“Under a mosquito net in a mud-bricked house that cooked us like an oven at night, I asked God to take my life.” So begins Vivian Probst’s memoir, “I Was a Yo-Yo Wife… Until I Learned THIS.” Vivian had endured years of religious exclusion, maternal abuse, and life as a submissive wife when she arrived at The Women’s Center after returning from Africa where she had been the wife of a missionary. Vivian explains, “My journey of recovery began in 1980 when I collapsed on the doorstep of The Women’s Center, ill in body, mind, and soul. Without their support, I don’t know what would have become of me. They nurtured me in every way and, very practically, showed me how to find a job and help support my children—I call it being ‘born again’. I recall the day I received a job offer—I was so terrified that I told the company that I would consider it and get back to them. Then I went to bed and called The Women’s Center. After a brief discussion I had the courage to call back and accept the job. That’s how much The Women’s Center made a difference in my life.”

From that beginning, Probst’s career expanded until she is now a 30+ year veteran to the affordable housing industry. In gratitude, she has endowed The Women’s Center with her ‘CAN-IF’ Fund (“Childcare Aid Nurtures Independent Families”) to assist with child care for single-parent families.

As Vivian notes, “When you experience the benefit of a helping hand to turn your shambled life into a successful one, gratitude becomes tangible. When anyone realizes the cost to all of us when a woman (and often her children) remains trapped in an abusive situation that she doesn’t know how to leave, you understand that you can make a difference by supporting that agency as it restores those women to independence.”

We’re so happy for Vivian’s success and are grateful for her support. To purchase Vivian’s book and learn more about her story, visit vivianprobst.com.
Looking to volunteer in an advocacy role, working directly with clients? Sign up for Advocate Training! This free four part series provides education on the realities of domestic and sexual violence, and explains The Women’s Center’s programs and advocacy model.

The next sessions of Advocate Training will be held at The Women’s Center on:
• Fri. July 21 from 6pm – 9pm
• Sat. July 22 from 9am – 4pm
• Fri. July 28 from 6pm – 9pm
• Sat. July 29 from 9am – 4pm

We have opportunities for individuals and groups of up to 15 participants. Areas of particular need include:
• Front desk volunteers
• Graphic designer
• Donations transportation
• Landscaping and Maintenance
• Special projects

Advocate Training required for some areas.

Visit www.twcwaukesha.org/volunteer-overview to learn more. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator with any questions at 262-522-3845.

{get involved}
We have year-round opportunities for individual and group volunteers.

Executive Director Angela Mancuso, Elizabeth Smart, and Board of Directors Vice President Nancy Lindenberg at our 2017 Anniversary Luncheon.

{in-kind donations}
Support through in-kind contributions is greatly appreciated. Consider hosting a donation drive for a greater impact! View a full Wish List and additional information online.

The following items are currently most needed.
• Disinfecting wipes
• Textured hair products
• Adult Pajamas (XL/2XL)
• Dryer sheets
• Small face towels
• Deodorant

In-kind donations are limited to new and unopened items due to storage space constraints. We request donations of clothing be given to:
• Goodwill (1400 Nike Drive, Waukesha)
• Hope Center (502 N. East Ave, Waukesha)

In turn, Goodwill and Hope Center provide vouchers for our clients to shop for their needs free of charge.

Thank you!

{in-kind donations}
Many attendees noticed the special anniversary edition t-shirts worn by staff at the event.

We are excited to share the shirts are now available for a donation of $20 or more.

Save the date for Denim Day, April 25, 2018, for next year’s Anniversary Luncheon at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino!

Anniversary Luncheon Success!
Our annual Anniversary Luncheon exceeded expectations, bringing in a full house of over 725 guests and raising a record $168,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction, and donations. This success will help us reach our overall fundraising goal of $1.3 million this year. We are so grateful for your overwhelming support!

This event was made truly exceptional because of the remarkable advocacy of those involved.
• Presenting Sponsor Nancy Lindenberg championed this event throughout the planning process.
• Emcee Toya Washington was vocal in her enthusiasm for our mission.
• Dawn Helmrich’s powerful account of her experiences as a survivor of sexual assault moved many audience members to tears.
• Elizabeth Smart’s bravery, resilience, and optimism shone through in her story of enduring unimaginable abuse.

As Angela Mancuso emphasized in her opening remarks, The Women’s Center is proud to stand with survivors and walk with them on their journey: “We empower, we champion, we remove barriers, we stand in front of our clients to protect them from re-victimization as best we can, we stand next to them as their support system, and we stand behind them as their cheering section.”

We thank those who attended for standing with us as we work to bring an end to violence against women, children, and men in our community.

Executive Director Angela Mancuso, Elizabeth Smart, and Board of Directors Vice President Nancy Lindenberg at our 2017 Anniversary Luncheon.
Dear friends,

Throughout the next few pages, you will find an overview of the past year’s financials, programmatic successes, and most importantly, community supporters. You – our community supporters – are our strongest partners in our work to eliminate domestic and sexual violence.

Our clients join us in our gratitude for your donations of time, in-kind items, and funds, which are all critical to ensuring the daily operations of our agency. Overall, throughout 2016, you contributed:

- 17,075 of volunteer hours to sort donations, tend to our gardens, and care for our clients.
- Daily (and sometimes hourly) deliveries of food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and other needed items for our facility.
- $1,078,899 in support of our free, comprehensive programs and services.

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary this year, we are especially thankful for your continued support. Because of your partnership, we continue to see remarkable outcomes from the survivors that walk through our doors each day. We thank you for becoming involved.

Peacefully,

Angela Mancuso
Executive Director

Katy Vetta
Board President

Programs & Services

In 2016, we provided direct services to 1,389 unduplicated adults and children. We interacted with these clients 19,244 times, as clients often use multiple services.

Average of 14 interactions per client

Shelter

- 8,749 Nights of care
- 26,247 Healthy meals served
- 308 Women and children
- 8,461 24 Hour Hotline calls

40% Increase in number of children coming to shelter

What did our clients accomplish in 2016?

- 93% Learned the abuse was not their fault
- 92% Reported that they had strategies for enhancing their safety
- 75% Increased their coping skills
- 74% Identified and attained personal goals
- 60% Obtained employment
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2016 Financial Position

Total Operating Expenses
$2,153,926

Fund Raising
$358,501
16.6%

Management & General
$152,034
7.1%

Transitional Living
$172,737
8.0%

Child Abuse Prevention
$100,658
4.7%

Community Education
$25,232
1.2%

Employment
$94,178
4.4%

Counseling
$212,223
9.9%

Shelter
$1,038,363
48.2%

Total Public Support & Revenue
$2,170,142

Contributions & Investment Income
$385,924
17.8%

Foundations & Corporate Grants
$486,282
22.4%

Government Grants
$659,375
30.4%

Special Events
$270,742
12.5%

United Way
$305,915
14.1%

Rent & Contracted Services
$61,904
2.9%

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Revenue
$2,170,142

Federal Grants
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100.0%
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**Thank you, Hearts for Families! We love the new look!**

Led by Bob Carlson and Cheryl Hargis, Hearts for Families had generously supported us through frequent in-kind donations since 2015. Their board was looking for another way to give back, and they agreed to fund new interior and exterior signage for our buildings.

The new signs feature our updated logo and are more visible to visitors and clients, better identifying our location, main entrance, and administrative offices.

We love the new look and appreciate the strong support of Hearts for Families.

Did you know there are lots of creative ways to support our mission? Learn more at twcwaukesha.org/other-ways-to-support

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