilize the center on a regular basis participating in various activities. It serves home to the H.A.P. and P.A.T.H. programs, as well as providing office space for the C.S.N. A new sign was erected identifying the Community Center in 2009.

## **Guardianship**

Provided Guardianship services to 85 individuals in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. Funders include the Mahoning County Mental Health Board, Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and Mahoning County DD Board. Help Hotline has 1 full-time and 3 part-time guardian workers.

## **Mental Health Prevention**

Help Hotline Staff presented to 31 groups 1,020 people with previous services. There were 5,466 person/units of service with prevention services via county or health fairs. Help Hotline presented its First Annual Mental Health Workshop in October, 2009 reaching 80 participants. The Recovery Program presented BRIDGES and WRAP trainings, eight classes were held, and graduated 80 participants.

## **Payee**

Payee provided approximately 400 mental health consumers with services through our Representative Payee ship Program. (Mahoning County Mental Health and Trumbull County DD Boards)

## **Real Men Real Depression Coaches workshop at Y.S.U.**

“It takes courage to ask for Help” was the slogan for the Real Men Real Depression campaign. Coach Doug Merrill from the Power up Foundation spoke at DeBartolo Hall on Youngstown State University Campus waged by Help Hotline Crisis Center and funded by the Mahoning County Mental Health Board.

## **Suicide Prevention/Crisis Problem Solving**

In 2009, Help Hotline made 13 presentations to 5 schools, 574 students, teachers and parents, 4 presentations made to 1 University, 150 staff members, 1 presentation made to 120 local High School Athletic Directors, and Coaches. 7 presentations to 7 agencies/police personnel with 146 participants. 2 presentations to 5 Help Hotline volunteers. Three ASIST trainings presented to 29 Staff, volunteers and agency participants – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training from National Suicide Lifeline. October 2009 - Help Hotline was asked to cover region 5, as part of The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

## **Survivors of Suicide**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Suicide Survivors Awareness Walk was held in May 2009 for the Tri-County area attended by 40 survivors. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mahoning /Trumbull Survivors of Suicide group and Loss Vigil held on November 21, 2009 were attended by 50 survivors. 36 Survivors of Suicide support groups reached 114 survivors in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. A new evening Survivors of Suicide Group started in Columbiana County. A world Suicide Prevention Day Forum was held in Columbiana County on September 10, 2009. Cyndi Slider was the main speaker. A survivor Panel was highlighted during the Help Hotline Mental Health Workshop with five survivors presenting their personal stories in October 2009.

## **Victims**

Annual Victims' Rights Luncheon was held on April 29th, 2009 with speaker Maggie Maloy, a Victims Advocate from Bucyrus. Jim Johnston from the Attorney General's Office Mayors Task Force was the speaker at the Annual Dinner. Peace Awards-Mahoning Valley's Task Force on Crime and Violence Prevention-Help Hotline assists with planning. Staff attended Two Days in May-Ohio Attorney General's Office.