

The Freeman Flash

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TAKE TO THE STREET AGAINST VIOLENCE!

Join us for the 6th annual Walk a Mile March



Third Thursday, September 15th at 6pm
at the corner of North St and Columbus Ave!

Registration starts at 5 pm.

For more information, and online registration, go to
www.elizabethfreemancenter.org/wam



Why walk?

Domestic and sexual violence affect us all and are preventable. Join our growing community movement to make our homes and our streets safe for all and raise money for critical services.



Who walks?

Everyone! All ages, races, gender identities, and backgrounds. Come walk with us in support of a world in which all people can live in safety, with dignity and justice.

How can you raise money?

It's easy! Collect pledges for your Walk. **Register online** at www.elizabethfreemancenter.org/wam. You can create a team and/or email friends and family with a link to your page where they can donate. **Or pick up a paper pledge form** at Bagels Too, Flavours of Malaysia, Guido's Fresh Marketplace, Steven Valenti's Clothing for Men, Berkshire Running Center or any EFC office. Or download one at www.elizabethfreemancenter.org/wam. Or call us at 413-499-2425.

Collect at least \$55 in pledges and get a NEW 2016 Walk a Mile t-shirt!



With special thanks to our underwriters:



Pittsfield
43 Francis Ave.
(413) 499-2425

Gt. Barrington
401 Stockbridge Rd., Ste. 3
(413) 429-8190

North Adams
61 Main St., Ste. 202
(413) 663-7459

24 hour hotline 1-866-401-2425



Action of the Month: Team Up for Walk a Mile

Marianne Mead says it takes a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens to change the world. We agree. Create your own small group to help stamp out violence by forming a Walk a Mile team!

Last year, the Onyx Specialty Papers team was tops at Walk a Mile, raising \$2,958 to support EFC. This year, they may see some competition from Berkshire Community College (BCC), Community Legal Aid, Taconic High School, or YOU. Create a team today, at www.elizabethfreemancenter.org/wam.



Money School Returns

"An amazing experience. Life changing."
"This class is the best class I needed while I am starting my new life."
- Money School graduates

EFC's innovative financial independence initiative for survivors of relationship or sexual violence is getting rave reviews! New classes start in the fall:

North Adams
Tuesday evenings, 5-8pm
September 27 – October 25

Pittsfield
Thursday evenings, 5-8pm
October 13 – November 17

Improve your credit; increase your social capital; meet with a personal financial coach; get connected to education, job, and benefits resources; sharpen your financial skills; explore entrepreneurship options; and more.

Participants receive a stipend (\$25/class), dinner, and childcare. Call Donna, our Money School Coordinator, at (413) 499-2425 to sign up.

Training on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth Serving Organizations: Creating Policies and Practices that Help Keep Kids Safe, with Joan Tabachnick and Rebecca Lockwood

Friday, October 7th, 2016
9:30am-4:00pm
FREE!

Greylock Federal Credit Union
Allendale Shopping Center
5 Cheshire Rd., Pittsfield



The MA Dept. of Public Health and Elizabeth Freeman Center are hosting a training for youth service providers in Berkshire County. If you work with youth, train youth providers, offer services for children or teens—this workshop will offer you an invaluable opportunity to consider the ways in which your organization can create a culture where child sexual abuse is discussed, addressed, and prevented.

To register, call or email us for a registration form – (413) 499-2425, info@elizabethfreemancenter.org.

EFC IS HIRING!

Next month, we are bidding a fond farewell to Denise, Hotline/Volunteer Coordinator and LGBTQ Counselor extraordinaire, who is leaving EFC to take a position in teaching—we will miss you, Denise!

As part of this transition, EFC is hiring for several positions. Apply for any or all! Send cover letter and resume to info@elizabethfreemancenter.org. And visit www.elizabethfreemancenter.org/jobs for more information. Elizabeth Freeman Center is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

- **LGBTQ counselor/advocate** (20 hours/week) to work from our Pittsfield office counseling and assisting LGBTQ survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **Shelter relief staff member** (8+ hours/week) to provide support to survivors of domestic violence and their children living in EFC's emergency shelter. Sunday 1am-7pm, and additional shifts as available.
- **Bilingual (Spanish/English) receptionist** (20 hours/week) to work afternoons (1-5pm) in our Pittsfield office. Answers phone and greets clients, does clerical work, and maintains calm in a busy environment.

