

## HOPES Contributions and Participation in 2009

- Formal Fundraiser Dinner and silent auction held in February at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison—this event was a result of the advertising campaign HOPES was awarded by Madison Ad 2—the keynote speaker for the evening was County Supervisor, Dave deFelice; the campaign was entitled, “*A New Era of Saving Lives*”
- In regards to the new campaign with Madison Ad 2, HOPES worked alongside with the Ad 2 representatives to develop commercials and billboards having the emphasis, “*Look Closer, Listen Harder*”
- Circulation of Bi-Annual HOPES Newsletter
- HOPES Youth Representatives held a bake sale at the McFarland High School during the production of *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* to be donated for suicide prevention
- Began collaboration with Mental Health America to enlarge our QPR Training and suicide prevention strategies to cover the entire State of Wisconsin
- Attended the Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Strategy Conference in Steven’s Point on April 29-30
- Sponsored our Annual Walk for Awareness at Warner Park featuring honorary chairman, Bob Lindmeier, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Represented HOPES at the Mental Health Conference for Green/Rock County in May



- HOPES was represented at the *Art & Music Fest* in Kenosha, Wisconsin in June



- Represented HOPES on the Dane County Suicide Prevention Task Force
- Participated in the annual Walk for Awareness held at the Trempeleau County Mental Health Facility in July
- Displayed *Many Faces of Suicide* quilts at the State Capitol during Suicide Prevention Week in September
- Represented HOPES at the Charles Kubly Foundation fundraiser *Beyond the Blues* in September
- Attended Crisis Intervention Conference held in the Wisconsin Dells in September
- HOPES sponsored and were represented at the annual Dane County Suicide Prevention Summit at the American Family Insurance complex in October
- Represented HOPES and distributed information at the Johnson Creek High School sponsored by the faculty in October
- HOPES Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction fundraiser held in October
- Help to fund and organize the National Survivor's Day of Remembrance at St. Mary Hospital in Madison along with Dane County Mental Health Center
- Held over twenty (20) QPR presentations to various groups in communities around the State of Wisconsin
- HOPES Vice-President, Sue Howell, accepted position on the Steering Committee for the Suicide Prevention Initiative with Mental Health America

