

## Quick Notes

### Immediate Volunteers Needed!

Our agency is always looking for those who are able to provide light maintenance help, such as painting! Volunteers are also needed for tabling at outreach events and to provide crisis hotline coverage.

If interested, please contact our Director of Human Resources at (570)-784-6632.

### Have we mentioned we're on social media?

What's the easiest way to get in touch with us in between newsletters? Check out our social media pages!

Find us on:

**Twitter:** TWC\_19\_47

**Instagram:**

twc\_bloomsburg

**Facebook:** The

Women's Center, Inc. of  
Columbia and Montour  
Counties

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month; according to The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), there are more than 10 million people each year who are abused in the U.S. In Pennsylvania, there were 109 victims who died from domestic violence incidents in 2020 alone. Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior used by one person to gain power and control over another in an intimate or familial relationship. Domestic violence can be characterized by different types of abuse including emotional abuse, physical abuse, stalking, sexual violence, financial abuse, and verbal abuse.

The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia and Montour counties provides free and confidential support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and incest. These services include; Individual and group counseling, emergency shelter, medical advocacy and accompaniment, legal advocacy and accompaniment, and education programs. Services are available 24/7 by contacting our hotline at (570)-784-6631 or toll free at 1-800-544-8293

## Donations

Thank you to Soroptimist International of Montour County for their donation of items including cleaning supplies, clothing, gift cards, and more. They were able to collect over \$1,000 worth of items for our clients!



## Meet our new Leadership Team!

**Executive Director-** Christy Roberson has been employed by the Women's Center since March of 1997. She has held many positions over her tenure with the Women's Center before becoming Executive Director, most recently Deputy Director and Director of Finance.



Christy serves on many boards and committees: **Member-** PCADV Legislative & Public Policy Committee, **Member-** Pennsylvania Association of Sexual Assault Center, **Member-** PASAC Standards Committee, **Treasurer-** Columbia County Human Services, **Chair-** Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board, Columbia County, **Treasurer-** Columbia County Child Development Program

Christy enjoys spending time with her family and loves to create and craft in her spare time.

**Director of Finance-** Roderick De La Rosa joined The Women's Center in December 2020 as the Director of Finance and is involved with the fiscal activities of the Agency.



Prior to joining The Women's Center, Roderick worked at Genpact as a Manager. He also previously served as Assistant finance and accounting roles with Greystone, Astoria Federal Savings Bank, and SunTrust Bank.

Roderick also serves as an Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Crestwood High School in Mountain Top. He loves to travel and food.

**Director of Human Resources-**



Sadie Jordan first started as a volunteer at The Women's Center, Inc. and later joined the agency as staff in December 2017. During her time at the agency, Sadie has worked in the various departments, later becoming the Director of Human Resources in August 2021.

Sadie earned her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Bloomsburg University in December 2018 and belongs to several community multidisciplinary teams throughout Columbia and Montour counties. Sadie enjoys spending time with family at their farm.

**Director of Counseling & Direct Services-**



Autumn Hart came to The Women's Center, Inc. as a temporary employee in 2011, and later joined the agency as full time staff in June 2012. Autumn worked her way up from Administrative Secretary, to accepting her current position as The Director of Counseling and Direct Services in September 2021. She has over 10 years' experience with the agency, and continues to strengthen her skills. Autumn enjoys spending time with her husband and family.

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and The Women's Center of Columbia/Montour Counties is in need of new toys for children who receive services at our center.

We are running our Annual Holiday Toy Drive. We have local businesses & organizations participating and hosting a Toy Drive Drop Box. Here is a list of toy drop off locations:

Gramp's Eatery  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
Gordner Coombs Insurance Inc.  
Millville Pizzeria  
Wind N Sea Day Spa  
Root 11 Bistro  
Marley's Brewery & Grille  
Brewskis Coffee & Bar  
The Iron Fork at Frosty Valley  
Scoreboard Sports Tavern  
Hog's Hollow Saloon

You can donate a new unwrapped toy for children, birth to 13+ years of all genders. Please no stuffed animals.

We appreciate your time and caring efforts during these difficult times. Your donations will make the holidays bright for many children in the community. From all of us here at The Women's Center, we sincerely appreciate you helping us on this project.

***We've Gone Paperless!***

Want to help save the environment and save our agency some green? Start receiving this newsletter, electronically!

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**The Women's Center, Inc.  
111 N. Market St.  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815**

2021-2022

**Christy Roberson, Ex  
Officio**

*Ex Officio - all committees*

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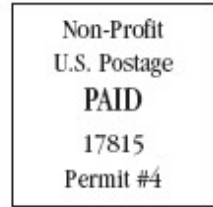
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**THANK YOU!**