Helping at the Holidays: Providing Shelter from the Storm

This winter, The Women’s Center will serve as a shelter from the storm to women and families, providing a warm and safe place to stay, and offering holiday cheer.

To brighten our clients’ spirits this season, we will be offering a number of events including a Gift Boutique, where children and mothers can select gifts for one another, and a holiday party featuring music, activities, and treats.

Items for Children:
- Infant & toddler toys
- Puzzles
- Dolls & doll clothes (all ethnicities)
- Legos/Duplos
- Toy cars and trucks
- Play-Doh
- Age-appropriate DVDs
- Educational toys
- Books/book gift sets
- Board games
- Model/craft kits
- Art supplies
- Coloring/activity books
- Nail care items
- Hair accessories
- Jewelry
- Blank journals
- Socks & underwear
- Pajamas (M/F all sizes)

If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 262-522-3845 or MaryA@twcwaukesha.org. If there are other ways you would like to support our clients, please contact us to discuss these ideas.

We thank you for making this holiday season a special time for families in our community, and helping us offer shelter from the storm!

This artwork has been generously donated by local artist and survivor Samantha Konop.

Items for Women:
- Hats, mittens, gloves, scarves
- P.J.s, robes, and slippers
- Socks and underwear
- Gift Cards (Kohl’s, Target, etc.)
- Jewelry & watches
- Curling irons/blow dryers
- Manicure sets
- Flavored coffee & tea
- Body lotions/bath gels
- Perfume
- Picture frames
- Umbrellas
- Alarm clocks
- Blank journals
- Personal room fans
- Pajamas (M/F all sizes)
Progress is continuing on our new and improved children’s counseling suite! New office spaces have been established, fresh paint and furniture have been added, and the space looks relaxing, inviting, and safe.

One of the most important benefits of having the new space is that we are better equipped to accommodate family counseling sessions. In 2015, more than 100 children and 70 parents received services from the Youth Counselors. 31 people from 12 families participated in family sessions facilitated by staff.

Thank you again to the generous donors who have made this project possible, and the volunteer carpenters and painters who donated their time to bring the space to life!

Pictured at right is a sneak peek of a new mural in progress for the youth counseling room! Thanks to Samantha Konop for donating her time to design and paint this awesome message for our clients!

**Enhancing our Children’s Counseling Suite**

**Check Out Our New Logo**

You may have noticed that we’ve introduced an updated version of our logo. This version includes all of the elements from our most recent logo, revised to incorporate a cleaner layout and softened edges. These tweaks are intended to emphasize the peaceful, approachable, and caring nature of our services and our manner of working with clients. The tree is strong and independent as it grows above the words, and also forms the apostrophe in “Women’s”.

Our thanks to Stephanie Ohlfs, Alissa Braatz, and Becky Talaska for their hard work and creative ideas in shaping the new logo!

**Share Your Heart!**

Heart of Canal Street is Potawatomi Hotel & Casino’s community program that raises funds for children’s charities, and The Women’s Center is a 2015 Signature Charity.

Heart of Canal Street has raised more than $14.6 million for hundreds of area children’s charities since 1994. The program began as a way to carry on the Potawatomi tradition of nurturing younger generations so they grow to lead healthy, productive lives. Giving has always been at the heart of the program. Now, it’s in the name.

Half of each $3 Canal Street Bingo game purchased goes to the Heart of Canal Street fund, which totaled more than $1 million last year! Visit paysbig.com/heart to learn more. Special thanks to our Media Partner, 620WTMJ, TODAY’S TMJ4 and KTI Country.
Thank You for Supporting our Special Events!

Our Summer Evening event took place at The Legend at Merrill Hills on August 13th. Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow spoke about the importance of The Women’s Center as a crucial resource for women and families in Waukesha County, and Waukesha County Board Chair Paul Decker served as the auctioneer.

Our Fashion Show at the Country Springs Hotel on November 13th had models showing off the season’s best looks from A.J. Ugent Furs, lululemon athletica, Picardy Shoe Parlour, Squire Fine Men’s Apparel, and Stephanie Horne Boutique, with makeup and hair styled by Studio 890. A number of local political and business leaders demonstrated their modeling skills, including County Executive Paul Farrow, Mayor Shawn Reilly, 97th District State Representative Scott Allen, District Attorney Susan Oppen, and Waukesha Business Alliance President Suzanne Kelley.

As another year of special events comes to a close, we are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors, donors, guests, event chairs, volunteers and committee members who have made these events possible. Thank you all very much!

Pictured, top: Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow, TWC Board Member Stephanie Brown and Waukesha County Board Supervisor Paul Decker at Summer Evening. Bottom: Models Marylin Banzhaf and TWC Board Member Julia Kellogg on the Fashion Show runway.

The Women’s Center Thanks These Businesses for Their Recent Support!

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Spotlight: Advancing Advocates Council

The Advancing Advocates Council (AAC) is a committee formed to create awareness of The Women’s Center within the young professional community in the greater-Milwaukee area. Council members serve, educate and advocate to promote the mission of The Women’s Center.

The AAC officially launched at this year’s Futures Free From Violence event at the Milwaukee Public Market in October. The event featured a trivia contest, raffle, and opportunities for networking with council members. Our thanks to the AAC for planning this fun event! Plans for 2016 include a service project to benefit our clients, and further educational and outreach events.

The AAC plans to grow to encompass both a Steering Council, which will chair the committee collectively, and Community Members, who will assist with outreach efforts and special projects.

For information about the Advancing Advocates Council, including ways to get involved, contact Dana at danad@twcwaukesha.org or 262-522-3805.

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