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Mission: WISE provides advocacy, safety options and support services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. WISE empowers individuals and families through respect and equality, and works toward strengthening our communities through awareness, prevention and education. WISE is a non-profit organization. All of our services for victims are free and confidential.
Vision: Empowering individuals to create violence free communities.

New Shelter Project

WISE is currently working on building a new temporary emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking. The WISE shelter is over 100 years old and has infrastructure issues that can't be fixed, so WISE and its Board of Directors have decided that the best solution is to rebuild. We are currently working with an architect to develop a design and plan for the new shelter. We will be launching a capital campaign in 2023 to raise the funds needed to complete this project. We anticipate that the tear down of the old building, temporary housing for shelter clients during the rebuild, and the new shelter will cost almost \$2 million.

WISE has received a federal grant and set aside additional funds for this rebuild project in the amount of \$190,000 and we were extremely fortunate to be awarded \$500,000 from Mecosta County to help us build the new shelter. We are actively seeking other local, state and federal funding to help us fund this project. We will need the support of the community to raise the remaining funds in 2023.

While we are extremely grateful for the federal grant and the \$500,000 awarded from the county, these funds will not support our annual operations. We will need the community to continue to support our annual fundraising efforts such as Giving Tuesday, WISE Annual Golf Outing, WISE Annual 5K Fun Run & Walk, and donations to continue WISE programs and operations. WISE truly appreciates your support in our annual fundraising efforts and hope to have your support for the capital campaign in 2023.

Support Groups are Back!

We are happy to announce that our support groups are back up and running! So far we are offering journaling groups, and we are working on increasing the number and variety of groups offered by WISE. If you or anyone you know is a survivor of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking or sex trafficking and would like to join one of our support groups, please call our hotline to be connected to more information.

WISE Board

Nancy Baldwin, Angie Thomas, Mary Loesch, Sandra Braden, Carla Erlewine, Connie Hopkins,
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2023 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The WISE Golf Outing will be held at Spring Valley Golf Course in Reed City.
Wednesday, July 12th, 2023
Registration begins at 8:30 am
Golfing will begin at 9:30 am

The golf outing is an annual fundraiser benefiting WISE.

WISE is a nonprofit agency that provides advocacy and support services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking in Mecosta, Osceola and Newaygo counties.

Yes! I would like to help end domestic violence by sponsoring the Annual WISE Golf Outing

Company Name: _____
(as it should appear on all printed materials)

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Choose One:

- Gold Sponsor \$750 - Four person team entry, recognition at the event, tee sign & banner, name or logo in program
- Silver Sponsor \$500 - Recognition at the event, tee sign or banner, logo or name in the program
- Bronze Sponsor \$300 - Food sponsor with sign at food area, recognition at the event, name or logo in the program
- Tee Sponsor \$100 - Tee Sign
- Raffle Basket/Donation - Name in Program

Basket Name/Theme: _____ Value: _____

Yes! I would like to help end domestic violence by golfing at the Annual WISE Golf Outing

Cost: \$80.00 per golfer

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Teammates: _____

Method of Payment Check (Made out to WISE) Cash Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AmEx

Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

3 Digit Security Code: _____ Zip Code: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

For more information or questions, please email donate@wiseagainstviolence.org

Deadlines for all ads and sponsorships are Friday, June 23, 2023.

Sponsorship benefits will be included on event materials only after sponsorship payment has been received.

WISE is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit agency & your donation may be tax deductible



5K FUN RUN & WALK

NORTHEND RIVERSIDE PARK

**SATURDAY
JUNE 3
2023**

REGISTRATION FEE

\$25 ADULTS

\$15 STUDENTS (MUST SHOW ID AT EVENT)

FREE CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER

Join us for our 4th annual 5K fun run or walk to support WISE. You may participate in person or virtually. The virtual race will give you the flexibility to run or walk when and where you choose on or before Saturday, June 3. Participants at the event can run or walk the course map provided. Race shirts will be available at check-in and we will also have a date (TBA) to pickup your shirt before the event. Race shirts will be mailed to those who participate virtually.

If you register before Friday, April 28, you will be guaranteed a commemorative shirt. If you register after April 28, extra shirts will be on a first come, first served basis. The top three runners will receive a prize, and all participants, including virtual, will be entered in a drawing to receive a prize.

8:30 CHECK - IN & ON SITE REGISTRATION

9:00 OPENING REMARKS/ RUN BEGINS

9:15 WALK BEGINS

How it works (virtually):

1. Register to secure your spot.
2. Get your shirt mailed straight to your door.
3. Run/walk the distance on your own or with your family/friends, on the provided map course, a course of your choosing, or treadmill. Feel free to use your favorite distance tracking app or watch.

Visit the website below or scan the QR code for a link to register and a suggested course map.



**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO.**

QUESTIONS & INFO:

BOARDTREASURER@WISEAGAINSTVIOLENCE.ORG

REGISTRATION:

<https://wiseagainstviolence.org/wise-5k-fun-run-walk/>



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SUMMER EVENTS

5K FUN RUN & WALK	Saturday , June 3rd
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING	Wednesday, July 12th

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