

**As hard as  
it is to do,  
imagine  
being raped.**

**Where do  
you turn?**

**“Why did this happen to me, what did I do to deserve this, what do I do now?”**

Where would you turn for help: the hospital, the police, Advocates of Ozaukee? Any of these options can help; each has its own unique specialty. You may wish to involve all three. We hope people will call Advocates anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, just to talk or to find someone to act as their support and/or advocate as they go through the difficult process of healing after a sexual assault.

It is not uncommon for victims of sexual assault to feel alone. Although this feeling is very real, we want survivors to know they do not need to be alone. Advocates is here to help.

***With our specially trained staff we can:***

- ◆ Accompany survivors of sexual assault to the hospital to offer support while a rape examination is done. Often times, victims think they do not need medical attention however, a victim could have sustained injuries that they are unaware of and they should be tested for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. When an adult seeks medical attention after a rape it does not automatically mean the police are going to be contacted, that is your choice. It is important to note that if a minor is seeking medical attention for an assault, the medical staff and Advocates' staff are legally obligated to report this crime to the police.
- ◆ If a victim wants to file a police report, Advocates staff can accompany them and assist in the process. In many cases, survivors want obtain a restraining order to help keep them safe. Advocates' staff is trained to help complete and file legal paperwork. When the court date arrives, we are there to provide emotional support to survivors during the court proceedings.
- ◆ The healing journey for survivors can be lengthy and difficult. Individual counseling services for survivors and family members is available. In addition to individual counseling, Advocates holds a weekly support group for survivors of sexual abuse. This group offers support and education to survivors of all types of sexual assault. At the same time that this women's group is meeting, a children's life skills group meets in another area at the agency.
- ◆ In 58.5% of the cases the scene of the assault was either the victim's or perpetrator's residence. Imagine again being raped, having a rape exam done, giving a detailed account of your rape, and then having to come home to the place where the assault occurred. This is often too much for someone to deal with. Advocates of Ozaukee can provide shelter for rape victims who need physical and emotional safety from their perpetrators.

***April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month***

Advocates' staff, Board, and volunteers work hard all year long creating awareness and providing support services for victims of sexual assault. We are dedicated to working towards ending sexual violence; however, we cannot do this alone. Please make time and join us as we stand up and speak out against sexual violence at the annual Take Back the Night rally and candlelight vigil to help bring awareness of this life-changing crime. The event includes a display of survivor designed t-shirts, music, an open mic for survivors, and information on how you can help to end sexual violence in our community.

**Place: Concordia University Courtyard**  
**Date: Thursday, April 26**  
**Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**\*REPORTED  
Sexual Assaults in  
2006 in  
Ozaukee County**

Grafton Police Dept	9
Thiensville Police Dept	3
Cedarburg Police Dept	5
Mequon Police Dept	8
Port Washington Police Dept	7
Saukville Police Dept	4
Ozaukee County Sheriff	3

Of the 39 known assaults in Ozaukee County last year, 25 were minors and 14 were adults.

**\* According to the 2004 National Crime Victimization Survey, only 35.8% of rapes / sexual assaults were reported to the police.**

## Willy Porter Concert

If you didn't attend the concert that Willy Porter and his band put on in January you really missed a **great performance!** The music was fantastic and the crowd had a great time at this sold-out event.

We are very grateful to Willy for naming Advocates as the beneficiary of this concert. We are looking forward to a repeat performance in 2008.

Thanks also go to everyone who attended the concert. Your generosity and enthusiasm for this event is much appreciated. We hope to see you at the next show. More information on it will be in future newsletters and posted on our website.



Shoot the Moon held their first annual **Girls Night Out** which benefited Advocates. The event was a great success with many donated kitchen items for agency clients. We were very happy to see that the women had a fun evening and supported our important Transitional Living Program for clients.



Pictured are staff at Pick 'n Save in Saukville representing Roundy's Foundation. The foundation has supported us in the past and came through again for us in 2006 with a cash grant of \$2,250 plus gift cards totaling \$2,250. The cash and cards will be used to purchase food for shelter residents and other clients who are setting up new households after leaving their homes due to domestic or sexual violence.

## Advocates Participates in Nationwide One-Day Domestic Violence Count

Advocates of Ozaukee recently participated in a one-day count of services provided to victims of domestic violence. All participating programs logged an unduplicated count of adults and children accessing their services between 8:00 a.m. on November 2, 2006 to 7:59 a.m. on November 3, 2006. This "snapshot" approach allowed researchers to document the scope of services without collecting victim-identifying data.

With slightly more than half of Wisconsin programs participating, in a single day more than 1,300 adults and children in Wisconsin sought services from domestic violence agencies. This startling data comes from the release of Domestic Violence Counts: the National Census of Domestic Violence Services (NCDVS). Conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence and Harvard University researchers, the NCDVS is the most recent data documenting the number of victims who reach out for help.

According to Patti Seger, Executive Director of Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV), "Many programs could not participate in the survey because they lacked the staffing resources to do so. Serving victims of abuse is their priority. But, we can fairly safely assume that the numbers of victims receiving services through local domestic violence service providers on a given day in Wisconsin exceed 2,000 per day. These are sobering numbers that reflect the magnitude of this problem."

Wisconsin statistics showed:

- 362 adults and children were in domestic violence shelters
- 219 adults and children were living in transitional housing programs
- 758 adults and children sought non-residential services
- 459 hotline calls were answered

Due to the limited resources (full shelters and limited staffing) of shelters in Wisconsin:

- 20 requests for shelter were unmet
- 17 requests for transitional housing were unmet
- 61 requests for non-residential services were unmet

During 2006, Advocates had 338 active clients and provided 2,694 nights of shelter.



## JOIN A SUPPORT GROUP

Groups are open to all women and their children who need not be shelter residents or current clients. *Please call for more information.*

### Domestic Violence

*Tuesdays  
6:30—8:00 p.m.*

*Children's Domestic  
Violence Support  
Group meets at the  
same time. It is open  
to children of all ages.*

### Sexual Violence

*Thursdays  
6:30—8:00 p.m.*

*Children's Life Skills  
Group meets at the  
same time. It is open to  
children of all ages.*

### Teen Girls Sexual Assault

*Thursdays  
4:30—6:00 p.m.*

**Call 262.284.6902 or  
1.877.375.4034**

## Board Updates

Three of our dedicated Board members, Nadine Guirl, Ken Braband, and John Gable finished their Board terms at the end of 2006. All of them gave of their valuable time and expertise to Advocates. We will miss them and are grateful for their many years of service and dedication to our mission.



Lupe Duenas

We have two new faces on the Board this year. Lupe Duenas, owner of Café Forte, has supported us even before becoming a Board member by holding an event for a community discussion last year and welcoming our Executive Committee into her shop to hold their monthly meetings. She both lives and works in Mequon and is very active in the community.



Diana Mintzlaff

Also joining us this year is Diana Mintzlaff. She is the Director of Respiratory Care Services and a Respiratory Therapist at Columbia-St. Mary's, Ozaukee in Mequon. Diana is a great listener and is seeking to assist families recovering from domestic and sexual violence in any way she can.

## Secret Santa Shop

The second year of our Secret Santa shop was even better than the first! Because of your generosity, everyone who came to pick out gifts for their family members left with smiles on their faces and their arms full. Thank you from both the Moms and the children! Some of the people and organizations who made this possible are listed below.



Alliance Bible Church  
Joan Ansay  
Cathy Antonneau  
Bryce & Jane Beck  
Kathy Bentley  
Jim Bohn, friends & family  
Cathy Brown  
Nancy Byers  
Cee Cee Ceman  
Charter Steel  
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Grafton State Bank  
Crossroads Presbyterian Church  
Curves-Thiensville  
Susan Davis  
Lisa Ehrke  
East Towne Jeweler  
Katie Ferris

The Feuerstein Family  
First Congregational Church  
Deidra Folberg  
The Fredonia Lioness/Lions  
Lisa Gerol  
Girlfriends in Cedarburg  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
Kid's Kingdom Learning Center  
Helen & Kiwanis Club of Port  
Washington  
Living Word Lutheran Church  
Barbara Mehlos  
Nancy Milbauer  
The Neimon Family  
New Life Community Church  
Carol Nordengren  
Ozaukee Congregational Church  
Ozaukee Elementary School

Park Avenue Salon  
Bette Quade and Family  
Rockwell Automation  
C.Y. Rusch  
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Kay Schroeder  
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St Frances Borgia Church  
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Mary's Hospital  
Nancy Sterkenburg  
The Tenpenny Family  
The office staff at Webster  
Transitional Middle School  
George Winghart  
YMCA-Saukville  
Mary Zabrowski and Family

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## Some of Our Fanastic Volunteers!!!!

The list below includes some of our most dedicated volunteers who really did a lot to support us in 2006. We want them, and those who helped us even once, to know how much we appreciate their dedication to our mission.

Balance	Kirstin Moertl
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