We are thrilled to announce Tanya Brown as our Anniversary Luncheon Keynote Speaker! The youngest sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, Tanya is an author and motivational speaker with a unique and powerful story to share.

Our Luncheon will be held Friday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Italian Community Center. Tickets are $70 per person or $700 for a table of ten. More information is available at twcwaukesha.org.

We had the opportunity to interview Tanya about her book and presentation, titled “The Seven Characters of Abuse. Domestic Violence: Where It Starts and Where It Can End”.

Q: Can you give us a sneak peek of what your presentation will cover?
A: The presentation will include: Nicole's diary entries (3); my personal experiences with control; stories of past clients. Each story shares some form of abuse.

Q: What do you hope to inspire audiences to do?
A: I hope they are impacted by the stories I share because those are the voices of real women. [The book] was written so that audience members recognize that there are many forms to domestic violence [other] than physical violence.

Q: What do you wish people understood or knew about Nicole?
A: That she was a mom, sister, daughter. That she was not just a battered woman. Although this became her identity, she was so much more to me than that. She was passionate about photography, cooking, interior design, but more so, being a mom.”
Susan Kim joined our Board of Directors in 2015. Best known for her work as an anchor on TODAY’S TMJ4 “Live at Daybreak”, Susan is also recognized for her dedication to the community. She helped establish the TODAY’S TMJ4 Community Baby Shower in order to collect donations of baby items for women and families in need in Southeastern Wisconsin. The Women’s Center was thrilled to be included in the Community Baby Shower for the past two years, and was so grateful for the incredible donations.

Susan’s connection to The Women’s Center began when she first emceed our Fashion Show. She explains, “The client speech really touched me in terms of how much of a difference the work done at The Women’s Center changed her life. A couple years later, when the Azana Spa shootings occurred, I was more inspired to do what I could to help women in a difficult place.”

Susan’s work as a Board member includes helping to plan our annual special events. She appreciates the opportunity to work with our staff and dedicated volunteers. “I’ve enjoyed meeting the other Board members and the feeling that we are making a difference. I also appreciate how hard the volunteers and those involved with The Women’s Center work every day. They are the true heroes who make the agency so successful.”

The Women’s Center has numerous opportunities for volunteers looking to make a difference in the lives of others. As Susan notes, “I would encourage others to get involved with The Women’s Center because it is very inspiring to meet women who have gone through their darkest days and found happiness on the other side. It truly is an opportunity to help people change their lives.”

Thank you, Susan, for your dedication to our work and mission!
The Women’s Center thanks these businesses for their recent support!

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Pictured: Agency Executive Directors meet with Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow

New Campaign Launched to Support Basic Needs

The Women’s Center needs your help in providing basic needs and support for adults and children fleeing abuse and violence. Now through April 8, double the difference you can make for abused individuals desperately seeking an end to the violence in their lives! Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the first $30,000!

We have partnered with FOOD Pantry of Waukesha County, Hebron House of Hospitality, and Hope Center to introduce Waukesha County Provides. This campaign strives to engage the community at-large to support our most vulnerable members who are in need of life-saving services and promote a vibrant and healthy community for all. While all four agencies are collaborating on the campaign, each is collecting donations individually.

The Women’s Center is the only agency in our community providing survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence emergency shelter, counseling, and empowerment programming. Our emergency shelter consistently operates at capacity and we are experiencing an increase in demand. In 2015 alone, we provided 8,650 nights of care and 25,950 healthy meals to 290 women and children. The need is great, but with your help we can make it possible for our clients to live a life free from violence and abuse.

Our goal is to raise $60,000. We invite you to donate through the Waukesha County Provides campaign so that we can continue to provide life-saving programs and services free of charge.

To donate visit twcwaukesha.org/event/waukesha-county-provides

Save the Date!
Our fall gala event will be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Legend at Brandybrook. Details coming soon! Follow us on Facebook or watch our website for the latest.

Like our New Look?
We’re very grateful to Sherry Albrecht of Albrecht Design for our new Centerpoint layout! Check out her work at albrechtdesign. weebly.com
Making a Difference in 2015

99% of Employment Counseling clients developed a job search plan after 2 counseling sessions, with 62% of those who applied for work obtaining employment.

73% of youth participating in sexual abuse/assault programming developed a safety plan and identified protective behaviors.

85% of adults in sexual assault/abuse programming learned healthy coping skills.

85% of adults participating in all of our programs and services created a safety plan.

79% of all program participants connected with community resources.