

Empowering women at Stígamót Crisis Center

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What is Stígamót?

- Icelandic Counseling and Information Center for Survivors of Sexual Violence
- The center was opened on the 8th of March 1990.
- Stígamót is run by a collective of women, some of whom are survivors of sexual violence.
- Have been in the forefront fighting against all forms of violence against women in Iceland

“Zonta against Sexual Violence”

- A national project, carried out on March 7th and 8th 2008
- All seven Zontaclubs in Iceland played an active and important role in the fund raising
- Sold beautiful rose pins, 10.000 of them!
- Most of the money collected should go to Stígamót for the project “Bringing Stígamót to you” and to sister organizations in Ísafjörður (Sólstafir) and Akureyri (Aflið)

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Did it matter what Zonta did?

- “The money from Zonta made it possible for us to blow the horn and really tell about the project in open lectures and in closed meetings and with advertisements.”
- “We held regular meetings during the winter in Borgarnes, in Grundarfjörður, in Vestmannaeyjar, in Selfoss and in Egilsstaðir.”
- “There was so much need and this was a success.”

But...what now?

- “Everywhere there was so much accumulated need, but now our financial situation is such that we had to make two of our staff redundant last spring and we do not dare to move until we will see the proposed national budget for next year.”
- “We are really worried about having to quit our work now when women have started, but I believe we won’t be cut out of the budget, I’m just afraid of counting on it.”

Zonta work really does matter!

- This important project of enabling the experts at Stígamót to go and work in other places that Reykjavík would not have been possible if not for us, the enthusiastic hard working Zontians who really believe in working according to the zonta goals of improving and advancing the status of women worldwide!
- There is still more work to be done, so Zontians in District 13, keep up the good work!