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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.

If you've known WISE for a while, you may remember our previous branding. The previous branding was targeted to mainly women, as the brand was called WISE Women's Information Service, Inc. Over time, we have found that we help a wide range of individuals from many different backgrounds, regardless of gender. We wanted our rebrand to represent this. The new branding utilizes bold typography, vibrant colors, and empowering imagery that will represent strength to our audience regardless of their demographic.



The WISE People Symbol represents the individual survivor of domestic or sexual violence and how WISE is there to support them. When the symbol is repeated in a band, it represents the strength in numbers when survivors come together.



Sexual Assault Awareness month is observed nationally during April. This annual reminder is to raise awareness about sexual violence and educate our communities on how to prevent this abuse. Our agency helps to empower individuals so they can escape from the harm they are facing and move forward. As a community, we must be on the lookout for signs of abuse and when we see them, we must reach out with empathy and support. Please see our website for information about signs of sexual assault.

At WISE we offer services to those dealing with domestic violence or sexual abuse within the counties of Mecosta, Osceola, and Newaygo. We work with our community partners in law enforcement, 911 dispatch operators, court officials, hospital staff, and social service employees as part of our Sexual Assault Response Team.

Often when a person thinks about sexual assault, they imagine a stranger in a dark alley late at night. What we see on the national and local level is that sexual assault is most often perpetrated by someone the victim knows, someone they may trust. This is not an issue affecting other people living far away. This is an issue affecting our youth, our neighbors, our friends, and possibly our families.

At WISE our advocates work to support survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence by empowering them and helping them set meaningful goals. We help them to achieve those goals by creating a safe environment and offer the resources they may need. Support Services provided by WISE include: 24-hour, 7 day a week crisis hotline; trained advocates; emergency shelter, outreach programs and classes. Also, Outreach Advocates and a Sexual Assault Advocate to offer guidance and support through the legal and medical processes that some of our survivors may face.

If you would like to know more information about WISE, please check out the articles published by Pioneer Big Rapids. "Women's Shelters Don't Only Serve Women. Meet the Non-Profit That Supports All Survivors" and "WISE Inc.: Helping Women Find Their Way To Freedom". These articles can be found on our website in the News and Events section at <https://wiseagainstviolence.org/story-studio-articles-by-hearst-media-pioneer-group-publications/>

You can help us by looking out for signs of abuse and refer anyone in harm to WISE. If you or someone you know needs our services, call WISE today at (231) 796-6600. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and our advocates are here to listen and help.

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2022 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The WISE Golf Outing will be held at Spring Valley Golf Course in Reed City.
Wednesday, July 13th, 2022
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 and sexual assault

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 with two carts, recognition at the event, tee sign or banner, logo/name in program
- Silver Sponsor \$500 - Recognition at the event, tee sign or banner, logo or name 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: \$90.00 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: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

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

Deadlines for all ads and sponsorships are Friday, June 24, 2022.

Sponsorships offering recognition on promotional materials will be included on 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 4
2022**

REGISTRATION FEE

\$25 ADULTS

\$15 STUDENTS (MUST SHOW ID AT EVENT)

FREE CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER

Join us for our 3rd 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 4. 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 29, you will be guaranteed a commemorative shirt. If you register after April 29, extra shirts will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Three participants, including virtual participants, will be chosen at random to receive a prize.

8:30 CHECK - IN & ON SITE REGISTRATION

9:00 OPENING REMARKS/ RUN BEGINS

9:30 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 ARE BACK!!

5K FUN RUN & WALK (Choice of Virtual or Live)..Saturday , June 4th
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING...Wednesday, July 13th
SEE INSIDE FOR FUNDRAISER EVENTS

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WISE Crisis Hotline

Get started



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