

# Sylvia's Light



# March

# Wine Tasting Event



We are once again hosting our Wine Tasting event. Join us at Fenn Valley on May 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30

There will be charcuterie, beef tacos, and truffle desserts. A wonderful snack for the night!

Kitten and the Tonics will be playing surfabilly music to liven the night. \*

We will also have a raffle game-- \$10 raffle baskets donated by Fenn Valley and community members. We will be auctioning off two at a time. Don't miss out on your chance to win one of our amazing baskets.



*All proceeds support survivors of domestic violence*

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Sylvia's  
place

May 2nd

6:30 - 8:30pm

Fenn Valley

21+ yrs old



\$50

per

ticket

RSVP by April 17th



Join us

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# Our Donation Center



We want to shout out to The StoreHouse in Plainfield. This amazing non-profit sources national and local, BRAND NEW product donations for at risk populations, non-profits, and teachers



# Looking to donate?

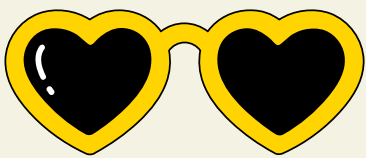
Help our survivors get ready for the changing weather by participating in our *Summer Drive* coming up March 31st - April 13th

## Items

Sunscreen

Flip flops

Sunglasses

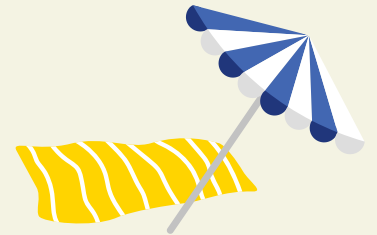


## Clothing

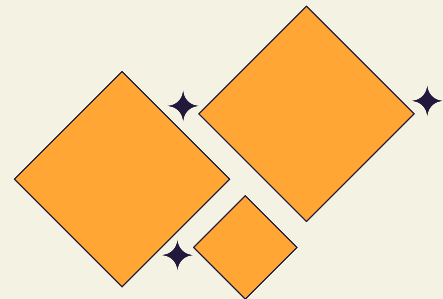
T-shirts

Shorts

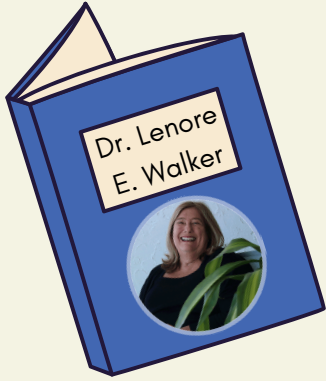
Beach Towels



Drop off will be at our main office,  
*650 Grand Street, Allegan Mi*

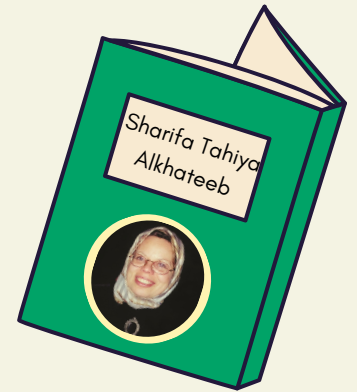


# Women's History Month



Dr. Lenore E. Walker published her groundbreaking book, "The Battered Woman" in 1979. This book was a deep-dive into the experiences of survivors of domestic violence. She gave survivors a platform to share their stories in her interviews, and opened the door for people to discuss domestic violence as an important social issue. She coined the term Battered Woman Syndrome and explained the cycle of violence.

Sharifa Alkhateeb founded Peaceful Families Project in 2000. This initiative is still going strong in its commitment to end domestic violence in Muslim families by facilitating awareness workshops for Muslim leaders and communities, providing cultural sensitivity trainings, and technical assistance for professionals, and so much more! Her legacy lives on with this important Project!



Rachel Carr-Shunk is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She has also advocated for domestic violence legislation, including the Violence Against Women Act (2013), on the local, state and national level. Rachel currently serves as the Executive Director for Uniting Three Fires Against Violence (U.T.F.A.V).



Did you know?

March 23rd is National  
Puppy and Cuddly Cat day



## Volunteer Shout Out!

We want to give a special shout out for our volunteer, Maddy! She helped us finish returning the pop bottles (featured right with the LAST LOAD of pop cans) from our November donation from United Way and Haworth. She has also been a champ helping with kid activities at the shelter. Thank you, Maddy!



Also a special thanks to the students of Otsego High School's E.S.S. (Empowering Students to Serve) group. They were a huge help spring-cleaning the shelter!

# Developmental Disability Awareness Month

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) celebrates Developmental Disability Awareness Month in March. I/DDs are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas.

There is comorbid danger. People with disabilities are more likely to be victims of IPV domestic violence.



What are some factors to consider?

## Cognition Awareness

Do they have the cognitive awareness to recognize the abuse?

Do they have systemic challenges to believed and helped?

## (Financial) Independence

Is their abuser a legal guardian? Does the abuser have legal control over the victim's autonomy?

Do they have a drivers' license, or the physical capabilities to drive?

Reach out to Allegan's Help Me Grow for early testing! To learn more about DDAM, check out <https://nacdd.org> or Google NACDD.

**Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2024**

*A World of Opportunities*

#DDAM2024





Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Leap Year Winner's Choice Raffle**.

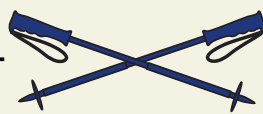


We sold 196 tickets and netted a profit over \$2,000. This money is vital to help support our shelter and services for survivors of domestic violence. This money directly helps by paying for gas card, housing application, household supplies, and one-off needs for the survivors.

Also, congratulations to Jenelle for winning the raffle. Enjoy your \$1,000 gift card to Boyne Mountain Resort!



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*thank you*