

1984-2009

Historical Highlights of Harbor House's 25 Years



Building a Generation of Hope

In honor of Harbor House's 25th anniversary year, we take a look back at the highlights of our evolution from a single-family home in 1984 to what is now a 59,000-square-foot program center serving an average of 1,200 people annually. A generation is the period of 25 years, so join us as we celebrate our first 25 years of "Building a Generation of Hope."



Dec. 10, 1984

The first eight-bed shelter in Outagamie County opens on Elm Street. Its location is kept secret for security purposes.

June 1985

The Children's Program is added with the help of the United Way.



1987

Mandatory arrest policy is adopted in Outagamie County (2 years before state law). Harbor House creates Domestic Violence Intervention Program to coordinate local monitoring efforts.



April 10, 1989

A new five-bedroom, 20-bed shelter facility opens on Russet Court in Grand Chute. Its location remains hidden.

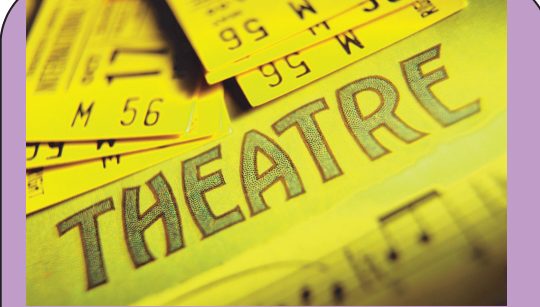


October 1990

First "Breakfast With Your Public Official" takes place.

1992

First in-service to educate clergy on the important role they can play in intervening in domestic abuse cases is offered.



Aug. 11, 1995

"I Tell My Story," an original play and collaboration among Harbor House, director Susan Rabideau and Attic Theater, premieres to sold-out audiences.

October 1995

First all-day workshop for health-care providers, co-sponsored by local medical auxiliaries and Harbor House.

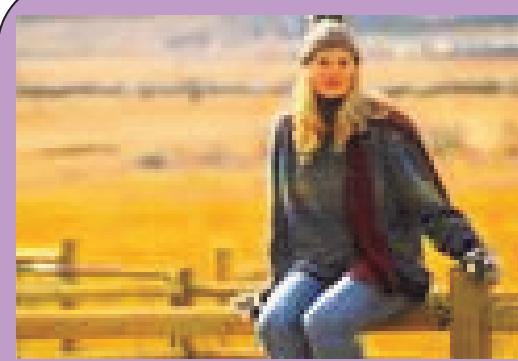
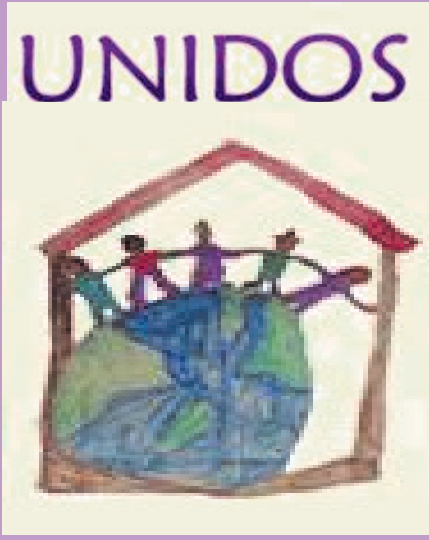


Jan. 1, 1997

Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs officially becomes a private nonprofit and the shelter location is made public, creating greater opportunities for community awareness and outreach efforts.

1997

First Hispanic women's support group is held in collaboration with UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence.



February 1998

Calumet County Outreach Office of Harbor House opens in Chilton and a statewide toll-free number is established.

June 1998

Prevention Education Program is created to focus greater emphasis on primary prevention, reaching out to youth.



American Red Cross

November 1998

A fire forces Harbor House to take up residence at the Outagamie County Chapter of the Red Cross for two-and-a-half months.

March 2000

Capital campaign begins to raise funds to renovate the former Peabody Manor as the new shelter and program center. A total of \$2.65 million is raised, the most ever raised by a DV program in Wisconsin.

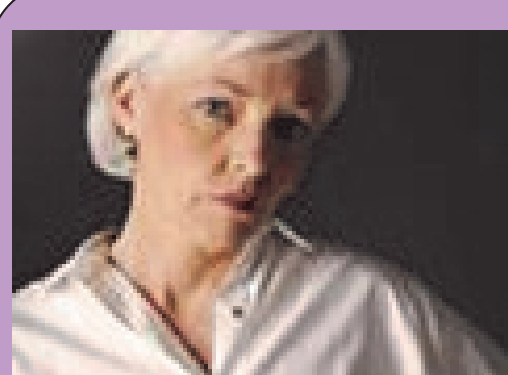


Sept. 5, 2001

Harbor House moves into its new 32-bed shelter facility on Fifth Street in Appleton.

2003

The connection between child abuse and DV is recognized through a Memorandum of Understanding between Harbor House and Outagamie County Department of Human Services, a first in Wisconsin.

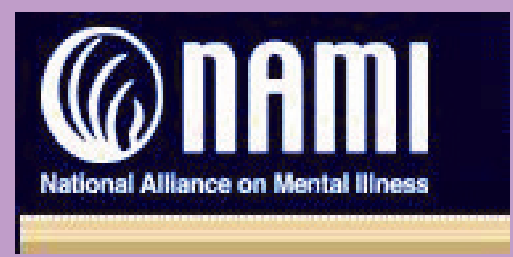


2003

First "Women of Wisdom" support group for older battered women begins for women 55 and older.

2004

"Wings of Change" support group—a group for DV victims who have been diagnosed with a mental illness—is offered in collaboration with NAMI.



2005

Harbor House's Interfaith Committee is established.

March 2005

Ethel's Wing opens with major funding from the John and Ethel Keller Family Foundation, adding 12 more shelter beds and making Harbor House a 44-bed facility.



April 2007

"Voices of Men" is performed in local high schools to educate young men on their role in ending violence against women. The play inspires first men's symposium in October and the formation of a local Voices of Men group.

June 6, 2007

Harbor House sets a new one-day shelter census record of 59 residents in-shelter.



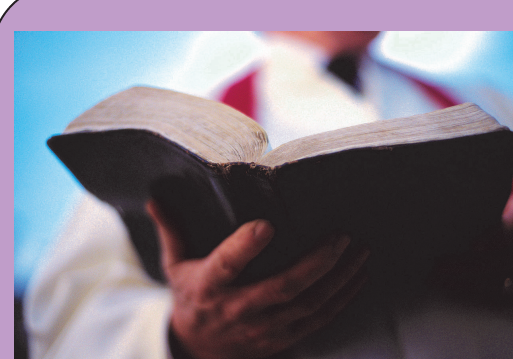
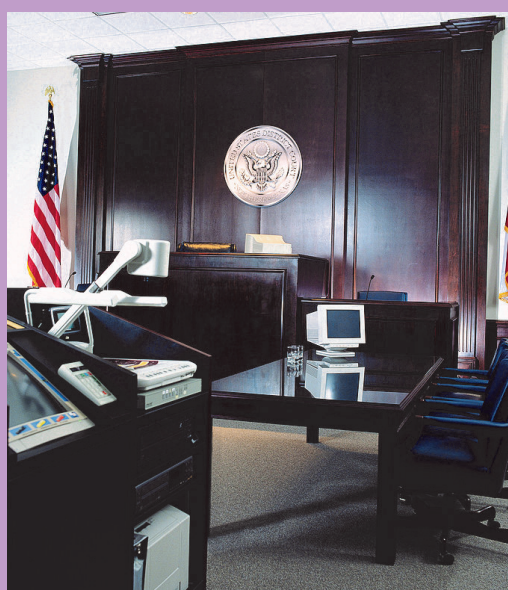
October 2007

"Cut It Out," a program to train area hairstylists on the important role they can play in DV prevention, is launched in Outagamie and Calumet counties.



January 2008

Calumet County implements a "Domestic Violence Court," to ensure perpetrator accountability.



February 2008

"Opening the Door," a pastor's guide to premarital counseling seminar is offered by Harbor House and its Interfaith Committee.

April 2008

Voices of Men group defines its mission statement: "Fox Valley men dedicated to preventing the abuse of girls and women through education, role-modeling and mentoring of boys and men."

May 2008

The "Partnership Apartments," six apartments for DV victims, open in the north wing, a collaboration with the Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities.



2008

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Advisory Committee is formed to better serve LGBT victims and survivors of domestic abuse.