



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Rep Joe Emrick

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. This amounts to more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year.

One in four women (24.3%) and one in seven men (13.8%) aged 18 and older in the U.S. have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month aims to help people recognize and put a stop to this pattern of abusive behavior used to establish power and control over an intimate partner, causing both physical and emotional harm. Victims may be subjected to abuse, harassment, threats, vandalism, trespassing, burglary, theft and stalking.

As one of the most chronically underreported crimes, domestic violence affects men and women in all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social and economic backgrounds.

More information about domestic violence and services available to help victims is available here.

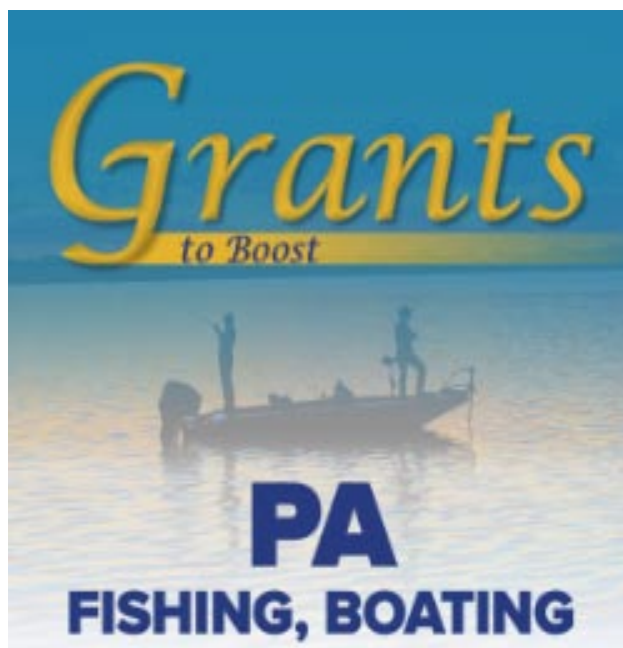
PFBC Offers Grants to Inspire Interest in Fishing and Boating

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is seeking applicants for grants to support education programs that promote new and renewed interest in fishing and boating through the recruitment of new participants, retention of existing participants and reactivation of former participants – collectively known as “R3.”

The grants will reimburse qualifying organizations up to \$25,000 for eligible expenses for projects conducted between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. The grants require a minimum of 25% match of total project costs. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Dec. 6.

Organizations eligible for funding include school districts, universities and colleges, community and civic groups, sporting and conservation organizations, and local recreation departments.

More information, including the application, can be found on the PFBC R3 Grant Program page on the PFBC website.



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Happy Hour Bar & Grill Hosts Fire Relief Fundraiser for Chef Mike

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Stroudsburg, PA – On Thursday, October 17th, 2024, Happy Hour Bar & Grill will host a Fire Relief Fundraiser to support their chef, Mike, and his family, who recently lost everything in a catastrophic fire. The event will take place from 11 AM to 11 PM at 608 Clermont Ave, Stroudsburg, PA.

In an effort to help Mike and his family rebuild their lives, 20% of all proceeds from the day's sales will go directly towards their recovery. This is an opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy great food and drinks, and show their support for one of their own. For those unable to attend but still wishing to contribute, donations can be made via the family's GoFundMe page.

Mike has been a staple at Happy Hour Bar & Grill, known for his culinary passion and dedication. He is a hardworking individual who has juggled multiple jobs to support his family and pursue his dreams. Tragically, on the evening of Sunday, October 6th, 2024, his apartment was consumed by flames, leaving him with severe burns affecting 20% of his body. He is currently hospitalized, facing a long road to recovery.

Alongside his wife, Carina, Mike is now grappling with mounting medical expenses, the loss of their home, and the challenge of rebuilding their lives. Carina, while continuing to work her job, remains by Mike's side, providing essential care and support during this incredibly difficult time.

“We want to do everything we can to help Mike and Carina get back on their feet,” said Eric Scelza, Owner of Happy Hour Bar & Grill. “Mike is more than just our chef—he's family. This is a chance for the community to come together and show our appreciation for all the hard work he's done and offer support during this trying time.”

Event Details:

Link: Help Our Chef Rebuild - Facebook Event

Date: Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Time: 11 AM – 11 PM

Location: Happy Hour Bar & Grill, 608 Clermont Ave, Stroudsburg, PA

Donation: 20% of all proceeds will go towards supporting Mike and his family

Join us at Happy Hour Bar & Grill for a day of community spirit, food, drinks, and generosity as we rally behind Chef Mike and his family. Every order makes a difference, and together, we can help them rise from the ashes.