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Tanya Brown to Keynote The Women's Center Event *Sister of Nicole Brown Simpson to speak at Anniversary Luncheon*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Tanya Brown, sister of the late Nicole Brown Simpson, will deliver the keynote address at The Women's Center's Anniversary Luncheon event. Her presentation, titled "The Seven Characters of Abuse: Domestic Violence, Where It Starts and Where It Can End", will help audience members identify abusive behaviors by using stories of real women, including her sister Nicole.

Local domestic violence survivor and advocate Teri Jendus Nicolai will also offer remarks on her experience and path to healing from abuse.

"Tanya's appearance at our event is particularly timely" notes Angela Mancuso, The Women's Center Executive Director. "We continually see that victims get overlooked when attention is drawn to sensationalized entertainment like *American Crime Story: The People v. O.J. Simpson* and *Making a Murderer*. At The Women's Center, we keep the needs and humanity of those suffering from abuse at the forefront of our work. This event serves as a reminder that beyond attention-grabbing stories, real lives are at stake."

The Anniversary Luncheon will be held Friday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$70 and can be purchased at twcwaukesha.org/event/anniversary-luncheon. The event will also include a raffle drawing for Southwest Airlines Tickets, a large silent auction, and book signing with Tanya Brown. WISN12 News Anchor Toya Washington will serve as emcee.

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Interview Requests:

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Founded in 1977, The Women's Center serves women and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse.

The Women's Center offers free and comprehensive services including domestic violence, sexual assault, and abuse counseling, an emergency domestic violence shelter, a 24-hour hotline, free on-site child care, legal advocacy, transitional living, and life skills programming that includes employment, parenting support groups, educational forums and advocacy.

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