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The Women's Center Works to End Violence

WAUKESHA, WI – April is both Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and every month, The Women's Center is committed to addressing and preventing these crimes in our communities. The Women's Center provides free resources for those affected by assault and abuse, including individual and group counseling, a 24-hour Hotline, and parenting classes and support groups.

On April 23, 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. In addition, The Women's Center will partner with 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.

“In addition to addressing the needs of survivors, we are focused on preventing further victimization of women and children” noted Executive Director Angela Mancuso. The Women's Center offers trainings and presentations designed to challenge myths and stereotypes about domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. The trainings provide participants with resources that can help them address these issues in their own life or the life of someone they know.

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 and employment counseling. The Center also provides Hispanic outreach, community education and violence prevention programs, information and referral services. In 2013, The Women's Center served over 9,000 individuals.

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