

The Women's Center holds Domestic Violence Awareness Month event

WAUKESHA — The purple silhouettes have become a well-known symbol of domestic violence in Waukesha thanks to the efforts of The Women's Center, which erects the cutouts every year in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

On Monday, Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly and Waukesha County District Attorney Susan Opper joined Executive Director Angela Mancuso at The Women's Center's kickoff event for the National Week of Action to raise awareness, remember lives lost, and encourage the community to take action.

Held at the Les Paul Pavilion in Cutler Park and illuminated by purple lights, the event included a candlelit moment of silence in honor of domestic violence homicide victims.

In brief speeches, Reilly and Opper emphasized that domestic violence is not simply a problem that affects individuals; it affects the entire community. Mancuso noted that help is available for those who are experiencing violence.

The Women's Center is the only agency in Waukesha County serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual abuse. Its free pro-



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Mayor Shawn Reilly joins The Women's Center Executive Director Angela Mancuso at the center's kick-off event for National Week of Action on Monday.

grams and services include one seeking information or a 24-hour hotline that any- support can reach at 262-542-3828.

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