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The Women's Center Awarded Coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

*Exceptional service and accountability recognized by the nation's most
recognized independent charity evaluator*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The Women's Center's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the first time that The Women's Center has earned this top distinction.

Since 2002, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible nonprofit organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance, ethical practices, and measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating. Just last year, Charity Navigator again updated their methodology for rating each charity's financial health, further substantiating the fiscal strength for four star charities.

"It's important our donors know that we are using their contributions wisely in pursuit of our mission to provide safety, shelter, and support to survivors of domestic and sexual violence," said Angela Mancuso, Executive Director of The Women's Center. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating helps demonstrate to our supporters how important our good governance and financial accountability is to us as an organization."

"The Women's Center's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "This adds The Women's Center to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world's most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support The Women's Center."

Details on The Women's Center's rating can be seen at www.charitynavigator.org.

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About The Women's Center

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 and grandparents support groups, educational forums and advocacy.

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