



# sexual trauma services of the midlands

## Volunteer Voice

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# July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 STSM Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10 New Ebenezer Health Fair
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Applica- tions due	31 Midlands Health Cen- ter

- \* We still need two volunteers for the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Health Fair from 10:00am—4:00pm. You can take the morning or afternoon shift.
- \* We will be accepting applications for our Volunteer Advisory Board through July 30th.
- \* Distribute information about sexual abuse to the community at the Midlands Health Fair Community Center from 10am-2pm.

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## JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We will be accepting applicants for our **Volunteer Advisory Board** through Friday, July 30. The **Advisory Board** is a panel made up of ten volunteers who meet quarterly to implement planning for the Volunteer Program at STSM. Details are below.

**Term:** Each volunteer serves a one year term with the option to renew their term.

**Commitment and duties:** The **Volunteer Advisory Board** will meet quarterly to review any issues in services, discuss and recommend changes to implement to the volunteer program, and write a column in the *Volunteer Voice*. **Volunteer Advisory Board** members will help train new volunteers at Volunteer Advocate training through the Volunteer Advocate panel.

**Selection:** Ten volunteers will be selected by STSM staff by Friday, August 6. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 6:00pm.

**Application Process:** Email [vsc@stsm.org](mailto:vsc@stsm.org) a one paragraph email about why you would like to participate on the **Volunteer Advisory Board**.

## Confidence, Awareness, and Public Speaking Skills

Learn how to talk about your work at STSM with your community! Join us at Speaker's Bureau training on Saturday, August 21 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Volunteers learn presentation skills and valuable information on communicating a taboo topic in a way that makes people comfortable.

**Term:** One year term with opportunities for continuing education throughout the year.

**Commitment and Duties:** Attend one day training. Morning session is for volunteers interested in helping with community events. Volunteers interested in community events and speaking engagements will attend full day. Volunteers interested in speaking engagements will shadow Community Education Director at a presentation. Sign up for five events each year.

**Application Process:** Current volunteers should email [vsc@stsm.org](mailto:vsc@stsm.org) to RSVP. New volunteers should complete an application.

## Tips and Reminders

- \* CE courses will soon be available online. Check back for more information.
- \* We will have a new locker at Lexington Medical Center. The combination will be the same as the other lockers.
- \* If you can hear law enforcement or medical staff discussing a survivor, please don't be afraid to ask them to step into a family room or other private area.
- \* If you can't bring your ARF by the office or fax it, please call the office and leave the information with a member of the Crisis Team so we can provide timely follow up services for the survivor.

## Kazumi Sato—Volunteer of the Quarter

Kazumi Sato has covered on call for every Sunday day shift since she completed Volunteer Advocate training in May of 2009. She graduated from USC with a degree in chemistry and biology and is applying to get into medical school. Kazumi also has an adorable four year old son and somehow still manages to find time to volunteer at Lexington Medical Center and work at her family's restaurant – Inakaya. Kazumi is fluent in Japanese and speaks Spanish. She is incredibly compassionate and always eager to learn more about helping survivors recover from the trauma of sexual abuse. Her positive attitude and willingness to go the extra mile are inspiring. She is truly committed to STSM – providing not only passionate advocacy, but having Inakaya donate delicious food for STSM volunteer training.



### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Saturday, July 10:** New Ebenezer Baptist Church Health Fair  
10:00am-2:00pm

**Saturday, July 31:** Midlands Community Health Center Family  
Fun Day from 10:00am-2:00pm

**Tuesday, August 10:** CE on Working with the GLBTQ  
Community

**Saturday, August 21:** Speaker's Bureau Training 9:00am—  
5:00pm

**Monday, September 6:** STSM office closed

**September 25—September 30:** Fall Volunteer Advocate  
Training

**Tuesday, November 9:** CE Event on Communication Skills  
from 6:00pm—8:00pm

## June Call Totals

Total Hospital Calls: 16

Hospital Calls answered by volunteers: 13

Hospital Calls answered by staff: 3

Total After Hours Hotline Calls: 7

Hotline Calls answered by volunteers: 4

Hotline Calls answered by staff: 3