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## Dart League Aims For Excellence

### HCDA Donates \$3,100 to OASIS

By Jeff Eason

Anyone who has participated in a dart league knows that it is all about having fun. Sure, it can get competitive, but at the heart of the game is camaraderie, good sportsmanship and, perhaps, a couple of beers.

This week the High Country Dart Association showed off its serious side when it presented a check for \$3,100 to the local women's shelter, OASIS (Opposing Abuse through Shelter, Information and Service).

The money was raised during this spring's OASIS Charity Dart Tournament.

"The High Country Dart Association is proud to host the OASIS Charity Dart Tournament," said Dave James, president of the Dart Association. "At the HCDA we understand that OASIS is leading the way to put an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in our community by offering shelter and support to victims and families, and through continued education to the public.

"We are very pleased to be able to contribute to such a fine organization and would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our sponsors and dart throwers across the Southeast that have been a part of our tournaments. We look forward to continuing what has become an exciting tradition in the spring of 2006."

### OASIS

Founded in 1979, OASIS (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information and Shelter) is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.

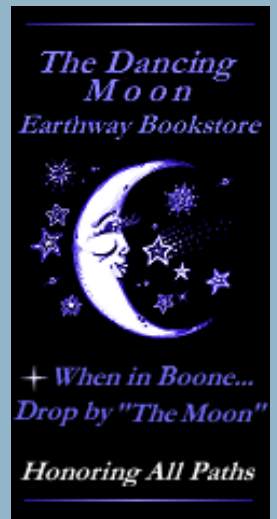
OASIS answers approximately 64 crisis calls per month. The organization serves an average of 31 clients per month, with around half of those being new clients to OASIS. Typical assistance provided includes crisis intervention and referrals. OASIS provides shelter and case management services with information about alternatives to living in violence. It also provides referrals for services related to housing, food stamps and other financial assistance.

OASIS also provides advocacy for victims of sexual assault. It offers support to clients while in the hospital during and after physical examinations and provides referrals to any appropriate agencies or organizations. OASIS also provides clothing to victims who may have had theirs taken for evidence.

OASIS works closely with local organizations such as SART (Sexual Assault Response Team



The High Country Dart Association presented a check for \$3,100 to OASIS last week. Pictured are (l-r) HCDA president Dave James, HCDA treasurer Tanna Baumgardner, OASIS director Jennifer Herman, HCDA vice-president Matthew Osteen and HCDA secretary/statistician Amber Robinson. (Tournament coordinators Jose Ferrando, Eric Rice and organizer Chris Mahony not available at time of Photo) *Photo submitted by OASIS*



and DART (Domestic Assault Response Team) including members of area law enforcement, hospitals and other agencies.

For more information, call OASIS at (828) 264-1532.

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