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The Women's Center Remains Open During COVID-19 Crisis for Victims of Interpersonal Violence

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The Governor's "Safer at Home" order makes a special provision for those whose homes are not safe places: "Individuals whose homes or residences are unsafe or become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence, are permitted and urged to leave their home and stay at a safe alternative location."

As such, The Women's Center, is considered an "Essential Business or Operation" and continues to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking by providing emergency shelter, a 24-Hour Hotline, and over the phone crisis counseling and advocacy services, as well as helping with restraining orders. These services continue to be free and confidential to anyone who needs them.

Anyone who needs The Women's Center services can call our 24-Hour Hotline at 262.542.3828 or toll-free at 888.542.3828 to be connected. Or visit our website: www.twcwaukesha.org

Contact Angela Mancuso, Executive Director directly at 262.522.3809 or email <u>angelam@twcwaukesha.org</u> for further information or to conduct an interview.

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About The Women's Center

Founded in 1977, The Women's Center serves adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and trafficking. The Women's Center offers free and comprehensive programming including: emergency shelter & 24-Hour Hotline; legal advocacy; family counseling; domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse counseling; substance abuse and mental health support; transitional living; community education and violence prevention; and employment counseling and life-skills development.