Domestic violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime in the United States. 20 people are victims of physical violence every minute in the United States. The Women’s Center worked with almost 1,000 adult and child survivors of domestic violence in 2018. Take Action. Support Survivors. End Domestic Violence Now. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Give us a call at 262.522.3815 to request awareness materials like purple bracelets, stickers, brochures, and more to show your support of survivors. An easy and effective way to get your business, school or church involved, we are happy to put together a kit of materials that will help you take action.
- Kick off the month with us at Hamburger Mary’s located at 730 S. 5th St, Milwaukee, 53204 on Oct 2 for a special night of fun and prizes, raising awareness and funds for The Women’s Center through HAMBingo.
- Step in at TNT Ace Hardware (Tomahawk Ave) located at 212 E Sunset Dr, Waukesha. 53189 throughout the month to take part in Light the Way to End Domestic Violence Now by purchasing a purple light bulb and displaying it in your home or business. Purple is this featured color of DVAM, and you can help light up this community. A portion of the proceeds from each sale will be donated to The Women’s Center.
- Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Like our posts and share them with your network to help spread our mission and message.
- Use your conversation. Tell your friends, family, and co-workers that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Share a statistic with them and let them know this is why you support The Women’s Center.
- Wear purple! Show your support by wearing a purple awareness bracelet all month (or year) long - give us a call at 262.547.4600.
- Join the fun in spreading our mission and message.
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Helping at the Holidays
Want to support a survivor and their family this holiday season? Sign up to provide gifts or a holiday meal and spread joy this winter. You can provide a box of food for Thanksgiving or the December holidays, gifts for a family, or general holiday wish list items. Invite your office, church or school to participate! The first deadline to register is November 15, so visit twcwaukesha.org/event/holidays to learn more and sign up. Questions? Call Shanna, Volunteer Coordinator & Trainer, at 262.547.4600.

Fall 2019
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline had its busiest year ever in 2018: So did we.

The Women’s Center’s mission is to provide safety, shelter and support to all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking.

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

Thanks to Waston & Jones for special support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and our mission.

Emergency Shelter Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Counseling and Advocacy Physical Abuse Counseling Financial Advocacy Domestic Violence Hotline continued

A Noteworthy Evening Domestic Violence Awareness Gala
Surprise Speaker Series Emergency Shelter FAQ’s Helping at the Holidays

The National Domestic Violence Hotline continued to be America’s most used resource during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The hotline received more than half a million calls, texts and online chats in 2018 – marking its busiest year ever. The 1.527.690 calls and other communications were a 56 percent increase from 2017, according to the hotline, which has provided 24-hour, year-round support since 1996 for individuals affected by relationship abuse.

The hotline helps those experiencing domestic violence, as well as survivors who are trying to rebuild their lives after escaping their abusers. Of those who reach out to the National Domestic Violence Hotline in 2018, 88 percent said they were experiencing some sort of emotional and verbal abuse; 50 percent said they were the victims of physical abuse; 24 percent were subject to financial abuse, as well as their partners dealing money or limit

Check out how to get involved during Domestic Violence Awareness Month inside!
A NOTEWORTHY EVENING: At a new, notable venue!

Saturday, November 14
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
916 N East Avenue, Waukesha

Join us for A Noteworthy Evening, celebrating a one-of-a-kind community and supporting a one-of-a-kind agency!

The event will take place at the Waukesha County Courthouse, which will be transformed into a modern setting for the evening.

Learn more and register at twcwaukesha.org.

- Don’t miss it, you'll want to be there!
- The venue is stunning and the energy is incredible.
- You'll have the opportunity to support important work.

Details:
- Tickets are $75 per person, $125 per couple.
- Group tables are available.
- A cash bar will be available.
- Live and silent auctions.
- Guest speakers and entertainment.
- Door prizes.

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Stay informed! Join our email list to be in the know about all of our activities at twcwaukesha.org/join-mailing-list.

Emergency Shelter: FAQs

Each year, our emergency shelter houses over 350 adults and children. Many of these families and individuals come to us in crisis, without a suitcase or a bed, but ready to move forward to a future free from violence.

So what happens once they arrive at our door? Our staff immediately provides crisis intervention, helps determine a plan for safety, and ensures that all basic needs are met. Some receive the first hot meal they’ve had in days when they arrive, and many report that the first night with us is the best they’ve had in months – or years – because it’s the first time they truly felt safe.

Where do they sleep? We have 32 beds, with puck–on–puck cribs available for infants. Families always stay together, and rooms have either four or six beds to accommodate a variety of combinations of single and family units.

How long can they stay? We have a 45-day guideline, and after that, it is case by case. In 2018, the average length of stay was 29 days.

What do you provide to residents? All basic needs are supplied, including each person here has new pajamas, sheets, pillows, and towels, plus showers supplied with shampoo, face wash, and makeup.

What kinds of programs are provided during their stay? The adult residents work with our case manager to establish personal goals, learn how to achieve their objectives, develop a plan to locate safe and affordable housing, and receive referrals to help facilitate independence. Clients have access to our full range of programming, including individual counseling and supportive groups. We educate residents on life skills, including nutrition, meal planning, and grocery budgeting, and they receive referrals to healthcare professionals as needed.

How do we work with children staying in shelter? Our children’s advocate helps youth adjust to their new environment and facilitates their dialogue with the child life specialist. We work on safety planning, and provides other interventions and resources critical for healthy development. They also help with homework, provide basic tutoring as needed, and arrange fun activities for the kids staying with us.

This is just a snapshot of the intricate ways we support survivors in shelter, and there are many more services provided with the time they are here.

Contact Us:

Follow us on social media to learn about our latest Wish List needs, see photos, and get programmatic updates.

#TheWomensCenter #twcwaukesha #TheWomensCenter

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