

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM



**Providing shelter as a safe
respite for victims and child
witnesses of sexual assault
and domestic violence.**

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S
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ENCOURAGE - EMPOWER - REBUILD

Shelter is open 24/7 365 days a year

- Emergency shelter is a confidential refuge for women and children who are in need of a safe sanctuary as they flee domestic and sexual abuse.
- Emergency shelter provides food, clothing and a place to heal as survivors reclaim their lives.
- Shelter provides counseling, crisis intervention, support groups and children's services.
- Advocates have been trained to identify community resources.
- Shelter is the home of the hotline/help line and is available 24/7.



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LEGAL ADVOCACY



The court system can be a very confusing and intimidating place. Women and Children's Horizons' legal advocacy program assists victims through the court process, including restraining orders, family court issues such as divorces, legal separations and child custody placement issues, and can provide information or accompaniment to victims of criminal cases.

CONTACT:

Legal Advocacy Program Manager

Criminal Cases 262-653-2782
(District Attorney's office at the Court House)

Legal Advocate

Family / Civil Cases 262-656-3500
(Located at the WCH Administrative Building)

Restraining Order Advocate . . . 262-653-2767
(Court House - Lower Level Room 36)

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RESTRAINING ORDER FAQ

Types of Restraining Orders:

Domestic Abuse, Harassment, Child Abuse,
Individual At Risk

Definitions under Wisconsin State Statutes: Domestic Abuse —

Intentional infliction of physical pain, physical injury or illness; Intentional impairment of physical condition; Intentional damage to physical property belonging to the individual (petitioner); A threat of any of the above mentioned conduct.

Harassment —

A) Striking, shoving, kicking or otherwise subjecting another person to physical contact; engaging in an act that would constitute child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking, or attempting or threatening to do the same. B) Engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts which harass or intimidate another person and which serve no legitimate purpose.

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NIFTY THRIFTY RESALE SHOP

NIFTY THRIFTY RETAIL STORE & DONATION SITE

4200 39th Ave.
Kenosha, WI
262-605-3326

HOURS:
Tues. - Sat. 10a.m. - 5:30p.m.
June - Sept. open until 7pm
on Tuesday

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WHY SHOULD I DONATE OR SHOP?

Nifty Thrifty Resale Shop is made possible through donations from the Kenosha community. WCH clients are given vouchers to shop for what they need and the store's sales provide a stream of income to help agency programs.

GOAL

We hope Nifty Thrifty will grow to the point where it can become a training ground for clients to gain experience working in a retail environment and provide them with job skills and a work history.

ITEMS WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Furniture (end tables, chairs, desks, etc.), lamps small appliances (toasters, mixers, fans, etc.), decorative items (knick knacks, paintings, prints), kitchen items (pots and pans, dishes, glassware, etc.), shoes and boots, jewelry, purses, belts, clothing for men, women and children.

ITEMS WE CANNOT TAKE

Large appliances (refrigerators, stoves, etc.), toys, computers, monitors, TV's, mattresses, car seats, playpens, cribs, and upholstered furniture.

HOW TO DONATE

Donations are welcome during regular store hours. If you are dropping off an especially large donation, please call ahead. Donations should be clean, in good condition, and odor-free.

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SAFE EXCHANGE PROGRAM



**Providing Children with the
Opportunity to Have Safe, Conflict-Free
Access to Both Parents.**

- Supervised transfers of children from one parent to the other
- Neutral site for regular visitation exchanges
- Staggered arrival and departure times to eliminate contact between parents
- Pre-registration required

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SAFE EXCHANGE FAQ

What is the purpose of safe exchange?

- Safe Exchange's primary goal is to help parents reduce the stress of visitation exchanges with their children.

How do I register for Safe Exchange?

- Call 262-652-9900 to set up an appointment.

How much does Safe Exchange cost?

- It's free!

Do I have to be a victim of domestic violence to use Safe Exchange?

- No. Anyone wishing to reduce their children's exposure to conflict by reducing parental contact can utilize Safe Exchange.

Where will the Safe Exchange take place?

- The Salvation Army Kenosha Corps Community Center at 3116 75th Street, Kenosha, WI 53142.

Friday - 6 PM

Saturday - 9 AM & 6 PM

Sunday - 9 AM & 3 PM

*Not available on holidays

If you are interested in learning more about the Safe Exchange Program, contact us at 262-652-9900

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SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM



People from all walks of life are affected by sexual violence. All victims/survivors, both male and female, regardless of gender identity, can access free, confidential services. The sexual assault program also serves supportive friends and family.

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WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

The term “sexual assault” refers to unwanted, forced, or coerced sexual contact or intercourse. Sexual harassment, unwanted touching, and child sexual abuse are also forms of sexual assault. It is any behavior that violates a person’s trust or safety and is sexual in nature.

POTENTIAL REACTIONS FOLLOWING AN ASSAULT

Shock, disbelief, embarrassment, guilt, fear, anger, shame, & anxiety are common. All reactions are valid and may change because of brain trauma.

HOW DOES WCH HELP VICTIMS?

Women and Children’s Horizons offers free and confidential advocacy services for victims/survivors supportive friends and family. All victims can access sexual assault services no matter when the assault took place.

HOW TO HELP A VICTIM:

DO:

- Believe them. The false reporting rate for sexual assault is only 2-5%, the same as any other type of violent crime.
- Ensure the victim is safe or has a safe place to go.
- Empower the victim to make their own decisions.
- Educate yourself about options available to sexual assault victims and community resources so you can provide accurate, helpful information.
- Find someone who can help.

DON'T:

- Minimize the victim’s experience.
- Tell the victim what they should or should not do, or what you would do.
- Place blame on the victim for the assault.



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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Volunteers are an essential component of WCH, and we value the contributions of time and effort of each one of our volunteers. WCH has many different volunteer needs. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact WCH at (262) 656-3500 or visit our website to complete an application at wchkenosha.org/volunteer.

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VOLUNTEER ROLES AT WCH

SHELTER VOLUNTEERS - WCH operates a 24/7 shelter for victims and families. A volunteer shelter advocate assists staff in providing support services to residents. This could include: meal prep, cleaning, teaching nutrition, childcare, displaying positive parenting skills, etc. Shelter volunteer hours are flexible and include day, evening, weekend, and holiday hours.

CHILD CARE ACTIVITIES - Volunteers work to provide child care during resident groups, help tutor, interact with, and read to school-age children during their daily quiet time, mentor with homework, and model positive interaction.

WINTER WRAPS ASSISTANTS - Every year WCH participates in Holiday House by picking up, sorting, hanging and giving out children's coats. We have maintained a policy that no child will be cold. This process begins in May and continues through Christmas. Volunteers are needed for two to four days a month to assist in the sorting and organizing of the coats. If you or your business would like to hold a coat drive, please contact us.

MAINTENANCE - WCH has two buildings; volunteers are needed for continual grounds maintenance, which would include snow shoveling in the winter and grass cutting and trimming in the summer. Volunteers are also needed for general light maintenance work.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS - Volunteer office assistants help staff with tasks such as filing, making copies, and putting together mailings. Time commitments vary per project and typically take place during normal business hours.

SPECIAL EVENT/OUTREACH - Throughout the year WCH participates in outreach events and fundraising activities. Information is shared at churches, health fairs, Harbor Market, expos, vigils, etc. Outreach volunteers hand out informational brochures and answer basic questions regarding WCH's services. Spanish-speaking volunteers are also needed. Volunteers are needed at our major fundraising events: Mardi Gras, Bowl-a-thon, Golf Outing, and Awareness Walk.

NIFTY THRIFTY - Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize donations at WCH's thrift store. Nifty Thrifty is open Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10am - 5:30pm.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES - Whatever your talent or skill, please consider sharing it with WCH. In the past, volunteers have shared their artistic, graphic design, computer, repair, driving, parenting, jewelry-making, cooking, and organization skills. We appreciate it!