



Prudence Crandall Center, Inc.

# New Beginnings

Providing Hope & Safety to Victims of Domestic Violence Since 1973

## Summer 2014

### Domestic Violence Services

#### 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

#### Residential Services

- Emergency Shelter
- Permanent Supportive
- Transitional Living

#### Counseling & Intervention

- Individual
- Group
- Adults
- Youth

#### Court Advocacy

#### Community Education & Prevention

#### Towns We Serve

- Berlin
- Bristol
- Burlington
- Kensington
- New Britain
- Plainville
- Plymouth
- Southington
- Terryville

#### Domestic Violence

#### 24-Hour Hotline

860-225-6357 or  
Toll-Free: 888-774-2900

## From Trauma to Triumph



(L-R) PCC Executive Director, Barbara Damon, introduces Annalisa Russell Smith, Lynda & Sarah during the film's debut at the Bright Futures Gala, May 9.

Lynda suffered physical abuse and strangulation for 29 years before coming to PCC's emergency shelter. She spent several months there while also taking advantage of the counseling and referral services offered. Lynda left PCC and moved into her own apartment just weeks ago. "This is the most excited I've been since I had my first child," she said.

Sarah turned to counseling in our Bristol office after repeatedly leaving and returning to her abusive and controlling husband. She now volunteers as a counselor at PCC and is studying for a degree in criminology.

With a grant from the Petit Family Foundation, Prudence Crandall Center (PCC) commissioned a film to raise public awareness of our life-saving programs and services for women, men and children.

In the film, "Prudence Crandall Center: From Trauma to Triumph," two survivors of domestic violence, who received PCC's services, tell their story of surviving abuse. The video, written, edited and filmed by Annalisa Russell-Smith of Local Planet Productions, can be seen online at PCC's Facebook and Twitter pages, and will soon be available at [www.prudencecrandall.org](http://www.prudencecrandall.org).

"Prudence Crandall Center helped me get out and get safe and stay safe," Sarah said. "I don't know what I would have done without all the support and knowledge that I gained going to the support group. All these moments that pass with my daughter are just gifts. Prudence Crandall Center saved my life."

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- Sarah

Lynda and Sarah are two of thousands in our nine-town service area who have received help from PCC's free and confidential services. The emergency hotline is available 24/7 by calling (860) 225-6357 or 1-888-774-2900. Whether a victim, friend or family member, call us and let's talk.

## Meet the Newest Board Members

Prudence Crandall Center is pleased to announce the appointment of 4 new members to its Board of Directors. Rikki Crea, Lynn McArthur Lefler, Justin Moulton and Camron Rafiee will join the now 18-member board to guide PCC in achieving its mission.



**Rikki Crea** is the manager of Corporate Communications for Barnes Group, Inc. in Bristol. She is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University, where she earned a Master of Science degree in English and secondary education. Ms. Crea, a

Waterbury resident, has previously served on the marketing committees for Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Valley United Way, as well as the steering committee for the Central Naugatuck Valley Regional Action Council.

**Lynn McArthur Lefler** is a recently retired vice president of The Hartford Insurance Group, where she worked for 35 years. She lives in Kensington and Palm Coast, FL. In addition to Prudence Crandall Center, Ms. McArthur Lefler currently serves on the Board of the Connecticut Women's Golf Association and the Grand Haven Women's Golf Association in Florida. She previously served on the board of the Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington and chaired numerous committees.

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## Special Thanks to Our Event Sponsors

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# Bright Futures Gala

## Over \$72,000 Raised!

Thank you for supporting our Bright Futures Gala on Friday, May 9 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. More than 200 guests, 31 sponsors, 21 ad sponsors and nearly 100 auction-item donors helped us raise more than \$72,000—\$12,000 more than last year! Thank you donors, volunteers, participants and committee members for a very special event!



**Top Row (L-R):** Presenting Sponsor, Dr. William Petit, Jr. of the Petit Family Foundation, with son Bill; Fox CT's Joe Furey and Erika Arias; John and Barbara Barbieri

**Middle Row (L-R):** Guests show off their signature "Purple-tinis;" 40th Anniversary Chairs Robert Mugford and Miriam Hayes with Barbara Damon; Dance exhibitionists Matt and Rita perform

**Bottom Row (L-R):** Silver sponsor Brandy Little and Jonathan Musgrave with Barbara Damon; Employees of Gold Sponsor, Barnes Group, Inc.

## New Board Members (continued from Page 1)



**Justin Moulton** is compliance manager for the Residual Markets Division at The Travelers Companies Inc. in Hartford. He has been with the company for 15 years, serving as Business Retention and Development Officer prior to his current role. Mr. Moulton also serves on the Mississippi Residual Market Pool Board and contributes his time as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in the town of Burlington, where he resides, with his family.



**Camron Rafiee** is a senior market analyst within Select Product Management at The Travelers Companies Inc. in Hartford. He is a recent graduate of the Travelers Financial Management Leadership Development Program. Mr. Rafiee has previously served as co-treasurer of the Travelers Community Connections United Way campaign and is an avid volunteer throughout the New Britain community, where he is a lifelong resident.



## Partner Spotlight: American Savings Foundation

We are truly grateful for the many ways in which **American Savings Foundation** has been a longstanding community partner of Prudence Crandall Center:



- In 2009, ASF awarded a \$500,000 grant for our housing program expansion,
- In 2013, ASF again provided \$32,000, a vital program grant which allowed us to increase staff to cover our emergency hotline and crisis intervention services,
- For several years, ASF has generously been a Gold Sponsor of our annual Gala.

*"At a time when nonprofits are struggling to make ends meet, it's even more important that community partners like American Savings Foundation are available to help support our efforts," said PCC Executive Director Barbara Damon.*

## PCC Night at the Rock Cats

Join us at New Britain Stadium on **Friday, August 1** as the New Britain Rock Cats take on the Erie Sea Wolves and enjoy a post-game fireworks show! Tickets are available for **\$10** each by contacting Megan Bernardini at (860) 225-5187 ext.23 or [mbernardini@prudencecrandall.org](mailto:mbernardini@prudencecrandall.org). A portion of each ticket sold will benefit PCC's services for victims of domestic violence.



**Join us for a fun, family night out at the ballpark, in support of a great cause!**

## A Caring Community



Prudential employees spent an afternoon painting the Rose Hill playground as part of the United Way Day of Caring program.



Greater New Britain Bar Association members Melissa Silvanic, Stephen L. Mangan, Claudia R. Barbieri, and Michael F. Romano present a donation to PCC.



Monsignor Bojnowski Manor staff Kathy Root, Carmen Ortiz, Agatha Warjas, Esther Contardo, Cheryl Plourde and Monica Doris donated Easter baskets for the children at PCC.



Soroptimist International of Farmington Valley members Eileen Moskey, Darlene Sawczyn, with Carolyn Jasper, PCC Manager of Grants and Research, and Joan Hofmann delivered over 100 welcome kits for adults & children entering our emergency shelter.



Ken Burns, EVP, Director of Retail Banking for Farmington Bank and bank staff members generously delivered several cases of diapers for the children at PCC. The Farmington Bank Community Foundation donated \$10,000 worth of diapers- approximately 46,000 diapers in total to 23 area organizations.



The Women's Lift Ministry from Grace CME Church in New Britain raised over \$2,000 to support PCC's programs and services.

## We Deeply Appreciate Our FY 2013-14 Grant Funders

American Savings Foundation  
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Employees from Southington Target donated their time by painting the laundry room at Rose Hill as part of the United Way Day of Caring program.



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Prudence Crandall Center is member of the CCADV and a partner agency of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, United Way of West Central Connecticut, and the United Way of Southington.



**SAVE the DATE**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Fri., Aug. 1:** Prudence Crandall Center  
Night at the Rock Cats  
New Britain Stadium
- Wed., Oct. 1:** Silent No More Candlelight Vigil  
PCC's Rose Hill, New Britain
- Mon., Oct. 20:** Prudence Crandall Center  
2014 Annual Meeting  
CCSU, New Britain
- Through Oct.:** Dress Down & Go Purple Against DV  
Community partners join with PCC by wearing purple in recognition of DV Awareness Month. Contact us to receive DV Awareness materials for your school or workplace.

For more information on these activities, please contact  
Megan Bernardini (860) 225-5187, Ext. 23 or  
mbernardini@prudencecrandall.org

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## *Mission*

Prudence Crandall Center is dedicated to helping individuals achieve lives free of domestic violence by providing care, advocacy, support and education.