

## Blue Ribbon Walk

Alyson Williams, a student at Herkimer College, worked with the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County to put on a Blue Ribbon Walk on April 8, 2019. This walk was in honor of Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Week, blue being the color for crime victims awareness.



Above: Herkimer College student Alyson Williams speaks on Crime Victims' Rights Awareness at the walk she organized.



Above: attendees of the Blue Ribbon Walk at Herkimer College hold up their ribbons in the breeze.

Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Week is a time to bring awareness to the rights afforded all victims of crime, as well as to bring awareness to the struggles that victims of crime face and to offer our support as a community. District Attorney Jeff Carpenter spoke to attendees about supporting victims of crime.. Carlee, the OVS Case Manager from the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County, also spoke about crime victims rights, as did Allysa Dupont Rader, the Community Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Program.

Attendees, which consisted of community members, professionals, and college staff and students, walked around the Herkimer College campus and tied blue ribbons on objects to bring awareness to the issue of crime victims' rights.

## Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Program recently honored their program volunteers at their annual volunteer banquet, which was held at PK's Pub in Herkimer.

Volunteers received certificates of recognition. Program staff was present to express their gratitude for the services these volunteers provide.

Over the past year, volunteers have provided 2,414.25 hours of coverage on our 24-hour hotline.

Volunteers are able to respond by phone from their own homes. The program offers free, comprehensive training.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can call our 24-hour hotline at 315-866-0458.



Front row, Rosemarie, volunteer coordinator and volunteer; Charlene, volunteer; Joan, Volunteer; Allysa, Community Education and Outreach Coordinator with her daughter Coraline. Back row, Jackie, Program Director; Billie Jo, Advocate; Kat, Advocate; Megan, Senior Advocate and Andrea, Advocate.