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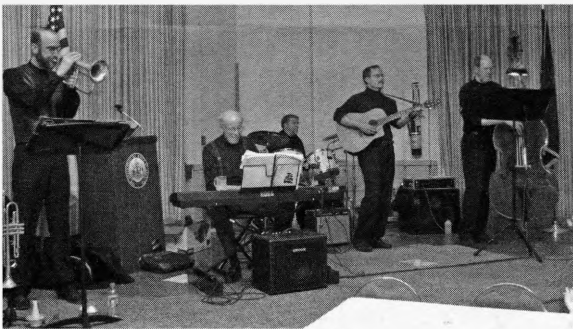
# Spruce Run News

Summer 2005  
Working for Peace at Home

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## Spruce Run's Annual Gala Dessert Party (and Stupendous Silent Auction) a Great Success! Local Businesses, Artists, Musicians, and Chocolatiers support a fabulous evening of desserts, music and shopping

Spruce Run friends and supporters gathered on the evening of Saturday, March 19th to celebrate Spruce Run's work, eat fabulous desserts, bid on unique silent-auction items, and listen to cool jazz. Master of Ceremonies Alice Clifford, who is an Assistant District Attorney for Penobscot County, kept the evening and the bidding on track and auctioned off some of the most luscious and beautiful chocolate creations at the end of the night.



*The Spontaneous Jazz Ensemble*

Musical entertainment was provided by *The Spontaneous Jazz Ensemble*, a group of local musicians who came together several years ago specifically to play for a Spruce Run event. They have been playing jazz standards for a variety of local audiences ever since. We think they get hotter every year. Many thanks go out to Thorny Merriam, Andy Laidman, Steve McKay, Paul Riechmann and Ed Blush for keeping us entertained in such an elegant fashion, and even inspiring some couples to get up and dance!

People needing a break from sampling desserts, chocolate and otherwise, were able to bid on items ranging from handmade quilted bags to a



*Silent Auction: the bidding heats up*

walking stick donated by a master carver to an hour of professional landscaping consultation.

Generous businesses and creative individual members of the community made the silent auction possible, and we'd like to thank them all. Local restaurants and renowned home chefs have been supporting our Annual Dessert Gala for well over a decade and we deeply appreciate their support. We'll be scheduling a date for next year's Gala soon!

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*"For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."*

## Why be a Spruce Run Volunteer?

**You can:**

**Work for peace at home**

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**Be a safe listener for someone who needs a chance to feel validated and heard**

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**Learn about domestic abuse**

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**Learn skills that you can use in all aspects of your life**

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**Brighten the life of a child**

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**Have fun!**

Spruce Run's hotline is available 24 hours/day for anyone who wants a safe, confidential place to talk about what's going on in a relationship or about a friend or family member who may be abused. **Hotline volunteers:**

- support and validate a caller's feelings,
- explore options,
- provide information about abuse and available community resources,
- support and validate the caller's right to safety from violence, physical or emotional.

All children can benefit from a place to feel safe and comfortable to play, have fun and have positive interactions with caring adults. We strive to give these experiences to children of parents using our services. **Children's Program Volunteers** have a chance to:

- participate in a weekly children's group providing a fun and safe environment,
- meet regularly one-on-one with a child living in shelter,
- help to maintain the children's program supplies and play areas.

**Training for both Hotline Volunteers and Children's Program Volunteers begins in September. Many Hotline Volunteers work directly from home following training. Please call Sue H. at 945-5102 for more information or complete a volunteer application online at [www.sprucerun.net](http://www.sprucerun.net).**

## **Save the Date**

**October 12, 2005**

**8:00 A.M.—12:00 noon, Portland**

**Holiday Inn West**

**3:00—7:00 P.M., Bangor**

**United Technologies Center**

### **Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Training**

**Lt. Mark Wynn, (Ret.),  
Nashville Police Department**

- **Stalking**
- **Mutual Arrest**
- **Officer Manipulation**

**More information available soon!**

## **Spruce Run Staff News**

**Janice Archer**, who was Spruce Run's Shelter Services and Elder Abuse Outreach Coordinator, left us early this summer to pursue other opportunities. Good Luck Janice!

Janice will be replaced as Shelter Services Coordinator by **Brook Minner**, who has been with us for one year as our School Based Advocacy Coordinator. We are joined by **Joy Walters** who will fill Brook's former position. Joy has experience working with youth at The Shaw House in Bangor and is spending the summer preparing for an active season of classroom presentations and other prevention work. Welcome, Joy!

**Trish Peterson** is completing an internship focusing on Elder Abuse Outreach in faith communities.



## **Shelter Wish List**

White bath towels  
Standard-size pillows  
White pillow cases  
White flat full-size sheets  
Twin- & full-size comforters  
Trash bags (bathroom/tall kitchen/45 gal.)  
Full-size blankets  
White washcloths  
Dish/kitchen towels  
Toothpaste  
Moisturizer  
Cold/flu/sinus medications  
Adult pain relievers (Advil, Tylenol)  
Deodorant  
New Women's & Children's underwear  
New Women's & Children's socks  
Women's shaving cream  
Hairspray  
Kleenex  
Q-tips

Dishwasher detergent  
Lysol disinfectant spray  
Febreze  
Dish liquid  
Dryer sheets  
First Aid supplies  
Small alarm clocks  
Stamps  
Pens  
Hairdryers  
Tampons – regular size  
Adult/Children's sleepwear  
Pre-paid phone cards  
Pre-paid gas cards

## **Spruce Run Services**

*If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, the following services may be helpful:*

### **24-Hour Hotline**

We offer support, feedback and information about options, with the firm belief in one's right to make one's own decisions and act on one's own behalf.

### **Advocacy**

Advocates are available to offer information and support at TANF/ASPRE, local hospitals, Penobscot County District courts, Child Protective Services and some schools.

### **Support/Education Groups**

Women meet weekly to help each other by sharing experiences and offering encouragement and understanding to one another. They may bring their children to a children's group at the same time. Education groups provide insight into how our society and culture influence and respond to domestic abuse.

### **Children's Services**

We give children the opportunity to talk about their feelings in a safe and fun environment in groups and when they are in shelter.

### **Shelter**

We provide emergency shelter for victims of domestic abuse and provide information about other shelter and housing options.

### **Training and Education**

We provide training, consultation, and education sessions about domestic abuse for schools, employers, service providers, and others to foster a coordinated community response to domestic abuse.

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