



Oneida Crisis Center receives support from Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

MALAD, Idaho — The Oneida Crisis Center was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation to help purchase and install sheet rock for the 1,600 square foot addition to the shelter.

The Oneida Crisis Center started as a grass root organization in July 1998 to serve victims of family violence in the local community by providing an emergency shelter and related program services, as well as, educate the community about issues related to family violence.

“The Crisis Center in Oneida provides a valuable service to the community, especially the victims of family violence,” Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “We believe in supporting organizations that benefit our communities, and the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is honored to support the addition to the shelter, enabling them to continue helping those in need.”

“We are very grateful to the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for the support they have shown to victims/survivors of domestic, dating and sexual violence, stalking and child abuse in Oneida County,” said Carol Caulford, Executive Director, Oneida Crisis Center, Inc. “Many people will benefit from this project by having readily available, safe, secure and confidential areas to meet with domestic violence advocates and counselors who are ready to assist them in their times of duress.”

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant will help the Oneida Crisis Center provide a safe haven for victims, where they will be guaranteed a “one-on-one” with staff, which will potentially give them the confidence to open up to their true needs. This may well be the key that will allow them to move beyond the circle of abuse. Children need to have a place for therapeutic role play to successfully counsel them on the abusive trauma they have experienced. Having a children’s therapeutic group that targets areas of domestic violence, self esteem and the varying emotions children experience in abusive homes is important for conflict resolution.

The grant will help the shelter provide a warm friendly area for children to share their concerns and fears with advocates. Also, clients with special needs can be accommodated at the emergency shelter when their lives are in jeopardy due to violence with the addition of a handicap bedroom and bathroom that is part of the project.

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About Oneida Crisis Center

The mission of the Oneida Crisis Center is to educate and promote safe and healthy individuals, families, housing and a prosperous community by working to ensure peaceful family relationships and providing support to victims of abuse.

Oneida Crisis Center's is a non-profit 501-c-3 corporation and is totally funded by grants and donations. Programs services include a 24-hour crisis hotline; crisis intervention; emergency shelter and services; courtroom, legal and medical advocacy; legal aid referral; victim counseling, education and support; community education and awareness; transitional housing assistance; Safe Place Project; and Shaken Baby Syndrome education. For more information call (208) 766-4412 or 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (208)766-3119.

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