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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **The Women's Center Sends Message of Support to Survivors of Sexual Assault**

WAUKESHA, WI – April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In 2014, The Women's Center provided counseling and supportive services to 285 child and adult survivors of sexual assault and abuse. To raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual violence and to send a message of support to survivors, The Women's Center is conducting the following activities during the month of April:

- The Women's Center will partner with Carroll University, UW - Waukesha and WCTC to display the Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project allows women who are affected by domestic or sexual violence to express themselves by writing and decorating powerful messages on shirts.
- On April 29, The Women's Center will take part in Denim Day, a nationwide sexual violence prevention and education campaign where participants wear jeans to send a message that what a woman wears has nothing to do with her consent to sexual activity.
- Staff members from The Women's Center will take part in a panel discussion on sexual violence at UW – Waukesha.
- Staff members from The Women's Center will be available at Carroll University to provide information and resources to students.
- To honor sexual assault survivors, a teal lantern will be hung at the entrance to The Women's Center.

## About The Women's Center

Founded in 1977, The Women's Center is a non-profit human service agency that provides a wide range of free and comprehensive services designed to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse. These services include emergency shelter for abused women and their children, transitional living, 24-hour Hotline, group and individual counseling, onsite childcare, child abuse prevention programming, legal advocacy, employment counseling and life-skills development. The Center also provides translation and interpretation in any language, community education and violence prevention programming, and information and referral services. In 2014, The Women's Center came into contact with more than 12,200 individuals.

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Pictured: Shirts from the Clothesline Project are decorated by survivors of domestic and sexual violence.