

Hopeful Happenings



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Meeting Angela Shelton



Pam and Angela Shelton

On June 10, 2007 we were honored to meet Angela Shelton, actress turned activist. Safe-House sponsored a screening of the movie, Searching For Angela Shelton at the Ann Arbor Public Library. Just prior to entering the screening room, we were lucky enough to be standing right by Angela herself, and we got the opportunity to introduce ourselves and tell her about Women For Hope. We

also presented her with one of our Sexual Assault Awareness Bracelets, which she was thrilled to receive.

Angela introduced the movie, which is a documentary that she wrote, directed and edited. She started out attempting to meet with and interview all the Angela Shelton's across the country, with the purpose of doing a documentary about women in America. She literally looked up all the Angela Shelton's on AOL City Guide and found there were 70. She ended up speaking to over 40 and discovered that 24 of those women were either raped, molested or beaten. The documentary took a swift turn in focus to become a voice for women who have never had a chance to tell their stories. Angela is a survivor of incest. As she travels across the coun-

try meeting these amazing women, she realizes she needs to confront her own abuser, her father. It is a powerful and gritty film, but in the end it shows that there is hope, and that speaking out helps to heal.

After the movie, Angela answered questions and shared some coping techniques. We were certainly touched to see her proudly wearing the bracelet we gave her.

If you ever get a chance to see her speak or even just see the movie, we highly recommend doing so.

To find out more about Angela, the movie, and the foundation that she has started, check out searchingforanglashelton.org.

Special points of interest:

- NEW JEWELRY STYLES
- OUR NEWEST CHARITY—THE DETROIT TIGER FOUNDATION
- MEETING WITH ANGELA SHELTON
- SEPTEMBER IS GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- OH NO! WE STARTED A BLOG

See the new styles at

www.womenforhope.com/shophome.html



New Jewelry Styles Are Here!!

We are excited to announce the addition of new jewelry pieces in our awareness jewelry line and beyond.

We have added 3 different style earrings and two new bracelet styles in our most popular colors. Don't worry...the rest of the colors

will be getting new additions soon.

We have also made the popular Crystal Heart Pendant available in all 14 of the awareness colors, along with all of the birthstone colors.

Last but certainly not least, we have created 3 different necklaces featuring Affirmation

Circle Charms. These popular sterling silver charms come with a variety of inspirational words like "Strength", "Survivor" and of course, "Hope." We hope you check them out and we will let you know when we add more!





Help us cheer on The Tigers and support their Foundation

We now have baseball bracelets available! Working through the Tigers Wives Foundation, we will be donating 10% of the proceeds from these bracelets to The Detroit Tigers Foundation.

The Detroit Tigers Foundation, a non-profit organization, is the official charity of the Detroit Tigers. The Foundation assists with charitable and educational causes in Michigan with an emphasis on programs that benefit children and youth within Detroit through the game of baseball.

The Tiger bracelets come in two different styles. The "Home" version is made from navy blue crystals with clear accents. The "Away" bracelet comes in navy crystals with orange accents. Both bracelets feature a sterling silver charm that is a glove, bat and ball.

Check them out in our shopping section!

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During September, 15% of the proceeds from Uterine or Ovarian Cancer Awareness Jewelry will be donated to CancerCare.

September is Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month. According to the [Gynecologic Cancer Foundation \(GCF\)](#) a woman will be diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer every seven minutes. Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month (GCAM) provides an opportunity to educate women about the prevention, early detection and treatment of all gynecologic cancers. We

will be providing special information during the month of September so our visitors can learn more.

Also in honor of GCAM, Women For Hope will donate to CancerCare an additional 5% of the purchase price of any Ovarian Cancer or Uterine Cancer Awareness Jewelry item sold in September for a total of 15%.



Final words...we are officially bloggers...sharing stories

Yes, that is right, we decided to start a blog. We will be sharing info, talking about sites we love to visit, featuring women who are fighting the fight or anything else we find interesting.

You can reach it by going to www.womenforhope.com/weblog. It is just the beginning, so bear with us as we start adding on to it. Feel free to comment or add your own information that you think the

visitors of Women For Hope would love to hear about!

We also are always looking to expand our story page. One of our missions is to have a place to share with each other our trials and triumphs. We have been honored with two more stories from two strong and courageous women, Dorothy Elizabeth and Jen. We thank them both for sharing what they have been through. If you

have a story you would like to share, please email us at stories@womenforhope.com.

Speaking out about what you have been through can be a powerful thing and you never know who might find the strength they need with you as inspiration.

'Til next time...

Love and Hope,
Pam and Tom