



IN OUR OWN WRITE

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WOMEN'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Here it is at last: the long-planned-for special organizations issue of In Our Own Write. Seventy-three organizations, businesses and individuals providing services and activities are listed. For your convenience, we have arranged them into general categories: arts, businesses, education/employment, health, media, political, religious, services, social, and sports.

Most of the groups defy such distinctions, however. As the questionnaires have come back, I have marvelled continually at the number and variety of our activities as women. How few of these organizations were flourishing ten or even five years ago! Our organizations resist categorization, they transcend limits. Does DES/Washington come under health, political, or service? Is the Ja Shin Do Academy business, health, or sports? Where women serve themselves, a powerful force is at work.

This listing is long but nowhere near complete. It must therefore be as dynamic as the groups it features. It is not too late to return your survey form if you have not yet done so. If we did not reach you the first time around, then make yourselves heard now. We hope to publish more group descriptions as we receive them, perhaps with a general update in a year or so.

And you, the Washington area woman who picks up this issue--let us know what you think. Are the categories helpful? Is the information of use? Who is missing? Your feedback and criticism will be most welcome by those who have lived with this issue for months, spurred onward by the support coming in from Women's Center staff and the women who took time to fill out the surveys. Thanks to you all! Send comments to: In Our Own Write, 1709 Kenyon St. N.W. Washington, DC 20010.

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arts

WASHINGTON WOMEN'S ART CENTER
1821 Que St. N.W. Wash. DC 20009
202/332-2121

Purpose: "to promote interest in the work of women artists and writers and to encourage women by creating a supportive climate and by sharing information and expertise."

Activities: monthly exhibitions; poetry readings; workshops; slide registry; information resources; monthly newsletter.

Fee: \$15/year; \$7.50 reduced circumstances.
Volunteers needed for all activities.

WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR ART/D.C. CHAPTER
c/o Jo Harrop, 4503 Twinbrook Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22030 Tel: 703/978-9174

Purpose: "A professional organization to bring together women professionals in fine arts, art history, art criticism, and the gallery community in the D.C. area."

Activities: panels, task force on discrimination to lobby Congress for equal opportunity in the arts for women.

Fee: Yes; not given.
Volunteers needed for all activities.

business

CANTOBRIA PRODUCTIONS
1855 Lamont St. N.W. Wash. DC 20010
202/667-6375

Purpose: Production, bookings, tours, management, promotion and design for women's culture.

Volunteers are needed.

LAMMAS WOMEN'S SHOP
321 7th St. S.E. Wash. DC 20003
202/546-7292

Purpose: To sell books, records, handcrafts made by women; to serve as resource for the community about events, housing, etc.

NATIONAL ASSOC. OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
2000 P St. N.W. #410, Wash. DC 20036
202/338-8966

Purpose: Local chapters offer monthly seminars of interest to women entrepreneurs. Lobbying on legislative issues that affect women in business. Insurance avail. thru membership. Membership: \$50/year; volunteers needed.

THE PRINTER TINA LUNSON
1530 14th St. N.W. Wash. DC 20005
202/332-3945

Purpose: "to provide good printing services to the community at large, with friendliness and fair prices, and to be free of working for an oppressive male boss." Offset printing. (Printer of In Our Own Write)

RESOURCES FOR WOMEN
4422 Walsh St. Chevy Chase, MD 20015
301/986-1231

Purpose: "Consulting and training in the fields of communication skills, human relations and affirmative action. Work done with government agencies and private industry/business."

A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN
153 Main St. Annapolis, MD 21401
301/267-6827

Purpose: Bookstore: books for, by, about women. Nonracist, nonsexist children's books. Services: Open houses, Weds. 7-9 PM; speakers, readings, seminars. Publish a monthly calendar.

WOMAN SOUND
1735 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. #104, DC 20009
202/332-4220

Purpose: "to provide sound systems and engineers for community's public address and recording needs."

Services: Regular sound engineering workshops. Fee. Volunteers needed for office work.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BAKERY
P.O. Box 13116, T St. Sta. Wash. DC 20009
301/422-6699

Purpose: "to provide the community with healthy whole grain & sugarless baked goods." Services: Visitors welcome to come exchange ideas on baking, nutrition, alternative businesses, etc. Meetings open to public. Non-profit business run by 5-member collective at 2500 University Blvd. Adelphi, MD. Volunteers needed.

WOMEN IN DISTRIBUTION
P. O. Box 8858, Wash. DC 20003
202/526-7400

Purpose: "National wholesale distributor of books by women." Fee: 15%; Volunteers needed for clerical work. Writers should submit copy of their work to WIND, attention of Helaine Harris.

WRENCHWOMAN, INC.
801 Virginia Ave. S.E., Wash. DC 20003
202/543-1550

Purpose: "Repair of automobiles. We are not a 'feminist business', just a plain auto repair shop for profit."

education & employment

ANOTHER PLACE (Univ. of D.C. School of Continuing Education Women's Programs)
2319 15th St. N.E. Wash., D.C.
202/576-6644

Purpose: "to assist homemakers by referrals to and preparation for training or education for independence and self-fulfillment."

Activities: Basic skills program: reading, math; self-improvement through exercise, diet, nutrition; sewing; assertiveness; career-choice workshops; Civil Service preparation. No fee; Volunteers needed as instructors, group leaders. (Program ends Sept. 30)

HANNAH HARRISON CAREER SCHOOL OF THE YWCA
4470 MacArthur Blvd. Wash. DC 20007
202/333-3500

Purpose: "to train women who have no marketable employment skills & for whom training would be a financial hardship or impossibility." Esp. for women over 35.

Activities: Licensed Practical Nursing; Environmental Services Management; Accounting Programs begin each September, are full-time, day programs, and offer supportive services. No fee; Volunteers needed for newsletter, student financial development, program devel.

NEW PHASE: a career readiness center for women
50 Monroe St., Room B-06, Rockville, MD 20850
301/279-1800

Purpose: "Offers individual career counseling appointments, series of career orientated workshops and special seminars."

No fee; volunteers needed for variety of activities. Operated through Montgomery County Commission for Women.

WASH. AREA WOMEN IN COMMUNITY SERVICES
1751 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009
202/265-2822

Purpose: to "recruit, screen and give support service to young women in Federal Job Corps." No fee; volunteers needed for interviewing, support services, office work.

health

DES REGISTRY, INC.
5426 27th St. N.W. Wash. DC 20015
202/966-1766

Purpose: To identify all persons exposed to DES and other female hormones during pregnancy; to offer professional and paraprofessional counseling; to disseminate information and encourage legislation and research to aid DES-exposed persons.

Activities: telephone referral and counseling; in Sept. will begin publishing the National DES Quarterly; registry of DES-exposed persons. Sliding scale fee for counseling after first call (which is free); \$3 for registry. Volunteers are needed for filing, interviewing physicians, publicity, etc.

FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME

4759 Reservoir Rd. N.W. Wash. DC 20007
202/333-3600 - Jackie Linard, Activities Dir.
Purpose: Home for unwed mothers over 14 yrs.; school and treatment center for adolescent girls with extreme family and personal problems. Activities are varied.

No fee; volunteers are needed, especially those who can teach such skills as guitar, piano, dance, art, writing, and as assistants during trips and activities.

GROWING WOMEN (c/o Cathy Ryan)
4840 MacArthur Blvd. N.W. Wash. DC 20007
202/333-2049

Purpose: "to provide a supportive atmosphere for women in crisis in a rural self-supporting community."

Activities: Group still in planning stages; occasional workshops are offered.

No fee; volunteers needed to provide ideas, energy, legal, psychological, and organizing skills.

THE HOUSE OF RUTH
1211 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Wash. D.C.
202/347-9689

Purpose: "to provide emergency shelter for homeless destitute women and abused women and their children."

Activities: counseling, medical, employment, psychiatric, housing referrals.

No fee; volunteers needed as drivers, cooks, child care people, and night supervisors.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON
1108 16th St. N.W. Wash. DC 20036
202/347-8500

Purpose: to inform and counsel all individuals about their reproductive choices.

Activities: family planning; counseling and medical services, including contraception, pelvic and breast exams, pregnancy and VD testing, etc.

Sliding scale fee; volunteers needed as office aides, educators, counselors, campaigners, and public informationists.

WASHINGTON FREE CLINIC
1556 Wisconsin Ave. N.W. Wash. DC 20007
202/965-5491, 965-5476

Purpose: "to provide low-cost or free health care to those people in the D.C. metropolitan area not adequately served by the existing medical establishment."

Services: Routine gynecological care, VD test and treatment, mental health, women's self-help, general medical care.

Sliding scale fees; volunteers needed as desk coordinators, pharmacy workers, paramedics.

PATRICIA G. WEBBINK, Ph.D.
6033 Broad St. Brookmont, MD 20016
301/229-8495

Services: Feminist psychotherapy-groups, individuals, couples, families, children; speaks on women, feminist therapy, asthma, relaxation, guided imagery and music, eye contact. Sliding scale fee; is covered by most health insurance plans.

WOMEN'S GROWTH & THERAPY CENTER
1425 Montague St. N.W. Wash. DC 20011
202/726-1911

Purpose: "to provide therapeutic and growth experiences for women; to create a new type of organization that is founded on feminist principles, i.e. is a collective, is nonhierarchical, is process-oriented and which values the individuality of its members."

Services: individual and group psychotherapy; therapeutic and growth-oriented workshops and short-term groups; consultation to individuals and groups in the community.

Sliding scale fee based on income.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR LIMITLESS LIVING
1721 DeSales St. N.W. Wash. DC 20036
202/466-2228 or 966-3799

Purpose: "workshop training in holistic life planning & career development"; development of integrated lifestyles through planning in 5 major life areas: mental growth, physical maintenance, personal and professional relationship development, financial resources, and career advancement.

Activities: workshops, support groups, conferences, newsletter, etc.

Fee: yes, amount not given. Volunteers needed for various jobs.

WOMEN'S MEDICAL CENTER
1712 Eye St. N.W. Wash. DC 20006
202/298-9227; 298-6655 (for hearing impaired)

Purpose: "A nonprofit health facility for women; focuses on reproductive health care."

Services: Abortions (1st trimester), gyn. clinics, VD screening, free pregnancy tests, birth control counseling, counseling for deaf women, sexual assault crisis intervention, menopause program, assertiveness training, individual and group therapy, etc.

Fees vary according to service; volunteers needed for different activities.

ROBYN S. ZEIGER, Ph.D.
P.O. Box 682, Glen Echo, MD 20768
301/320-3884

Services: Lesbian/feminist counselor;
individual, couples, group counseling;
speaks on homophobia, lesbianism, lesbian
counseling.

Fee: \$20/hour for individual & couple;
\$10/group (2-hour group); sliding scale.

media

FEMINIST RADIO NETWORK
P. O. Box 5537, Wash. DC 20016
202/244-2331

Purpose: "We produce & distribute radio/audio
tapes on women's issues. Current programs in-
clude Child Sexual Assault, Abortion, and
Immigrant Women in the U.S."

Services: detailed in FRN catalog.

Volunteers needed either as full collective
members or to work with FRN on particular
programs. Newsletter "Calliope" published
"periodically" for women in radio.

"FROM THE APPLE TO THE ARCHIVE"
10920 Battersea Lane, Columbia, MD 21044
301/730-8953 (Dial "1" from D.C.)

Purpose: Women's Studies newsletter.
Subscriptions: \$3/year; publishes 8 times
during the academic year (Sept.-May)
Volunteers needed to gather news.

MEDIA REPORT TO WOMEN
3306 Ross Pl. N.W., Wash. DC 20008
202/363-0812

Purpose: "A monthly publication on what women
are doing and thinking about the communications
media." Published by Women's Institute for
Freedom of the Press.

Activities: Also publish an annual directory
of women's media.

Subscriptions: \$15/year for women. Directory of
feminist media is \$8.

Volunteers are needed for "anything they are
willing to do."

MOONFORCE MEDIA, INC.
P.O. Box 2934, Main City Sta. Wash. DC 20013
202/546-7292

Purpose: "Production, promotion, and distribu-
tion of films by and about women. At present
our main project is the National Women's Film
Circuit, which is a nationwide series of
women's film showings. We hope to continue to
bring good lesbian and feminist films to
Washington."

Services: "Act as an informal resource on
women's films--what's available and where."

OFF OUR BACKS
1724 20th St. N.W. Wash. DC 20009
202/234-8072

Purpose: A radical women's newsjournal put out
11 times a year.

Subscriptions: 60¢ a copy; \$6 or more a year
for individuals.

Volunteer "friends" needed to work one weekend
a month on layout, typing, graphics, etc. The
collective is open for a couple more members;
being a "friend" is a necessary step toward
collective membership, but a woman can stay a
"friend" as long as she likes.

QUEST: A FEMINIST QUARTERLY
P.O. Box 8843, Wash. DC 20003
202/293-1347

Purpose: "a national journal of feminist pol-
itical education and analysis, ideological
development, and criticism. . . . a forum for
exchange among activists and theorists."

Activities: Quarterly magazine; seminars;
classes.

Subscriptions: \$9/year for individuals.
Volunteers needed: editors, typists, women
interested in a long-term commitment and in
developing analysis.

WOMEN: A JOURNAL OF LIBERATION
3028 Greenmount Ave. Baltimore, MD 21218
301/235-5245

Purpose: to "publish the socialist-feminist
magazine with the above title."
Subscriptions: \$5/year/individuals (3 issues)
& \$15/year/institutions.

WOMEN'S WORK MAGAZINE
1302 18th St. N.W. #203, Wash. DC 20036
703/521-3656; 202/223-6274

Purpose: "A resource journal of career inform-
ation and advice." Practical "how-to" features
focus on career planning & education, getting
ahead on the job, resume & interview prepara-
tion. Published by Women's Work, Inc., a non-
profit D.C. corporation.

Subscriptions: \$6/year (6 issues)
Volunteers needed in administrative and cler-
ical capacities.

political

ABORTION RIGHTS OF WASH. D.C.
1750 Kenyon St. N.W. Wash. DC 20010
202/332-3650

Purpose: "Non-profit educational & lobbying
group safeguarding abortion rights in Washing-
ton." An affiliate of the National Abortion
Rights Action League.

Activities: Speaker's bureau; lobbying;
monitor abortion-related issues in area,
community participation.

Membership: \$15/year, \$5 for students.
Volunteers needed in variety of capacities.

CENTER FOR WOMEN POLICY STUDIES
2000 P St. N.W. #508, Wash. DC 20036
202/872-1770

Purpose: "Dedicated to increasing public
awareness and affecting national policy change
on issues involving women."

Activities: National clearinghouse on domestic
violence and child sexual assault.
No fee; student internships available. Pub-
lishes bimonthly newsletter.

FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN, INC. (FEW)
National Press Bldg. Wash. DC 20045
202/638-4404

Purpose: "To take action to end sex discrimination in employment in the government service"; increase job opportunities for women; improve merit system in govt. employment, etc. Activities: Training conference yearly; monthly meetings; newsletter & publications. National dues: \$20/year; chapter dues: \$15 plus chapter fee. Newsletter \$8/year, free to members. Volunteers needed.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
150 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850
301/279-8346

Purpose: "to serve as a force for change through education, advocacy and support; to eliminate sex discrimination or prejudice; to utilize the potential of each citizen regardless of sex", etc. Activities: lobbying, sponsorship of seminars on employment, money mgmt., sexism, etc. Fee: seldom; volunteers needed.

NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE (NARAL)
825 15th St. N.W. Wash. DC 20005
202/347-7774

Purpose: "restore public funded abortions/ keep abortion legal". Activities: Lobbies Congress, organizes local lobbying efforts, public education, training in lobby & speaking techniques. Dues: \$15/year; volunteers needed.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUERTO RICAN WOMEN
P.O. Box 4804, Wash. DC 20008
No phone number given.

Purpose: to defend rights of Puerto Rican & other Hispanic women in the U.S.; attain greater participation in American life by Puerto Rican & Hispanic women; development of leadership among Hispanic women; establish communication among Puerto Rican women in U.S. Activities: Contact NACOPRW for local info. Dues: \$12/year.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN/
CAPITOL HILL CHAPTER
Box 8834, Wash. DC 20003
202/543-8525

Purpose: "Equal participation for women in society." Activities: Contact them. Dues: \$20/year (includes national membership); Volunteers needed.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN/
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER
Box 2301, Rockville, MD 20852
301/299-7640

Activities: Legal referral, medical referral, consciousness-raising, task forces in education, employment, health, marriage, divorce & family relations, mature women. Dues: \$21/year. Meetings on 3rd Thurs. of month, 8 PM, Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, Bethesda, MD.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN/
NO. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
Box 103, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301/249-7023

Activities: CR; speakers; lobbying; educational meetings and forums. Fee for CR: \$15 Membership: \$21/year; \$12 straitened circumstances. Volunteers needed.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN/
SEXUALITY TASK FORCE-D.C.

P.O. Box 4064, Arlington, VA 22204
Contact: Dorothy, 920-7353

Purpose: "A social-political organization dedicated to the promotion of gay rights in the community & the provision of supportive resources & social activities for gay women." Activities: Annual spring conference; lists of lawyers & psychotherapists sympathetic to gay rights and feminist ideas; speakers; dances; camping trips, etc. Dissemination of information relevant to gay women.

Dues: Membership in D.C. NOW is encouraged and is necessary to vote. Volunteers needed.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
1411 K St. N.W. Wash. DC 20005
202/347-4456

Purpose: "To increase the political power of women in order to eradicate sexism, racism, agism, institutional violence and poverty in American Society."

Services: Special materials relating to women in politics. Quarterly newsletter. Dues: \$15/year; volunteers needed for special projects.

PROJECT ON EQUAL EDUCATION RIGHTS (PEER)
1029 Vermont Ave. N.W. #800, Wash. DC 20005
202/332-7337

Purpose: "Public watchdog for federal law barring discrimination against women and girls in education by keeping a close and critical eye on the Title IX enforcement efforts of HEW . . ."

Activities: Quarterly newsletter, reports on enforcement issues "to help people bring about needed changes". Informational service. No fee; Internships available.

SIXTY WORDS PER MINUTE (60 W.P.M.)
1346 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #1205, Wash. DC
202/466-4430 20005

Purpose: "To give a voice to the concerns of office workers. To win respect for women office workers, and to win fair pay and fair treatment on the job."

Activities: Monthly meetings, 1st Thurs. of each month, with focus on relevant issues. Workshops planned for fall; survey in process, results to be announced this fall. Bimonthly newsletter.

Dues: \$2, \$5, or \$10 depending on income; membership open to office workers.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM (WILPF)

120 Maryland Ave. N.E. Wash. DC 20002
202/546-8644

Purpose: "To work for the achievement by peaceful means of political, economic, social, & psychological conditions throughout the world which can assure peace, freedom, and justice for all."

Activities: education, publications, nonpartisan political action, lobbying, public forums. Dues: \$15/year/U.S. only; incl. support of International office: \$20/year. Couples: \$20 and \$25. Unpaid internship available.

THE WOMEN'S LOBBY

201 Mass. Ave. N.E., #116, Wash. DC 20002
202/547-0044

Purpose: "Lobby Federal legislation as it affects women". Welfare reform, national health insurance, abortion, pregnancy disability, food stamps, minimum wage, social security, domestic violence.

Contributions welcome; volunteers needed to lobby. Bimonthly newsletter.

WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE

120 Maryland Ave. N.E. Wash. DC 20002
202/546-7397

Purpose: "to end the arms race, achieve disarmament with controls, stop erosion of civil liberties by intelligence agencies, and reduce military budget."

Activities include education, street actions. Donations welcome; volunteers needed.

religion

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WASH. D.C.

945 G St. N.W. Wash. DC 20001
202/232-6333

Purpose: "A Christian Church for all people with a special outreach to the gay community."

Activities: Sunday worship, newsletter, community events, lectures, etc.

No fee; volunteers are needed "always" in various capacities.

WOMEN'S ORDINATION CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 651, Mt. Rainier, MD 20782
301/864-7805

Purpose: "To work for the ordination of Roman Catholic women."

Activities: "A support system for Catholic women who wish to be ordained & for persons willing to work for the needed changes;" conferences, newsletters, information resources. Dues: \$10/year. Volunteers needed for secretarial/clerical work.

social

COALITION OF GAY SISTERS/D.C. CHAPTER

219 O St. S.W. Wash. DC 20024
202/554-3472

Purpose: "a budding social organization geared toward developing a feeling of community, friendship, and support for gay women and women coming out. A place to make some friends."

Activities: rap groups, pot luck dinners, music, storytelling, poetry, theatre games (in each other's homes).

Voluntary contributions needed; everyone welcome.

COALITION OF GAY SISTERS (COLUMBIA, MD.)

P. O. Box 222, Columbia, MD 21045

301/997-1593

Purpose: "Dedicated to establishing a network of gay women in the Baltimore/Washington area." "True sisterhood is attainable if the talents, energies and caring of sisters are integrated and shared."

Activities: Hotline, newspaper, weekly meetings (3 raps & 1 business meeting per month), varied social events: dances, parties, picnics pot luck dinners, etc. etc.

Fees as necessary to cover costs; volunteers needed in a variety of capacities.

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER/D.C.

5715 16th St. N.W. Wash. DC 20011
703/979-7508

Purpose: "Creation and maintenance of a community center which will bring together and serve individuals and organizations of Metropolitan Washington."

Activities: Present goal is to find a physical space. "Once this space is located, we will be involved in bringing together individuals and groups with common interests." No fee; volunteers needed in various capacities.

GAY WOMEN'S OPEN HOUSE

c/o Lilli Vincenz, 5411 S. 8th Pl.
Arlington, VA 22204
703/671-3762

Purpose: "Provides protected social setting for gay and bisexual women to meet and talk about common concerns."

Activities: open house last Wednesday of every month, 8-11 PM; feminist and gay literature, calendars and referrals; psychological referral; telephone support network.

Optional donation for refreshments.

OPEN HOUSE

c/o Judy Reagan, 3719 S. 1st Rd.
Arlington, VA 22204
703/892-6663

Purpose: "social gathering for gay women."

Activities: informal atmosphere for women to socialize in a private home; monthly. "Donations are accepted to help pay for refreshments."

Services

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

P.O. Box 178, Alexandria, VA 22314

703/750-6631

Purpose: "to provide direct services and advice to women in an effort 'to eliminate discrimination on account of sex' in the City of Alexandria."

Activities: Offers active assistance in areas of employment, domestic violence, sexual assault, and information & education. Operates Rape Victim Companion Program (RVCP) and

Battered Women's Emergency Support Project (BWESP) which provide emotional support and short-term counseling for raped and abused women. 2 newsletters, one general and one focused on rape program.
No fee; volunteers needed as companions for rape victims and battered women or as speakers.

ARLINGTON CO. COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Court House, Rm. 204, Arlington, VA 22201
703/558-2401

Purpose: "Advisory group appointed by the Arlington Co. Board to research topics and recommend action in areas of interest to women."

Activities: primarily advisory; runs Rape Victim Companion Service for Arlington.

No fee; volunteers needed to aid in research and as companions for rape victims.

AYUDA
1736 Columbia Rd. N.W. Wash. DC 20009
202/387-4848

Purpose: "to provide free legal aid and consumer protection to the Hispanic community of the Washington metro area."

Services: Consumerism, domestic relations, employment-related, immigration, landlord/tenant, information & referral.

No fee; bilingual law clerks and social workers needed.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA INFORMATION AND COUNSELING CENTER FOR WOMEN

127 Park St. N.E. Vienna, VA 22180
703/281-2657

Purpose: "To counsel women in transition with personal and/or career concerns."

Services: "Personal and/or career counseling individually or in small groups; seminars in self-assessment, assertiveness, separation and divorce, career development."

Fee: amount not given; Volunteers needed for clerical duties.

RAPE CRISIS CENTER
P.O. Box 21005, Wash. DC 20009
202/333-RAPE

Purpose: "Developing an understanding of why men rape and on finding ways to stop rape. Priorities are education, self-defense training for women, and emotional support for women who are raped." "We define rape as any unwanted sexual activity."

Services: Victim advocacy, crisis counseling, referrals & information, speaker's bureau, self-defense, community consulting, etc. Negotiable fee for consulting; volunteers needed to train as counselors for rape victims (This info was compiled from RCC material by WAWC staff.)

TASK FORCE ON ABUSED WOMEN OF THE WOMEN'S
LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
1010 Vermont Ave. N.W. Wash. DC 20005
202/638-1123

Purpose: to provide assistance to battered women and speakers on the issue to the D.C. metropolitan area.

Services: Hotline, referrals, peer support groups for battered women, help in emergency relocation, advocates/companions to accompany women to hearings, hospital, etc.; public speaking.

Fee asked for speaking engagements; services for battered women are free. Volunteers needed to train on hotline, to work on organizing a shelter for battered women and children, etc.

WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.
P.O. Box 50103, Wash. DC 20004
202/347-5078

Purpose: "We are creating an environment in which women can expand themselves outside the male-defined structures which prevail in our society today."

Activities: Information & referral service; monthly newsletter In Our Own Write; rap groups & support groups; workshops; women's nite out coffeehouse; sports; dances, etc.

Due to continuing search for space, most of these have been temporarily suspended.

Dues: \$1.50/\$1,000 income/year (\$4 minimum); newsletter only: \$3.50. Volunteers always needed in various capacities. The Center is a feminist collective.

A WOMAN'S PLACE
150 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850
301/279-8346

Purpose: "A unique environment for women to experience personal growth by becoming active in women's affairs and contributing their skills and talents."

Activities: on-going groups on women's awareness, sexuality, separation & divorce adjustment, parenting, decision-making, etc.; lectures and discussions; speaker's bureau; drop-in center; referrals & counseling. See New Phase in employment section.

Occasional sliding scale fees; volunteers needed in all capacities.

WOMEN'S CENTER OF HOWARD COUNTY
P.O. Box 1023, Columbia, MD 21044
301/730-8770

Purpose: "A place to come to for self-discovery and the support of other women."

Services: Discussion programs, consciousness-raising, assertiveness training, sexuality seminars, intern program for training group leaders, etc.

Fee: varies according to activity; volunteers needed in many capacities. \$10/year membership includes newsletter sub and 10% discount at all activities.

WOMEN'S CENTER & REFERRAL SERVICE, INC.
3215 Powder Mill Rd. Adelphi, MD 20783
301/YES-5265

Purpose: to "provide support for women in our area."

Services: groups, workshops, telephone referral service, direct assistance in emergencies.

Fee: \$1 membership; small fees for groups &

workshops. Volunteers needed in many areas.

WOMEN'S CENTER/UNIV. OF MARYLAND

Contact: Frances Patton, 457-7127/days
 Purpose: "to provide informative meeting ground for students to discuss issues relevant to women; to work with other organizations to assist in meeting the needs of the academic community."

Activities: referral service; sponsoring educational, cultural & social activities. Regular meetings held during school year. Priorities for this year: increase membership and acquire office space on campus.

WOMEN'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, INC.

1010 Vermont Ave. N.W. #210, Wash. DC 20005
 202/638-1123

Purpose: "To help meet the legal needs of women in the Washington metropolitan area." Services: free legal info in areas of credit, domestic relations, employment discrimination, name change; referral to lawyers; litigates sex discrimination cases.

No fee; Volunteers needed for various duties. Membership: \$25/year; \$10 for students.

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER

1470 Irving St. N.W. Wash. DC 20010
 202/667-0417

Purpose: A multi-service center aimed principally at the Latino community in the Adams Morgan/Mt. Pleasant/Cardozo Hts. areas of D.C.

Activities: Include counseling & info on immigration problems, employment, health, housing, income tax, legal; referrals, translation & interpreting; advocacy; English for domestic and service workers, etc. etc. Associate programs include Big Brothers, Centro de Arte, daycare center, Hispanic ministries.

Fee: not indicated; Volunteers needed.

IN OUR OWN WRITE is the monthly newsletter of the Washington Area Women's Center. Contributions for the next issue should be in by Sept. 15; send them to In Our Own Write, 1709 Kenyon St. N.W. Wash. D.C. 20010. This issue is brought to you by Susanna Sturgis, Bentley, Angie Carrera, Judy Reagan, and Sue Valenza. Sandy Black designed the logo, and Tina Lunson did the printing.

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3306 Ross Pl. N.W. Wash. DC 20008
 202/966-7783

Purpose: "Training women in a women's martial art for serious self defense. Emphasis on building a strong and healthy body and developing self belief and confidence."

Activities: Classes every weekday night, 6:40-8:10 PM, and Saturdays.

Fee: \$25/month, plus \$10 initial membership fee.

"All students are trained in depth with a view to developing teaching ability as well as personal proficiency, so that training can gradually be expanded to more and more women."

WASHINGTON RUNHERS UNLIMITED

4307 Birchlake Ct. Alexandria, VA 22309
 703/780-8228

Purpose: "to promote all women's running and participation; to provide a club for competitive purposes."

Activities: Meetings every month for business, sharing information, speakers and socializing; "birthday runs" monthly organized by members who have birthdays in that month and followed by social activity; competing locally and nationally at races, etc.

Fee: \$5/year membership; \$2.50/year newsletter only.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Washington Area Women's Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose primary purpose is to serve all women of the Washington metropolitan area. The concept of the Center is woman-defined and guided by the needs of the women's community. We are creating an environment in which women can expand themselves outside the male-defined structures which prevail in our society today.

The Center believes in a positive Woman Image and firmly believes in the need for womanspace. Through alternative support services, women can realize their potential strength and valuable self-image. Because women are in a period of transition and have special problems which are not usually dealt with specifically or completely by other community agencies, we feel we should provide an information clearinghouse to give coherence to all services available to women; to provide physical facilities, educational and artistic programming, and referral and information services to members of the D. C. women's community.

The structure of the Women's Center encourages all members to participate and direct what happens here. We hope you will join us. Membership entitles you to several advantages, which are detailed on the back of this sheet.

WELCOME TO THE WOMEN'S CENTER!

As you may know, the Women's Center has been forced to vacate its old space in Sumner School Basement. Several of our activities have, as a result, had to be curtailed until we find a new home. The phone will be connected again on June 30, 1978, and the newsletter In Our Own Write will continue to come out every month with articles, poetry, announcements of events of interest to women, etc. Call us for further information about activities and our continuing search for suitable space!

New Renew Newsletter Only

Name: _____

Add: _____

Zipcode: _____

(work): _____

Phone (home): _____

Date: _____

Fee: _____

FEE: Membership (which includes subscription to the newsletter) is \$1.50 per thousand income. Due to our operating costs, we must ask a \$4.00 minimum regardless of income.

Newsletter only: \$3.50

Remarks: _____

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MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

1. Take advantage of the referral listings available in the areas of health, employment, housing, and community organizations.
2. Receive the Washington Area Women Center's monthly newsletter, In Our Own Write, the most comprehensive publication of news and announcements about feminist organizations and events in the area.
3. Participate in classes, workshops, rap groups and sports teams sponsored by the Center. Join or start various projects or groups focusing on counselling, health, recreation, and entertainment.
4. Use the facilities of the Women's Center, which are available for meetings, groups or social occasions on a first-call, first-serve basis.
5. Volunteer and participate in the workings of the Women's Center. Members are encouraged to take an active part in the Center's operations.
6. Receive discounts at Women's Center-sponsored events.
7. Check out books from our small (but growing!) feminist library.
8. All the good feelings that come from supporting a vital part of the women's community!

Your new or renewed membership in the Center at this time is particularly welcome as support and encouragement for the Center's continued existence.

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