



SAFE HAVEN

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Support Center
PO Box 665
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Fall 2020 - Winter 2021

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Mission: To encourage a safe community, free of physical and sexual violence and emotional abuse, through shelter, caring, advocacy and education.

Vision: To be a catalyst for change and to break the cycle of violence so individuals or families can become healthy, self sufficient and independent.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CONTINUE, INCLUDING EMERGENCY SHELTER

Stacey Cicero, Executive Director

Although Covid-19 has completely altered our program services, Safe Haven continues to provide all services, just in a different manner. Onsite shelter shut down from March 20 to June 1 and shelter was provided at hotels. Onsite staff worked hard to deep clean and manage distributions to participants. Advocates worked from home to ensure victims and their families had the help they needed. Thousands of dollars of food boxes, hygiene bags, gas cards, diapers and other items were distributed to participants to assist with their needs. All staff returned to work the end of May and we began taking victims back into shelter on June 1. We are taking the necessary precautions to ensure both participants and staff stay healthy, but it isn't easy; and it certainly doesn't feel normal.

Staff are working hard to provide crisis management and ongoing services through virtual support groups, 1:1 appointments, housing assistance and resources. Our crisis lines are busy and we continue to provide support through food boxes and many other resources.

We appreciate everything this community does for its most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit! It truly makes a difference during these difficult times!

Watch for your chance to *double* your *donation* to Safe Haven during December. Details to come soon!

We Are Here.

Safe Haven is Open and Providing All Services.

If you are a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault and need to talk, please reach out.

We have resources and options to help.

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Please contact us 24 hours per day.

Call 715-526-3421 | Text 715-584-1258 | Email help@shawanoshelter.org | Website: www.shawanoshelter.org | Facebook: Safe Haven of Shawano County



Shelter Updates

Sue Dionne, Shelter Supervisor

Safe Haven has been able to do a few updates this past summer, and have a few more in progress. We have been able to replace our old wooden stairs to the back patio with new cement steps and will be replacing the wooden security fence.

We also added a new slide to our playground. Volunteers Corey Anderson and Pete Schwecke have been working hard since March to do repairs and maintenance to the building and also brought the playset back to life with new stain and some new features for the children.

We appreciate all our volunteer efforts, especially during this time!



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

March 2020— August 2020



Many community members donate their time, talent, goods and services to Safe Haven. We thank all who generously contribute to our program to make it successful. The following have donated \$500 or more to Safe Haven.

Tammy Cherney, Classic's Restaurant, Community Foundation for the Fox Valley, Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club, Doc's Ladies of Harley Charity Ride, Egan Foundation, Kathleen Egan, Tom Egan, Mike Gallagher for WI, John and Lisa Gast, Wes Grover, Barb Heins, Ken and Marilyn Kroenke, MCL Industries, Don Nemetz, Mary Podzilni, Raymond James Charitable, St. John's Episcopal, Shawano County, Shawano Education Association, Shawano FFA Alumni, Shawano Lake Lioness, Greg and Patty Thatcher, United Way of Shawano County, WPS, In Memory of Jan Geimer

RESOURCES:

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Web Sites:

Safe Haven, Shawano
www.shawanoshelter.org

End Domestic Abuse WI
www.endabusewi.org

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.wcasa.org

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Would you like to have Safe Haven present to your club, business or organization?

Topics include: general shelter information, training relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, dating violence, human trafficking or related topics.

WOMEN WORKING IT OUT SUPPORT GROUP

For women who are experiencing abuse and need continued support, advocacy, information, and safety planning while working on their relationship.

Tuesday Mornings
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Pre-Registration Required

NEW HOPE SUPPORT GROUP

For women who have experienced difficult relationships in the past or present or have experienced physical, emotional, verbal or sexual abuse.

Pre-Registration Required

Thursday Evening
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

For more information call
715-526-3421

Children's group is not offered on site at this time.

For children who have been involved in or a witness to domestic violence please contact Safe Haven to learn more about services offered to children.

Please call our 24-hour crisis line at (715) 526-3421 or (888) 303-3421 for more information about our groups or to speak with an advocate.

**Check out our website at www.shawanoshelter.org
"Like" us on Facebook (Safe Haven of Shawano County)
Text only line: 715-584-1258**

All Victim Services are Free and Confidential

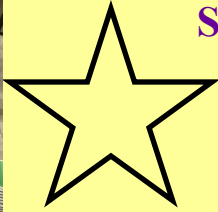
Volunteer Spotlight!!

Anna Etten is in our Youth Volunteer Spotlight

Anna is a sophomore at Shawano Community High School. She has been a volunteer at Safe Haven for the past four years. This past summer Anna gave the Children's Department library a new look. She inventoried the books, grouped, labeled and shelved the entire collection. She also made bags from donated tee shirts to use for our Family Fun Bags and filled the bags that were given out to families throughout the summer. She and her sister Emma loaded 24 backpacks with school supplies for children of all grade levels. The backpacks were given out to our families with kids heading back to school. Anna continues to work in the Children's Department organizing and taking inventory of the crafts and supplies. Anna is also involved in the FAAR Club, orchestra and tennis.



**Thank you Anna
for your continued
volunteerism with
Safe Haven!**



2020 "Tee Happy" outing HUGE success!!

*Thank you sponsors and volunteers
for all of your support.*

*We look forward to seeing you all
again next year!*



A special thank you to United Health/Optum for their match of \$11,000 to the event, Thrivent Wolf River Associates, Charlie's County Market and Golden Sands Golf Course for their event sponsorships!

Over \$25,000 dollars was raised for Safe Haven!!



Interested in becoming a volunteer??

During this time we are not doing any direct victim volunteering, but there are many other ways that you can help!

- ⇒ Collecting supplies: We are in need of cleaning products, toilet paper/paper towel, hand sanitizers and disinfectants.
- ⇒ Yard work: We are currently in need of volunteers to help with our landscaping and this winters snow removal.

If you are interested in helping, please email Karli at Adminassistant@shawanoshleter.org or call Safe Haven. You can also visit our website for more updates and to view our monthly volunteer newsletter www.shawanoshelter.org.



Holding On

By: Elise Dudley, Family Services Advocate

COVID-19 has most definitely impacted just about every aspect of our lives. As an advocate and a member of the Safe Haven team we must encourage unity. The key to surviving the uncertainty we all are facing is empathy, compassion and support for each other.

Is it possible to slow down and be more considerate and patient with ourselves and each other? Many of us are feeling anxious and uncertain. The pandemic has altered life as we knew it. Social distancing, mandatory mask wearing, and not knowing from day to day what new twist will come our way has left many of us in a state of unrest.

Now more than ever, we need to reach out and be present for one another. Safe Haven continues to offer all our services; COVID-19 impacted style! We continue to have Tuesday morning Women's Group from 9:30 to 10:30, Wednesday Wellness group from 10:00am to 11:00am and Thursday Women's Group from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. We continue to offer individual advocacy, legal advocacy, safety planning, problem solving, budgeting, parenting strategies and more. Although these services are facilitated differently these days. Groups and individual sessions are held via Zoom in addition to use of email, phone calls and limited face to face crisis meetings.

These are some of the friendly faces who are waiting to assist you.

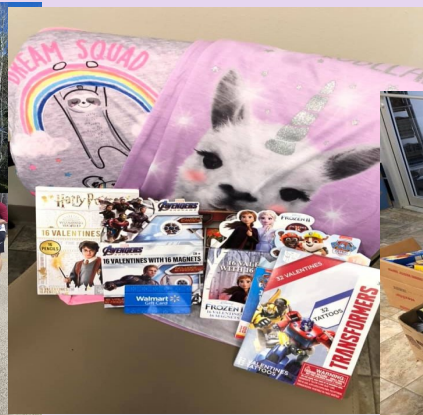
Just a friendly reminder that Safe Haven Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Support Center is open and providing all services!



What you do TODAY impacts someone's TOMORROW... Bullying can hurt for a LIFETIME.

Now that we are back in school (well...as best we can!) there are still concerns of bullying. We still have the threat of cyberbullying and much more! Did you even realize that even cyberbullying is abusive?

Have you ever thought that the bullying that is going on now will affect you later in life? Let's start the discussion now! Let's teach children how to recognize bullies and who to reach out to for help. Don't want to do it alone? Contact Safe Haven and have an advocate work with you to become stronger and have that stronger voice and courage to make some changes in and around your life.



Your donations mean a great deal to Safe Haven! Thank you!!

Safe Haven has received many generous donations that have allowed us to distribute thousands of dollars worth of goods to our participants. This has helped alleviate stress and ensured our participant's basic needs and more are being met! Pictured are just a few of the donations and items purchased with financial support.



Check out our wish list
on Amazon and be sure
to use Amazon Smile!!



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Upcoming Events!

Virtual Candle Light Vigil October 2020

Virtual Event. Look for details
on Facebook

Ball of the Badges Cancelled until 2021

Voices of Men Annual Breakfast Cancelled

Vinyasa Against Violence Watch for the date!

Would you like to receive this newsletter via email?



**Please email your contact information to:
Help@shawanoshelter.org
or visit our website and view the newsletter.**

Shelter Stats 2020 January to June

- Shelter provided safe housing: **38 women, 1 man, 33 children**, average length of stay was 16 days, 1,164 bed nights (17% increase from 2018)
- 470 individuals (407 female, 63 male) made **1,301 crisis calls**, 58 emails and 82 texts to Safe Haven
- Completed 13 restraining orders
- Completed 808 safety plans with 195 victims and their children
- Provided support group to 37 women, 24 children
- Provided services to **270 victims (198 women, 20 men, and 52 children)**
- Law enforcement completed 78 intimate partner lethality assessments during a domestic violence call. **55% of the calls screened in as high danger/potential homicide risk**, 19 or 44% of the high risk screens came in for services
- **Law enforcement averaged 13 intimate partner domestic violence calls per month**
- Presented to 68 classrooms grades K-12, educating 1,362 children
- 96 Volunteers logged 334 hours of service
- **105 Domestic violence and 18 Sexual assault cases referred to the District Attorney**

Safe Haven Wish List

*Currently donations are down and we have had to cancel several fundraisers that support our programs.
Please consider donating these **urgently needed** items:*

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| • Toilet paper/paper towel | • Coffee Regular | • Cough Drops |
| • Disinfecting sprays/wipes | • Hair Conditioner | • Juice Low Sugar |
| • Alcohol Wipes | • Adult Ibuprofen/
Acetaminophen | • Pine Sol/Mr. Clean |
| • Raspberry/Strawberry Jam | | • Cereal |