Hands are for helping and healing... not hurting.

At each of our children’s group meetings we talk with kids about the dynamics of domestic violence at a level they can understand. We seek to reassure them that they are not at fault for the abuse; something they often feel great guilt about. We also let them know they are not alone. This isn’t just happening to them in their home but sadly to others also. Recently, a young boy who attended group for the first time, got into his mom’s car to leave and burst into tears. His mom, understandably worried, asked him what was wrong. Through his tears he responded that he was so relieved to know that the violence he was so used to wasn’t his fault and that all the other kids in group were going through it too. He had made friends who understood and he wasn’t the only one anymore.

Thanks to your past support these powerful moments happen often at Advocates of Ozaukee. We back up this learning with exercises in resiliency. Working with both the protective parent or guardian and the child to help them create a plan for them to feel safe, to identify safe people, to learn how to cope with anxiety and how to try to find something good in each day.

We can only continue to do this work with your help. During a time period of September 2018 to August 2019 Advocates housed families for 1,000 more days than in the same time period the previous year. 1,000 additional days and nights of support, meals, transportation, case management and caring. Each day of shelter has a cost of about $62 per person. Won’t you please consider assisting us in making sure we are here for each woman, child, or man who needs our help?

Our goal is to teach enough children that hands are NOT for hurting; that this epidemic of family violence will decrease and eventually end. This is a very long term goal but to make steps towards it your help is vital.

Please use the enclosed envelope or go to our website, advocatesfoozaukee.com, and make a gift. Make a gift to honor the courage it takes for victims and their children to come forward. I promise you it will be used wisely and in support of a new generation that will move us towards the eradication of domestic and sexual violence.

With thanks, Barb Fischer, Executive Director

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO:

- $50: A Counseling Session for a Child or Adult
- $75: A Day of Shelter, Food, Transportation and Case Management
- $100: A Week of Groceries for a Family of Three
- $150: Six Gas Cards or Eight Taxi Vouchers
- $250: Two School Presentations on Dating Violence
- $500: Two Weeks of Groceries for a Shelter
- $1,000: 20 Counseling Sessions for a Child or Adult
- $1,500: A Week of Shelter for Three People

Gifts of all sizes are welcome and will be put to good use. Thank you for your consideration.
Lethality Assessment Program

This spring, Advocates of Ozaukee joined with all Ozaukee County law enforcement agencies to launch the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) in the fight against domestic violence. The LAP involves law enforcement’s use of an 11 question assessment tool while on the scene of intimate partner related calls to identify victims at the greatest risk of homicide. Victims that are identified as “high risk” are provided an immediate referral via telephone to Advocates of Ozaukee. A trained domestic violence advocate reinforces concern for the victim’s safety, discusses emergency shelter and other services available to the victim and family and discusses an immediate safety plan. Follow up is then done with the victim in effort to implement further services. The LAP reinforces the gut feelings that officers and advocates already have about the most dangerous cases and helps to save victims’ lives. It also enables victims to see the severity of abuse by their partner and alert them to the potential for danger in the future.

Since implementation on April 15 through September 30 of this year, 64 LAP screens have been conducted by law enforcement in Ozaukee County. In 34 assessments, the victim was determined to be a “high risk” homicide victim. Victims, with the assistance of on scene law enforcement, made calls to Advocates of Ozaukee 24 hour hotline to safety plan. Eighteen or 53% of high risk victims requested additional services from Advocates of Ozaukee including shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, support group and case management services.

If you have any questions about the Lethality Assessment Program or would like to speak to an advocate, please call Advocates of Ozaukee at 262-284-3577 or 262-284-6902.

Valentine’s Day Benefit Concert

Friday, February 14,
7:30pm to 10pm (Doors open at 6:45pm)
Cedarburg Cultural Center

Join us for another wonderful evening with Willy Porter, a master of guitar, song writing, singing and wit! Opening for Willy and his trio will be Luke Jackson, a very promising guitarist from England.

Willy’s most recent project is the EP mnemonic, which features several new songs, including the instrumental “Bears Ears & The Great Law” along with several catalogue classics revisited and reimagined.

Equally accomplished as a guitarist, singer, and songwriter, his songs weave a universal perspective about the questions, struggles, and triumphs of human existence. His live shows are guitar-driven events—equal parts grit, soul, and muscle—that are electrifying, dynamic, and wholly original in the way that Willy’s voice blends and fuses with his dizzying fret work.

Tickets are $30 in advance $35 at the door and will go on sale early January through Advocates website - advocatesofozaukee.com.
Advocate’s Newly Remodeled Kitchen!

It all started with board member, Allen Starkman donating his stove to Advocates during a remodeling project on his home kitchen! Tracy Grosspietsch, from the NARI foundation and AB&K remodeling asked if Advocates needed any remodeling work done and we jumped at the chance to remodel our 1970’s kitchen! Tracy gathered contractors, suppliers, and tradespeople to donate their time, talent, and products to give us the beautiful new kitchen you see in the photo. We couldn’t be more grateful.

Welcome, Alyssa!

Join us in welcoming our newest team member, Alyssa. Alyssa Ellis is our Case Manager Assistant and Volunteer Manager. She is also facilitating our Tuesday adult support group. She is a Concordia University graduate and is actively working towards her Masters Degree in Professional Counseling. She is an avid volunteer and completed her Bachelor’s internship with Advocates this past year. Her bright energy and profound empathy is contagious, we are so happy to have her.

Client Service Growth

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4TH ANNUAL
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Saturday, December 14
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mequon City Hall
11333 N Cedarburg Rd.
Mequon, WI 53092

Bring your gifts to Mequon’s City Hall to have them wrapped by police department staff for a donation. Many wrapping options will be available. All proceeds will be donated to Advocates of Ozaukee.