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WELCOME— Attached is the first of many newsletters. Our supporters and donors are so important to sustain the work our organization is called to do. We hope you will find this quarterly newsletter a benefit to see how WISE is impacting the clients of Newaygo, Osceola and Mecosta counties. We could not do our work without the help of sponsors and supporters like you!

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS— Each newsletter, we hope to highlight an individual within our organization. The work our staff does is so important to the healing of our clients. Since April is Sexual Assault month, we wanted to share some thoughts from our Sexual Assault Advocate, **Moriah VanOrder**.

"Being the Sexual Assault Advocate for Mecosta, Osceola, and Newaygo counties, I assist an individual through some of the worst times of their life. I provide emotional support throughout their SANE exam in which nurses collect forensic evidence, which on the average takes between 4-8 hours. I assist them in filing police reports, obtaining PPOs, provide access to resources such as counseling, housing, education, and jobs. I help these people process their emotions and identify healthy coping skills to utilize in times of stress or when triggered from the experience.

These clients are some of the most resilient individuals I have had the pleasure to work with. I often provide court support and can be the in-between while communicating with law enforcement. Clients are able to meet with me at any of our county offices to identify goals and work through the process. I also assist students at Ferris State University through the Title IX process, and provide educational presentations on the dynamics and prevalence of sexual assault within our communities".

MISSION—*WISE provides crisis intervention and support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence by empowering individuals, children and families along with our community partners to reclaim their sense of self. WISE is a non-profit organization. All of our services for victims are free and confidential.*

Upcoming Events—always updated on our Webpage.....

APRIL EVENTS:

April 3rd — How to Help A Survivor Workshop, 7-8 pm, (UC) University Center 202B, Partnering with Wesley House.

April 10th— Bystander Workshop— 7-9 pm, North Hall, Partnering with Residence Life.

April 11th— Bystander Workshop— 7-9 pm, Bond Hall, Partnering with Residence Life.

April 12th— No Zebras: No Excuses, Realities of Sexual Aggression—Professional Speaker, Steve Thompson, 11-12 pm, UC 202 B & C

April 17th— Self Care Yoga, 7pm, Ferris State Rec. Center RSVP: mvanorder@wiseagainstviolence.org

April 21st— Walk—a-Mile, 2-4pm, start at SRC & conclude at North Quad, Partnering with Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity.

April 23rd –27th What Were You Wearing exhibit—UC 116

JULY EVENTS:

Join us for our annual

Golf Outing Fundraiser, Wednesday, July 18th at



Spring Valley Golf Course in Reed City.

Funds raised from this event help support programs throughout the year. It's a great time, don't miss out on the fun! Check our website for details, or to register online!

In The News.....

This past holiday season, a local business in Reed City, **Hold Fast Tattoo** offered discounted tattoos in exchange for toys for the shelter. **Owner, Robert Nicol** provided this support with donations from his customers while working with our Osceola Outreach Advocate, **Teresa Mora.** Toys were provided for children in the shelter.

Last month, students of Ferris State University performed skits of "The Vagina Monologues". This is a series of monologues and skits written by Eve Ensler in 1996, based on real life interviews with women on their life experiences, with a focus on domestic violence and sexual assault. 90% of the proceeds from this event were donated to WISE.

See more wonderful stories of community support and upcoming events on our Facebook page.....

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Another way to support WISE...

If you shop at Amazon, you can request a portion of your purchase be donated to WISE Crisis Hotline. Just choose WISE as your charity, and shop at Smile.Amazon.com, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to WISE.

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100 Men / 100 Women Campaign Kickoff.....

It's a new year, and time for our campaign kickoff. This is an ongoing campaign to assist in the needs of the shelter as well as programs for our clients. Thanks to our generous supporters we have been able to continue to make upgrades to the facility as well as improvements, and help in children programming.

About 30 supporters attended the kickoff event in January and were able to see pictures of the work done over the last year. Executive Director, Jane Currie and 100 Men supporter, Randy Ostrander addressed the group with the importance of this drive and the work that has been done.



Volunteer groups assisted in many ways with these upgrades in order to reduce costs and make your dollars stretch farther. We received help from organizations for painting, decorating, and making the area a more healing environment.



What do the Campaigns Do?

100 Men Campaign provides support for regular maintenance and updates needed for the WISE shelter. The money raised from this campaign helps WISE to make improvements and get repairs needed to maintain a safe environment for our clients.



100 Women Campaign provides support for supplies for the WISE shelter as well as children's activities and other shelter needs. The money raised by this campaign allows WISE to maintain a warm, comfortable environment to shelter victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



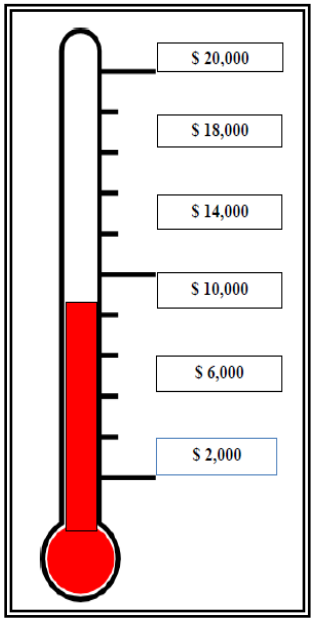
What improvements were done this last year from campaign funds ?

This past year we were able to make some necessary upgrades to our security doors & cameras. We were able to update our flooring in the office area, kitchen, living area, as well as the bedrooms. Improvements were made to the teen's room and the children play area.

How Can You Help?

If you have currently pledged to assist in this campaign, THANK YOU! If you would be interested in joining this need, and help us meet our $20,000 goal, you may contribute online or contact us for more information at **www.wiseagainstviolence.org**

PLEDGE UPDATE



Our goal for this fiscal year is **$20,000.** We have received pledges from **85 members** and still have a need of **114 more**. The pledge consists of $100 a year for a three year period.

SUPPORT SERVICES AVIALABLE TO OUR CLIENTS…

- A safe place to stay at our 24-hour emergency shelter for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence or sexual abuse.
- Staff who are willing to listen and referrals for therapists if necessary.
- Guidance and support through legal and medical processes.
- Referrals to services that can assist with emergency assistance, employment options, food, and clothing.







Fabulous Finds Resale Shop— Your dollars and your donations go a little farther at Fabulous Finds. Donations of clothing and small home goods always accepted.

Voted "Pioneer Peoples Choice Award Recipient for 2017". Thank you for your support and thank you to our store manager, **Katelyn Decker** and all of our daily volunteers.



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