

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

WAUKESHA — The Women's Center is encouraging the community to take action against domestic violence with its "Break the Silence. Break the Cycle." campaign. The center will have various opportunities to support survivors and help raise awareness throughout October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, according to a press release.

Those driving through the intersection of East Avenue and East Broadway may have noticed several purple wooden silhouettes with dates in the front yard of the Women's Center. These silhouettes represent women who were killed because of domestic violence. Women's Center Executive Director Angela Mancuso said the wooden cutouts honor these specific individuals and their families.

"One in four women experience domestic violence," said Mancuso. "Everyone in the community has a role to play in breaking the cycle of violence and changing that statistic."

The Women's Center has partnered with local businesses to help raise awareness throughout the month. People can "Light the Way" to end domestic violence by placing a purple light bulb in the front window of their home or business. Tomcheck Ace Hardware on 212 E. Sunset Drive will be selling purple light bulbs to support the campaign. Ace Hardware will also hold a garage sale on Oct. 21, where a percentage of all the sales will be donated to the Women's Center.

A complete list of Domestic Abuse Awareness month events is available at <http://twcwaukesha.org/event/domestic-violence-awareness-month/>.

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