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Sojourner Safe & Healthy

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Friday, March 24, 2017

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Family Peace Center
619 W. Walnut Street
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Back in 2017! Dave Luczak and the WKLH Morning Crew will broadcast LIVE from our Family Peace Center from 5AM to 10AM!

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SOJOURNER FASHION SHOW 2017

Presented by:



Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Be the Light.

Hosted by:
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5:30-8:30 PM
Harley-Davidson Museum®

Join the fun as Milwaukee community leaders, local celebrities, and top business professionals model summer's trendiest styles on the Sojourner Runway. Enjoy an evening of glamour, fashion, and celebrities! The Sojourner Fashion Show boasts a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, networking, and more before our highly anticipated runway show featuring looks from local style experts including Allen Edmonds, Luci Boutique, Stephanie Horne Boutique, SelfieStyler, and Richard Bennett Tailors.

Sojourner Fashion Show 2016 guests/attendees stop to take a photo with Jonathon Lucroy. Left to right: Tan Lo, Lisa Lo, Jonathon Lucroy, Rod Burks, Rick Barrett, and Maggie Barrett.



Susan Kim rocks the runway in a floral pout dress from Luci Boutique.



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Tickets Available
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President & CEO

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You are not alone.

If you are in an abusive relationship and need help, call the Sojourner 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline at **414-933-2722**.



Download our app - available on iPhone and Android phones.

Administration/ General Information

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F: 414-276-1509

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P: 414-933-2722
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Peace Talk

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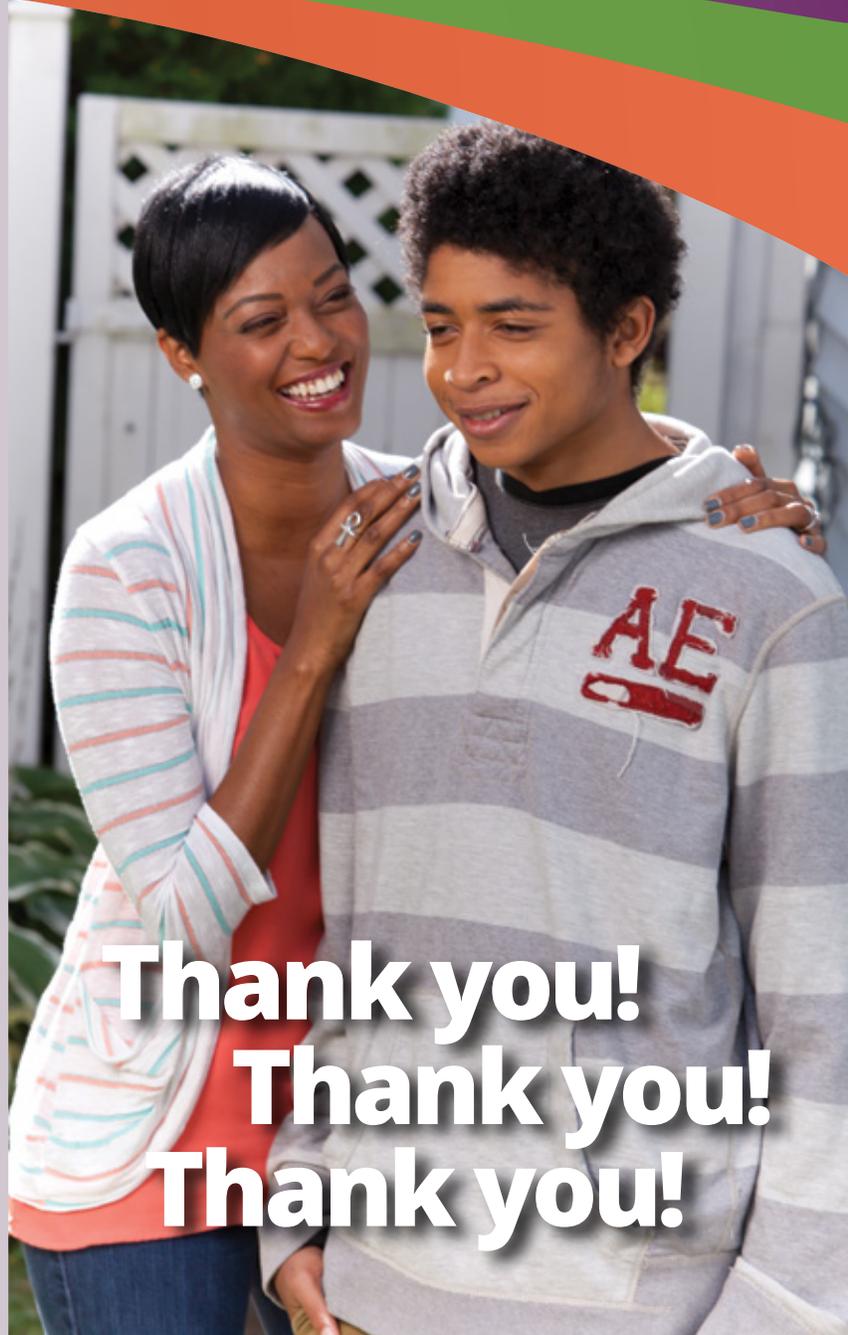
YOU made 2016 an Outstanding Success!

We were thrilled to receive your generous contribution. Because of you, thousands of families living in violent homes across Milwaukee have a safe place to sleep, resources and support to help them get back on their feet, and the skills needed to live independently.

In 2016, your gift provided more than 16,994 nights of emergency shelter, helped 4,527 people apply for restraining orders, and responded to nearly 17,989 calls on the Sojourner 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, among many other lifesaving services. This year, your gift will go even further. In our new Center, our services have been co-located with experts in the fields of law enforcement, prosecution, mental health, sexual assault, and education – organizations dedicated to providing world class care for those impacted by family violence. Because of you, women, men, and children are able to receive holistic services geared toward helping them find safety and heal from the trauma they have experienced.

We would love to show you our new Family Peace Center so you can see, first hand, the impact of your gift. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our work with those impacted by family violence, please call us at 414-276-1911 to schedule a tour.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to your continued engagement.



WHO WAS SOJOURNER TRUTH?

Our crisis housing facility for women and children, Sojourner Truth House, is a tribute to "Belle," a woman born into slavery in 1797. In 1843 she walked onto the pages of history when she became Sojourner - God's pilgrim. A second name - Truth - came to her "in a voice as true as God's is." Sojourner Truth traveled widely, speaking about slavery and women's rights and the dignity of all people.



Leading the Way: How Faith Communities Can Impact Domestic Violence Survivors

“None of us as helpers should ever put a battered woman in the position of having to choose between her safety and the support of her religious community. She needs both, and it is up to us to provide that.”

– Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune,
Director, Faith Trust Institute

One of Sojourner’s many roles is to educate the community about domestic violence and to help other service agencies assist survivors of abuse. Without an understanding of family violence and the impact upon victims, providers can easily cause confusion or inadvertently misdirect a survivor seeking help.

Often, those experiencing trauma look to faith leaders for help and healing, and many do so before seeking support from a dedicated domestic violence agency. Women who hold their religion and faith deeply may follow the advice of religious leaders without question.

Faith leaders are uniquely positioned to reach out to survivors and direct them to safety and services that can help them heal. Unfortunately, some survivors have reported that their religious leaders did not understand the danger they faced or gave poor advice for dealing with volatile

situations. Further, some were told the abuse was part of God’s plan for their life. Without the proper training to support survivors, some well-meaning helpers have added to survivors’ feelings of rejection, loneliness, guilt, or belief that they are the cause of the abuse.

Having knowledge about the impact of domestic violence and the resources available can be critical in helping faith communities offer the proper support to survivors.

Sojourner is committed to ensuring that all survivors receive a welcoming and receptive response to their needs. For many years, our Sojourner Community Education team has been building collaborations with service providers—faith leaders, law enforcement, health professionals, educators—across the community. We stand ready to serve as experts and coaches for leaders in all communities and industries wanting to understand the impact of family violence, those seeking ways to support survivors effectively, and available community resources.

Here are several best practices that faith communities can adopt to support anyone coming forward as a survivor of family violence:

Become a Safe Place
Make the congregation a safe haven where survivors of family violence can come for help.

- Have brochures and posters in places where a survivor can take the information without fear of discovery.
- Talk and preach about the work the faith community is doing to address family violence, so those impacted feel safe beginning the conversation.
- Examine institutional policies and practices to ensure that survivors have the support they need to live free from abuse.

Educate Yourself and the Congregation

Faith and community leaders are encouraged to seek out and attend trainings on family violence. This information can help participants understand the different types of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, financial), recognize the signs of family violence, and decide how to approach or respond to a parishioner who might be in an abusive relationship.

Members of faith communities can learn about family violence through newsletter articles, bulletins, workshops, or in-service trainings. Family violence, healthy relationships, and ways to seek help should be topics of discussion in marriage preparation and healthy relationship classes.



Mother’s Day

May 14, 2017

Orders must be received by
Friday, May 5, 2017

Cards mailed by
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Suggested card donation \$40

To purchase cards,
visit www.familypeacecenter.org
or call 414 - 276 -1911

Each card features artwork created by Craig Daemmrich. Craig is the owner of Brew City Light Photography. He captures nature in its natural habitat, unique views of cityscapes, and landmarks. He believes looking through the lens of the camera can create a positive view on life.

Speak Out and Support the Movement

We encourage messages from spiritual leaders to address healthy relationships and family violence. This may occur during the months of April (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) and October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month).

- Encourage parishioners to volunteer at domestic violence shelters.
- Provide information about opportunities to work with your local coordinating council to develop and implement action plans.

As experts in the field, Sojourner continues our focus on educating and elevating the conversation around family violence throughout our community. Our Community Education staff are training faith leaders and congregations on the issues connected to family violence, helping them create safe places for survivors to come forward and being prepared to share their knowledge of community resources that support survivors.

If you would like to learn more about our work with faith communities, schedule a speaker, or would like resource posters to hang in your facility, contact Debra Fields, Community Education and Prevention Coordinator, at 414-810-1657 or email DebraF@familypeacecenter.org.

Welcome, Aurora Health Care!

As an agency that provides services to survivors of family violence, we know that many people who use our services have had other traumatic experiences as well. For example, perpetrators who are physically violent toward their partners are often sexually abusive as well. Sexual violence, whether experienced as a child or an adult, has a definite impact on survivor's feelings of safety and their paths toward healing. In addition, we know that the speed with which survivors receive care is of critical importance. This is especially true in instances of rape and sexual abuse, when multiple medical tests and exams need to be conducted as soon as possible.

As such, we are thrilled to announce a new partner in our Family Peace Center. Aurora Sexual Assault Treatment Center (SATC), part of Aurora Health Care, has officially moved into the facility and is already working with families. The SATC Team at our Family Peace Center includes a Forensic Nurse Examiner and a Crisis Counselor. The Forensic Nurse provides complete forensic exams for survivors of sexual assault including evidence collection, sexually transmitted infection treatment, pregnancy risk assessment, crisis intervention, HIV post-exposure assessment, forensic photo documentation, and information about



Simmone Stovall
Crisis Counselor,
SATC

emergency contraception. The Crisis Counselor provides mental health counseling services to survivors of sexual assault such as crisis intervention, short-term counseling, follow-up information, and referrals to appropriate community services.

Sojourner welcomes the Aurora SATC Team to our family of co-located partners who play a critical role in helping our families find safety and a path to healing. One of the ways the co-location of services at our Family Peace Center is successfully helping families is by providing a coordinated effort to address the trauma experienced by those who seek our services. Our strong team of partners then provides a holistic and comprehensive response to restore family well-being and begin the journey to an independent life free from abuse.



Father's Day

June 18, 2017

Orders must be received by
Friday, June 9, 2017

Cards mailed by
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Suggested card donation \$40

Celebrate. Remember. Love.

*Mother's Day and Father's Day cards are
back in 2017 with a big change!*

Sojourner continues our tradition of celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day with cards. Cards, pictured left, are available for purchase beginning March 2017. The inside of the card will include a celebratory message and will indicate that a gift has been made to Sojourner in the recipient's honor.

New in 2017

The Mother's Day and Father's Day cards you purchase can be:

1. Mailed to you or picked up at Sojourner allowing you to include a personalized message.
2. Mailed directly to the recipient of your choice.

Sojourner Russian Program Seeking Volunteer ESL Teacher

Did you know that Sojourner employs the only Russian-speaking domestic violence advocate in Wisconsin? This program is based in our Family Peace Center, and our Advocate is looking to offer additional support for clients through ESL night classes. She is seeking a volunteer to offer classes once a week for 8 weeks, to a mix of beginner, intermediate, and advanced English speakers. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact Julie Yeado, Sojourner Life Skills Coordinator, at 414-810-1676 or JulieY@familypeacecenter.org for more information.



17th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference

*April 4-6, 2017 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Registration is Now OPEN!*

The Alliance for Hope International will host the 17th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center in downtown Milwaukee April 4-6, 2017. Join a national convening of prosecutors, law enforcement professionals, civil attorneys, doctors, nurses, advocates, mental health professionals, and researchers in small group discussions, strategic thinking, and cutting edge learning. Our speakers and sessions will challenge you to dream big and change the world!

This will be a conference to remember! The schedule includes dynamic plenary session speakers, nine workshops, a special evening at the historic Harley-Davidson Museum®, and tours of Sojourner Family Peace Center, the largest Family Justice Center in America.

The Wisconsin Together for Children Conference and the International Family Justice Center Conference will jointly explore trauma-informed practices related to child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

Reserve your spot today!

Register and learn more at:

<http://www.familyjusticecenter.org/training/conferences-and-events/>

Spring Wish List

We always need items that will transform the lives of the families we serve! New items only, please. You are welcome to drop off donations at:

Family Peace Center, 619 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53212
Please enter through the 7th Street parking lot entrance.

Or, you may ship them through *our Amazon wish list*. Enter Sojourner Family Peace Center into Amazon.com's wish list search engine, select the items you would like to donate, and add them to your cart. Once you have purchased the items, Amazon will ship them directly to our facility!

GREATEST NEEDS

- Women's pajamas
- **First Aid kit items:**
Band-Aids, gauze pads, Tylenol and cold medicine for children and adults
- Twin XL comforters and blankets

WOMEN

- Underwear (all sizes, especially 5 and 6)
- White socks (sizes 8, 9, 10)
- Sleepwear:
bath robes (size M-3XL), pajamas (size M-3XL) and non-skid slippers (size M-XL)
- Gift cards for Target, Kohl's, Walmart, and Pick 'n Save

- Gift certificates for activities (movies, bowling)
- Restaurant gift certificates (Subway, McDonald's, Cousins Subs, Applebee's, Burger King, Chipotle)
- Shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, deodorant
- Hair care products for women of color

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

- Teething gel
- Infant Tylenol
- Clothing
- Pack and Plays
- Pack and Play sheets
- Crib sheets
- Baby wipes

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Sleepwear
- Junior's size clothing (boys and girls)
- Underwear (all sizes, especially girl's 14 and 16)
- Purses and wallets
- Children's cold medicine, cough medicine, and Tylenol
- Non-skid slippers (sizes 6-16)
- Headphones and earbuds
- Gift certificates for clothing stores:
Forever 21, Charlotte Russe, Discovery, American Eagle, DSW, Old Navy, Burlington Coat Factory, Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Target, Walmart