



Stephanie A. Kresl Advisor

Stephanie is a founding board member of Catholics For Family Peace and currently serves as the Development Director. CORE trained and certified as a domestic violence advocate in the State of Florida, she spent four years working in the Prevention and Community Education department at Harbor House of Central Florida, Orange County's only certified domestic abuse agency. Passionate about serving and empowering others, she has nearly 10 years of experience serving as Ministry Leader and Founder for the Saint Rita Ministry, a domestic abuse resource ministry at Holy Family Catholic Church.

In October 2010, the St. Rita Ministry was recognized by Harbor House of Central Florida with the Barbara Moore Award for outstanding grassroots efforts in promoting domestic abuse awareness in the Central Florida community. The St. Rita Ministry was recently nominated for Heart of Florida United Way's 2015 Community Volunteer Excellence Award, which recognizes outstanding volunteers who demonstrate a commitment to service and are actively volunteering in the Central Florida community.

Stephanie holds an undergraduate degree for Organizational Leadership with a minor in Sociology at Arizona State University. She is currently a member of the Association for Talent Development (formerly American Society of Training and Development), a Toastmasters Competent Communicator and Immediate Past VP of Public Relations 2013-2014 for Orlando International Toastmasters Club #8503.

In her former position as Community Education and Training Coordinator, Stephanie was responsible for the development, implementation and provision of comprehensive community education awareness programs to individuals, professionals and the business community in their efforts to increase their capacity regarding domestic abuse policies, recognizing and responding to abuse and referring survivors to assistance programs:

Key Business Initiative – Harbor House of Central Florida - March 2011 – March 2015 - Orlando, FL - Successfully launched and managed the Key Business Initiative in early 2011, a program aimed at reducing violent crime and homicide in the workplace, which continually surpassed annual expectations for United Way grant deliverables with approximately 120 organizations to date that have received professional training on how to recognize and respond to domestic abuse and refer employees needing assistance to appropriate resources, of which 43 organizations have implemented domestic abuse workplace policies and procedures.

“Recognize, Respond & Refer” – Domestic Abuse Educator/Trainer/Facilitator -

March 2011 – March 2015 - Orlando, FL - facilitated numerous evidence-based educational classes for individuals, faith organizations and businesses on domestic abuse in the community and in the workplace.

May 15, 2013 - “Recognize, Respond & Refer” – Catholic Faith Response to Domestic Abuse - Orlando, FL – Facilitated one of 3 session series for the Diocese of Orlando's "Resources Beyond the Confessional" for priests from throughout the Diocese.

April 20, 2013 – “Addressing Domestic Abuse as a Ministerial Workplace Issue and Mission in Ministry” - National Association of Church Personnel (NACPA) 2015 Annual Convocation - Tampa, FL - Co-facilitated conference workshop alongside Dennis Butler, SPHR, Chief Human Resources & Compliance Officer for the RC Diocese of Paterson.

Public Speaker/Community Educator – Harbor House of Central Florida - March 2011 – March 2015 - Orlando, FL – Presented numerous presentations to various civic groups, faith organizations, businesses and academic organizations on the importance of recognizing and responding to domestic abuse and the resources available to survivors.