



HARBOR LIGHTS

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Newsletter of Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs

Domestic Violence is Not Just an NFL Issue We all need to be a part of the solution

Although frustrated and saddened by the events surrounding the Ray Rice incident, we are encouraged by the steps the NFL is taking to address Domestic Violence and the national conversation this is prompting. We stand by the recent statement from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) which reminds us: "Violence against women spans worldwide. As a country, we have to look at domestic violence as a national problem - affecting women and families of all races, cultures, and income levels. We need to move to prevent abuse by changing practices, changing values, and changing principles that promote a culture that tolerates domestic violence nationwide. Support for this is needed not just from the NFL, but from the business sector, academia, government at all levels, families, and individuals."

12.7 million people are physically abused, raped or stalked by their partners in one year. That's approximately the population of New York City and Los Angeles combined. Yet 57% of Americans say they have never talked about domestic violence or sexual assault with their friends.

Silence often leaves victims trapped by the shame, stigma and fear that these crimes carry, but if people start talking, we can end that cycle and bring these issues to light.

October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Take time this month to learn more about the issue and talk openly about it. Seek help when you see this problem or harassment of any kind in your family, your community, your workplace or school. Send a powerful message to the perpetrators and society about which social norms are acceptable and which are not.

Thank you for *being the change* and partnering with us to end domestic violence.

Start a Conversation: Community Outreach Education Opportunities

Interested in helping advance the conversation in your company, organization or school? Contact us at 920-832-1667 or tracyp@harborhousedap.org to arrange for a presentation!

For more details on the programs featured in this newsletter, please visit us at:

www.harborhouseonline.org

To lead a community-wide partnership in the awareness and prevention of domestic violence and abuse, and to offer safety and support to diverse families in crisis.

Wendy Gehl Receives Patricia Washbisch Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement



Wendy has been recognized by the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse as the first ever recipient of the Patricia J. Washbisch Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement. We are so incredibly proud of Wendy and all she has accomplished in her 30 years at Harbor House!

The award honors an individual who has provided consistent and exceptional services to countless survivors of domestic abuse over the course of a career and who has demonstrated a vision of ending violence and achieving social justice. She will receive the award in Madison on October 8.

Pearl Fund Update Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal of raising \$30,000 to meet the Pearl Fund Matching Grant Challenge from the J.J. Keller Foundation.

Harbor House's Mission



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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Join us at these special events

Candlelight Vigil

Wednesday, October 1
6:30 p.m.

Richard R. Hipke Memorial
Baseball Fields
Kiwanis Park, New Holstein

Featuring a survivor speaker, New Holstein H.S. chorus and Silent Witness presentation followed by a Peace Walk to Langefeld Pond where we will launch floating candles to honor and remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. A social at the Community Center will conclude the evening's events.

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Saturday, October 4
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Mosquito Hill Nature Center
New London

Get muddy for a mission as we celebrate survivors and the obstacles they have overcome at our largest fundraising event of the year!

warriorprincessmudrun.org



Saturday, October 11
8:30 a.m.—1/2 Mi. Kids Walk
9:00 a.m.—5K Run/Walk
Kiwanis Park, New Holstein

All proceeds from the Run TALL 5K support bullying prevention education in Calumet County schools initiated by the Harbor House Calumet County Outreach Program.

runtall5k.com

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