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Soup & Soul Milwaukee Names The Women's Center as 2017 Beneficiary

Funds raised will support programs for adult and child survivors of violence and abuse

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Soup & Soul Milwaukee, a local group of Milwaukee women committed to raising funds for community organizations, has selected The Women's Center as the recipient of the 2017 Soup & Soul event.

Soup & Soul Milwaukee 2017 will be held at The Sugar Maple in the Bay View neighborhood, 411 E. Lincoln Avenue, on March 1st from 5:30 – 8 pm. The event will feature a variety of soups or stews provided by 10 home chefs, live music, and a raffle. Tickets are available at the door for \$15 each, \$5 for kids 12 and under. All proceeds will benefit The Women's Center's free and comprehensive domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention programs.

"We are very excited to be working with The Women's Center and look forward to creating more awareness and funding for their programs, which directly benefit thousands of adult and child survivors of domestic violence, rape and abuse," said Melissa Wright, one of the organizers of Soup & Soul.

"Being chosen as the beneficiary of this event this year sends a message to our clients and to families affected by violence and abuse in our communities, that there are people who care about them and want to help," said Angela Mancuso, Executive Director of The Women's Center. "And that's a powerful message.

To donate raffle prizes or with questions about the event, email Carrie at grulkec@gmail.com.

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Soup & Soul Milwaukee was established in 2013 to raise funds and awareness of community causes while celebrating the love of food and community in a neighborhood setting. Organizers of Soup & Soul Milwaukee include Carrie Grulke, Kate O'Keefe, Adrienne Pierluissi, Tyan Soo, and Melissa Wright.

The Women's Center offers free and comprehensive services for adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse. Programs include short term crisis counseling, an emergency domestic violence shelter, a 24-hour Hotline, free on-site child care, legal advocacy, transitional living, prevention education and life skills programming that includes employment, parenting and grandparents support groups, educational forums, and advocacy.

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