Donate your car! (Or boat, or RV, or motorcycle.)

Your vehicle can become a cash donation to The Women’s Center. Simply want to donate your vehicle? Select us from the list of nonprofit partners, and complete the easy online form. The program lets you car for free and sends you a tax receipt after the donation.

Direct Your Choice Dollars:

Thrivent Financial members who want to choose where a portion of their Choice Dollars is sent can go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to identify The Women’s Center and choose us from the list of nonprofit partners, then complete their easy online form. Thrivent Financial members who choose us will send us a portion of their Choice Dollars and sends you a tax receipt after the donation. And the best part? Once you sign up, you don’t have to think about it again!

Help pave the way to futures free from violence and become a member of Pathway to Peace.

Donate. Automate. Illuminate.

The Women’s Center’s mission is to provide safety, shelter, and support to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking. Your donation helps to provide services and support to survivors of abuse. Your donation will help support our services and programs.

Talking with your teen about consent and boundaries is the best prevention against dating violence. And these conversations are critical — 1 in 3 youth girls in the US is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner, and 1 in 10 high school students have been purposely hit, slapped, or physically harmed by someone they were dating. But how do you start that conversation? Here are a few simple questions:

1. Are your friends starting to date? What would you want in a relationship?
2. Do you see relationships that make you uncomfortable? Or see behavior that you wouldn’t like/don’t agree with?
3. Do you have any friends starting to date? What would you want in a relationship?
4. Are your friends starting to date? What would you want in a relationship?

Thank you for your ongoing support. You power our programs, which in turn empower thousands of survivors each year. Because of you, we are here ALWAYS, in ALL WAYS.

Questions? Call 262-522-3512.

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Wednesday, April 22

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

Individual Tickets: $150

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Emmy Meyers is a survivor of sex trafficking. But if you asked her if she had a pimp when she was being sold for sex, she would have said no. That’s what she told the FBI. Yet because she didn’t have a trafficker, but because she didn’t know what she’d been swept into had a name.

Meyers was in an abusive situation when she met a woman who promised her that she was safe. The woman groomed Meyers and encouraged her to move in with the man who would become her trafficker in Waukesha. The man promised Meyers safety and love. After she moved in, she said, things went fine for a few weeks, but then “he basically put a loaded gun to my head (continued next week)”.

Human Trafficking: The reality.

H uman trafficking is an estimated $150 billion industry world-wide, affecting local communities like ours in Milwaukee and Waukesha County. Right here in Wisconsin, cases of trafficking have been documented in each and every one of the 72 counties in the state. Often, it is subtle — you may have seen it and not known it. In fact, it’s common for victims themselves to not know they are being trafficked.

The Women’s Center has been working with survivors, known and unknown, since we opened our doors, and we are proud to be part of local prevention and awareness efforts as co-chair of the Waukesha County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

We are taking an active role to provide trainings throughout the community on the warning signs of trafficking, and last year, the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force created a resource guide for survivors of trafficking; created an adult screening tool with red flag warning indicators and resources for survivors; and ensured The Women’s Center is a referral option for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, among other advocacy activities.

The Women’s Center is a lead member of the United States Conference of Mayors’ Taskforce to End Modern Slavery, and is a member of the Safe Harbor Network, and the state’s Anti-Trafficking Advisory Group. The Women’s Center is proud to be part of Waukesha County’s Human Trafficking Task Force, among other advocacy activities.

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Pictured above: The Women’s Center’s Peace Garden.

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In addition to our Empower Luncheon, we will once again have toolkits available with awareness bracelets, stickers, and informational materials for your organization, school, church, or business. Toolkits will be available in late March; call 262.522.3813 to reserve your's.

APRIL 29 IS DENIM DAY: A DAY TO WEAR JEANS WITH PURPOSE

What is it? Denim Day began in 1993 after the Italian Supreme Court ruled to overturn and dismiss a rape conviction, with the Chief Justice stating “because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.” Outraged by this verdict, the women in the Italian Parliament coordinated a “jeans strike,” protesting by wearing jeans to work the following day. This call to action spread around the globe, and continues to grow every year.

When is it? Denim Day 2020 is all day on Wednesday, April 29.

Why wear jeans? To show solidarity with survivors, and as a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about victim blaming and sexual assault.

How else can I help? Coordinate with your office, school, or social group to encourage others to wear jeans with a purpose. Consider making a fundraiser and collecting $1 (or $2 or $5) to wear denim that day. Take photos of yourself and your group to share on social media, and tag The Women’s Center: #TheWoman’sCenter.

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