

Kate O'Donnell joined us in June and is working for SARA full-time. Kate has a background in Psychology and is currently working to complete her Masters in Higher Education at UVA. She is working with local schools in Charlottesville and the surrounding area.

Kate joins **Laurie Jean Seaman** with our prevention team. Laurie Jean has worked for SARA for over 7 years and has been a significant part of SARA's growth with primary prevention. We have an ambitious and exciting prevention plan and will serve 9 area schools during this school year.

In our transition, we have restructured some of the responsibilities and added a Director of Community Outreach. **Sheri Owen** has long ties in our community and is the co-founder of the Rape Aggression Defense Systems, RAD, a self-defense program. Sheri's background started in working with domestic violence survivors, and more recently she worked for the City of Charlottesville. We look forward to her leadership in the office as well as in our outreach efforts.

On a day to day basis, SARA would not function without strong administrative support. **Carole Black**, who was with SARA for the last year and half left us at the end of September. Carole was instrumental in keeping us going through the move and was a strong backbone of support. **Jennifer McKeever** joined our team in October. Jennifer comes to SARA from the Charlottesville City School Board, where she continues to represent the citizens of Charlottesville and various volunteer efforts. Jennifer has a law degree and is a member of the local and state bar. She is excited to support the team here at SARA.

Becky Weybright continues as the Executive Director and will soon reach the 3-year mark for working at SARA. She is pleased to have new staff on board, and looks forward to working with them.

The enthusiasm and excitement surrounding the new staff additions and our new location has given our team a renewed sense of energy and purpose as we strive to help eliminate sexual violence in our community.

Our New Website



Laurie Jean Seaman and Becky Riggle celebrating the launch of the redesigned SARA website.

Nonprofit organizations, such as SARA, depend on generous donations from private citizens and businesses to continue their good work. Not all of these contributions that keep organizations running are cold hard cash. Many of them are in-kind giving – which refers to contributions of goods and services that are of value to a nonprofit organization.

Blue Cloud Studio is a creative web design and online marketing studio based in Charlottesville, Virginia. Their motto is "We build awesome websites!!!" And they do. Becky and Chris Riggle have completely redesigned SARA's website. They honor us and our services by donating their time and expertise.

Laurie Jean Seaman, one of our prevention educators and long time staff member said, "Becky and Chris have been unimaginably kind to us – from the first time we got to swap ideas with them about stopping sexual violence and supporting survivors, to the last stroke of the key finishing this gorgeous new website, their passion and goodness has made the site beautiful, user-friendly, and full of love. I can't believe their amazing generosity!"



Our new website is a great outreach tool. It reflects the mission of SARA, introduces our services and tells you how to get involved with our organization. In addition to donations, which are always appreciated, we are looking for volunteers for the SARA hotline.

Take a moment to look through the website at www.saracville.org. You will find current news, upcoming events and an area to get to know our staff. Thank you Becky and Chris for the design of our wonderful website and for supporting the Sexual Assault Resource Agency through your generous donation!



Save the Date –

Friday, November 20, 2015,
7:30 am – 9:00 am
For SARA's Annual Annette
DeGregoria Grimm
Award Breakfast

Please join us on Friday, November 20th from 7:30 am – 9:00 am at the Boar's Head Pavilion for SARA's Annual Annette DeGregoria Grimm Award Breakfast. This year we are pleased to recognize the STEPup Peer Educators from Charlottesville High School (CHS) and St. Anne's-Belfield School (STAB), as well as recent University of Virginia graduate, Paige McDermott, who received a BA in Public Policy and Leadership and a BA in Global Development Studies in May 2015.