



Dial Help Community Support & Outreach Center

Summer 2014

Dial Help Needs Your Help!



For 43 years, Dial Help has operated a crisis hotline that has helped to reduce individual and family crisis, save lives, and provide meaningful information and resources to those in need across the Upper Peninsula.

Today, we also provide substance abuse counseling and prevention, 24/7 mobile crisis teams, mental health counseling, intensive family support services, positive youth programs, sexual violence prevention, comprehensive services to any and all victims of crime, and specialized behavioral education classes

meant to increase safety of families and the community.

The common thread of our agency is that we help empower people to solve problems, reduce crisis, address trauma, and increase safety for self and others.

We are viewed by some as an extension of other emergency services that the community has come to rely on and assumes will always be available. In this and previous years, due to a number of factors beyond our control, included government sequesters, funding cuts and

shortfalls, we have begun running a deficit that could potentially reduce our ability to continue with some services, particularly our crisis line.

Operation of the crisis line is possible only because of a committed professional staff, generous and well-trained volunteers, the financial support of local agencies and community members. Please consider a financial gift to help us keep this vital service intact!

Volunteers Needed!
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More Information

Staff Spotlight: Sue Kauppi

Our Funding Partners:

- The Coordinating Agency
- MI Dept. of Community Health
- MI Dept. of Human Services
- Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission
- Copper Country United Way
- United Way of Dickinson County
- United Way of Marquette
- Nat'l Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Keweenaw Community Foundation
- Superior Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Northcare CDR
- Portage Health System
- Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital
- Houghton Rotary
- Friends of Dial Help Like You!

Sue Kauppi has been employed with Dial Help for over 8 years, and in that time has served several hundred youth and families develop important life skills and achieve goals that contribute to positive youth development and safety. With area adolescents and teens, she provides classroom education, positive outdoor activities that foster leadership and resiliency, and other prevention measures aimed at reducing substance abuse, risky behaviors, or other factors that put youth and the community in harm's way. She also provides one-on-one support, education, and intervention for families in crisis. She helps adults in the family improve their parenting skills, find jobs, securing appropriate housing, managing finances, and create a home environment that is free of abuse and neglect. She is also the head of our Prevention Department and Assistant Director to the agency. Sue wears many hats and puts in long hours (often including evenings and weekends) to make sure that individuals and families receive the immediate response and community resources they need. Dial Help would like to acknowledge her ongoing, above and beyond contribution to our agency and to the community that has come to respect and rely on her skill, compassion and expertise.

Keweenaw Community Foundation Funds Summer Adventure Program

We would like to thank the Keweenaw Community Foundation and the Youth Advisory Council for their generous donation of \$3,000 to provide much needed funds for our summer youth programming. Events have and will include camping, kayaking, swimming, volunteering for Camp 911, other community service opportunities and more. The funding has also assisted us in making young people aware of our crisis line, instant messaging, and crisis texting options for those who may be victims of abuse, have experienced bullying, are having thoughts of suicide, or other challenges for which they are at greater risk. It has enabled us to purchase advertising and other outreach materials that target youth-oriented programming, service agencies, and schools.



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UPPCO Roof Donation!

We would like to thank the UPPCO Foundation for donating \$2,500 toward a new roof, which as you can see is badly needed!.



Efforts to raise money for a new roof are ongoing.

School Supply Assistance Program

This program, implemented for the first time this year, has helped over 60 children receive necessary school supplies to start the academic year. Dial Help recognizes that many individuals and families are struggling financially, and were happy to set up a program to help defray costs of returning to school. We received school supply and monetary donations from several organizations, including two local churches, The Seventh Day Adventist Church (Houghton), St. Joseph's Parish (Lake Linden), and local community members. School supply needs are ongoing, so if you are interested in donating school supplies or funds, please contact us at 482-9077 or simply drop them off at our office.

Funding cuts are impacting a lot of non-profit agencies including ours! We need your help to ensure the continuation of new and existing programs the community has come to rely on. Look to the right to see the many ways you can help Dial Help.

Support Dial Help!

Make a Donation:

- Use the link to **PayPal** on the "Give Help" section of www.dialhelp.org to make a safe, secure on-line donation
- Or send a **check payable** to:
Dial Help, Inc.
609 Shelden Ave.
Houghton, MI 49931
- Or set up a recurring direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account.
- Donate to the Dial Help Endowment at the **Keweenaw Community Foundation**.
- Shop at your favorite online stores while supporting Dial Help - Find out how at www.iGive.com

Dial Help is a 501(c) (3) charitable agency for tax deductible giving

Volunteering at Dial Help

Interested in lending a compassionate ear?

Helping someone in need?

Helping an agency that supports the community many different ways?

Call An-gel at 482-9077 to discuss our many volunteer opportunities

- Helpline/Instant Messaging/Texting
- Victim Services
- Internships
- Office Support

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