

## Our Mission

We create peaceful communities in which domestic respect and a life free from violence is the right of every woman, man and child.



## Who Was Sojourner Truth?

Our emergency domestic violence shelter 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 true." Sojourner Truth traveled widely speaking about slavery and women's rights and the dignity of all people.

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## Making Victim Advocacy and Services Trauma-Informed

Given the high rates of traumatic exposure among women and families seeking assistance to deal with domestic violence, understanding trauma and its impact are essential for advocates and service providers, especially those working in battered women shelters. Programs serving trauma survivors must adapt their services to respond to clients' traumatic experiences. In order to respond to their needs, staff and services must become "trauma-informed." This means responders must understand the rudiments of trauma, its effects on trauma survivors, and institute practices and policies to assist survivors through the "lens of trauma," according to experts.

Based on work with the homeless, persons with co-occurring disorders, therapeutic communities, as well as domestic violence, experts have come up with eight foundational principles that represent the "core values of trauma-informed care." These eight principles are the basis for a recently released Health and Human Services "Trauma-Informed Organizational Toolkit for Homeless Services."

The core principles are as follows:

1. **Understanding trauma and its impact:** Many behaviors of traumatized persons (hereafter referred to as "clients") may appear to be unhealthy and irrational but may, in fact, represent adaptive responses to past trauma experiences.
2. **Promoting safety:** Clients require physically and emotionally safe environments where they can count on consistent, predictable and respectful behavior from staff.
3. **Ensuring cultural competence:** Diverse cultural rituals and interventions respectful of and specific to cultural back-grounds are required because trauma is

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# Thank you to all of the supporters of the 2010 Awear Fashion Show!

A big thank you to all of the sponsors, retailers, attendees, auction donors and volunteers who made this year's Awear Fashion Show a wonderful success, raising over \$79,000 for the programs and services of Sojourner Family Peace Center!

*A very special thank you to Co-chairs, Carla Cummings and Jessica Cook, and to Honorary Chair Linda Gorens-Levey!*

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR AN *Evening of Hope*

Join us on **November 4th** for the 16th annual *Evening of Hope* at the Bradley Center. The evening will include entertainment provided by The 5 Card Studs, food stations, beverages and a live auction.

*Proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Sojourner Family Peace Center.*

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AT  
[www.familypeacecenter.org](http://www.familypeacecenter.org)

# Milwaukee Brewers Wives Visit Sojourner Truth House

During the months of May and June the women and children at Sojourner Truth House were treated to dinner provided and served to them by Milwaukee Brewers' wives - Chantelle Davis, Kelly Inglett, Monica Kyles, Carolyn Macha, Kristina Hart, Stacey Larrea and Dana Suppan.

The abundance of food (and toys!) the wives brought for the women and children was generous, and a wonderful reminder of how those

in the community can touch the lives of people living under difficult circumstances. As one woman staying at the shelter remarked, "It felt for a moment like I was eating in a restaurant!"

We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness the Milwaukee Brewers wives and partners provide to our family year after year. Thank you!



## Brewers Wives Major League Event Presented by WaterStone Bank

We are thrilled to announce the Brewers Wives Major League Event, presented by WaterStone Bank, at our new location in Miller Park - the beautiful Gehl Club! We've upgraded the former tailgate outing into the ultimate VIP experience.

The evening will feature:

- ★ Silent auction including exclusive autographed Brewers memorabilia
- ★ A full buffet featuring a premium menu and two complimentary drinks
- ★ Celebrity emcee in attendance
- ★ Two free tickets to a future Brewers game for every attendee
- ★ The opportunity to watch the Brewers take on the San Diego Padres from the exclusive Gehl Club deck!

### WHEN:

FRIDAY, AUG. 20, 2010

### 5:30 p.m.

Food, beverages and silent auction. Meet and greet with Brewers wives

### 7:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Brewers vs. San Diego Padres

### WHERE:

The Gehl Club at Miller Park  
One Brewers Way, Milwaukee

Individual tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available.

All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Sojourner Family Peace Center.

For more information, or to reserve your tickets, call Courtney Meyer at (414) 643-1777, or email [courtneym@familypeacecenter.org](mailto:courtneym@familypeacecenter.org)



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experienced and dealt with within different cultural contexts that influence clients' responses to traumatic events and recovery.

4. **Supporting client control, choice and autonomy:** Clients must be allowed to regain control over their daily lives, build competencies and strengthen their sense of autonomy.
5. **Sharing power and governance:** Equalizing power differentials across programs and power sharing should be encouraged.
6. **Integrating care:** Healing requires a holistic view of clients and their healing processes which, in turn, require cooperation among diverse service providers and systems.
7. **Healing happens in relationships:** Establishing safe, authentic, and positive relationships can be restorative to clients.
8. **Recovery is possible:** Facilitating peer support, focusing on strengths and resiliency, establishing future-oriented goals, and instilling hope by providing opportunities.

Traditional service systems are often inadequate for traumatized persons. Client experiences may have conditioned them to view the world and other people as unsafe making it difficult for them to ask for help, trust those who try to help them or form positive relationships. What "worked" for them to deal with their trauma may make clients

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# Sojourner Family Peace Center WISH LIST

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TO MAKE  
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## **Clothing and slightly used items:**

We appreciate the generosity that sustains Sojourner Family Peace Center, but due to our lack of storage space, we can only accept **NEW** clothing, bedding, towels, undergarments, etc. Please offer your slightly used items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society located at 2320 W. Lincoln Ave., which credits us with your gifts. Our residents can then select what they need at no cost. Thank you for thinking of us.

## **General Household:**

- Pillows
- Bath towels
- Twin or full size blankets
- Twin or full size sheets
- Paper towels & napkins
- Sanitizing hand soap
- Batteries
- Paper cups
- Facial tissue
- Lysol spray
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic disposable gloves
- Mops & brooms
- Cold medicine – adult & children's

## **Food:**

- Gift certificates for food
- Non-perishables (please no tomato soup or juice)
- Crackers
- Applesauce/fruit cups

## **Adults:**

- Deodorant (for women & boys)
- Women's slippers & house shoes (sizes 8½, 9 & 10)
- Women's nightwear (sizes L, XL, XXL)
- Women's underwear (sizes 6, 7 & 8)
- Body lotion
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap (regular size)
- Aleve & Advil – adult
- Hair care products for African-American women

## **Teens:**

- Sports equipment
- Hand-held games
- Portable CD players
- Jewelry
- Make-up

## **School Aged Children:**

- Dolls
- Barbies
- Cars (matchbox and larger)
- Chapter books for new readers
- Puzzles (23-100 pieces)
- Craft kits
- Building sets, i.e. Legos and Connetix

## **Children/Infants:**

- Car seats for children 3 years and under (must be 2002-present model)
- Infant & baby toys
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6)
- Baby bottles (BPA free)
- Boys & girls house shoes (all sizes)
- Nightwear (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Baby shampoo, lotion
- Baby wash
- Bibs
- Sippy cups
- Teething gel
- Pedialyte
- Formula (no soy, preferably Good Start brand)
- Gerber Finger Food Puffs
- Changing pads-washable and disposable
- Infant socks
- Toddler socks and slippers
- Baby saucers
- Infant chair or rockers (Bumbo)
- Play table with chairs
- Umbrella strollers
- Coat hooks
- Cork board for messages

## **Miscellaneous Items:**

- Gift certificates (Walmart, El Rey, Target, etc.)
- Gift certificates for activities (movies, bowling, skating)
- Gas cards
- Bus tickets
- Used cell phones
- Padded business portfolios
- Portable memory drives for computers

## **Office Support:**

- Legal pads
- Pens, pencils
- White-out, post-its
- File folders
- Copy paper

## **Group Support:**

- Disposable plates, cups, silverware, napkins
- Containers for leftovers

# Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center Update

“The Family Justice Center concept is very simple. Ask victims of domestic violence if they want all their services in one place. When they say ‘yes’, ask them what services they need and then work to provide them. The results are now documented in over 60 Centers around the United States and have been documented by the U.S. Department of Justice: reduced homicides; increased victim safety; increased autonomy and empowerment for victims; reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children; reduced recantation and minimization by victims when wrapped in services and support; increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers; increased prosecution of offenders; and dramatically increased community support for services to victims and their children.”

*Casey Gwinn  
President  
National Family Justice Center Alliance*



Because it is so difficult for survivors and their children to receive all the vital services they need, agencies involved in helping have long recognized the need to connect and better coordinate their efforts across government, social service and business sectors. The concept of a “one stop shop” of services for survivors of domestic abuse has been implemented in other cities since early in this decade, and there is a strong basis for this approach in Milwaukee. In response to this urgent need, Sojourner Family Peace Center is initiating a three year campaign to establish the Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center which will offer a large majority of the services needed by individuals and families seeking to end abusive situations, heal and rebuild their lives.

During the first half of 2010, Sojourner Family Peace Center accelerated our efforts towards the creation of the Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center by purchasing the property at 619 W. Walnut St. This site will offer a great deal of

accessibility to clients seeking services in the future.

The need for our Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center remains a top priority for Milwaukee’s officials, including Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, the Milwaukee Police Department and U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore.

In a letter of support, District Attorney John Chisholm reveals the urgency in our project:

“Domestic violence homicides are currently on the rise. Of greater concern are the statistics that show that the overwhelming majority of felony offenders in Wisconsin prisons have either witnessed domestic violence or been subjected to it themselves as children. It has been apparent to me that there is an urgent need in Milwaukee to coalesce as many services as possible around our struggling families.”

The Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center will be a collaboration of services from organizations throughout the community, offering a greater number of services for our clients in a more holistic way. Agencies that have expressed interest as an on-site partner

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withdrawn, aggressive, “disassociate” (disconnecting from certain thoughts, feelings, or memories), engage in self-injurious behaviors including cutting or drug use. Given the impact of trauma, interventions must be specifically tailored to fit.

To establish trauma-informed services, the Toolkit asks programs to tackle the following five challenges.

1. **Staff development:** Programs must support training and education on trauma, supervision that includes discussions about trauma, and a focus on “self-care” for the staff. Staff should be trained in crisis management, including how to identify client triggers, how to help them express feelings safely, and use healthy coping skills.
2. **Creating a safe, supportive environment:** Attention to even minute safety details is required because of past trauma connected, for example, to bathrooms or bedrooms. Privacy must be respected as much as possible. Rules and requirements must be consistent and predictable. Clients may process information slowly so that it must be presented on a continual basis.
3. **Assessing and planning services:** Intake processes should gather as much information on past traumatic experiences, including any head injuries, as well as current levels of danger from other people. But the information should

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# Memorials & Honorariums

February 1, 2010 - May 31, 2010

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## MEMORIALS:

### Jean Blaisdell

Kathy Medtlie

### Lorraine A. Brody

John & Melanie Gawronski

### Helen Bruce

Joan and Peter W. Bruce Fund

### Raymond Carter

David Carter & Elizabeth Doolan

### Bernard Chortek

Irving Chortek

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### Marilyn Florence Burkman Wall

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Marjorie Wendt

Peggy Werner

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Ben Walters

### Bernadine Zweck

Phillip & Diane Schmidt

### Dr. Charles L. Ziegler

Kathie Stolpman

## HONORARIUMS:

### Linda Barikmo

Amy DeYoung

### Jessica Cook

Linda Gorens- Levey

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### Patricia Mueller

Anne Rose

### Eugene C. Muratore

Jason Lasky

### Jack Sorge

Helen Sorge

### Kathie Stolpman

Roland A. & Nancy Smith

## Birthday & Retirement:

### Paulette Barr

Judy Cook

Bruce & Linda Prange

Dorothy Strode

Susan Thaney

## Birthday:

### Joan Brehm

Mark Eisendrath

## Wedding:

### Sari Bernstein & Sam Weisenberg

Rick Meyer

Peg Prince

## Ordinations:

### The Rev. Beth Papazoglakis

Robert & Gladys Sutherland

### Brenda Sheets

Angela Mancuso

## Anniversary:

Sojourner Family Peace Center Staff  
One Year Anniversary

**Angela Mancuso**

# Mother's Day Memorials

**Jay Balchunas**

Donald Balchunas

**Lorraine Brody**

Jim & Bonnie Strachota

**Helen Cook**

Jayne Honeck

**Jody Dassow**

Jayne Honeck

**Mary Ellen Dulmes**

Audrey Dulmes

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**Wilma Fisher**

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Mary Bertram

**Stella Honeck**

Jayne Honeck

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Roger Jones

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Denise Trew

**Marcella Kircher**

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**Dolores Krajcir**

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Karen Wagner

**Rochelle Webb Thomson**

Elaine & Gerry Mainman

**Panorea Turk**

Audrey Dulmes

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be obtained in as comfortable an environment as possible for the client; include frequent breaks, inquiries about how the client is doing in the interview, and watching body language to know when to quit for awhile. If there are children, they too may be traumatized. The impact on their development and the parent-child relationship may be profound. They require services as soon as possible to mitigate the impact of trauma on their emotional, physical, cognitive and social development. Goal setting is vital for clients and staff must resist the temptation to take over for them. If clients have trouble verbalizing, body-oriented, non-verbal activities may be indicated to serve as a way to reconnect to their bodies, manage their feelings, and communicate in alternative ways.

4. **Involving clients:** Empowerment is facilitated by giving clients a voice, encouraging their participation in developing programs activities or evaluating existing programs. Hiring former clients and recruiting them as administrators or board members may help.
5. **Adapting policies:** Policies should be reviewed to ensure they do not contribute to client feelings of powerlessness, shame, lack of control and the like. The more staff learns about trauma, the easier it will be to review all policies and practices so that clients are empowered and encouraged. The Toolkit provides a comprehensive assessment tool to determine if a program is trauma-informed, addressing the challenges

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# Donor Spotlight:

## Paulette Barr

**Sojourner Family Peace Center has been honored to have the thoughtful support of Paulette Barr for 30 years.**

She was introduced to the organization through a friend who had been a victim of domestic violence. She also became aware that many people are affected by domestic abuse while working at the Social Security Administration. Her job put her in frequent contact with people who were filing disability claims and she found that many of them were clients of Sojourner Family Peace Center.

Paulette is passionate about the mission of Sojourner Family Peace Center because she feels strongly about women's issues. As a donor, she is making an immediate impact on the quality of life for the women and children served by the organization.

Paulette recently celebrated her birthday and retirement, and in lieu of gifts asked family members to send donations to three selected charities, including Sojourner Family Peace Center.

We would like to thank Paulette for illustrating the significant impact one person can have on the lives of the families affected by domestic abuse.

Thank  
You



## Announcing Our New Website...

[www.familypeacecenter.org](http://www.familypeacecenter.org)

We are very pleased to introduce the new website for our organization. This new site offers information on our combined programs and services, new features for our visitors and up-to-date news on events and agency happenings.

Please visit [www.familypeacecenter.org](http://www.familypeacecenter.org) when you have a moment, and let us know your feedback.

Thank you to Extencicare for sponsoring in part our new website!



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summarized above. As emphasized by J. Herman (*Trauma and Recovery, 2001*) even severely battered women can recover drawing on their individual strengths and the supportive relationships naturally available to them in their own communities. The challenge facing DV advocates and service providers is to provide the opportunity for trauma victims “to become the authors of their own recovery.”

The Toolkit was developed at the National Center on Family Homelessness, written by K. Guarino, P. Soares, K. Konnath, R. Clervil, and E. Bassuk and help from many others. Funding was provided by the Daniels Fund, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, the Homelessness Resource Center, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Homelessness Center is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

A full copy may be obtained from [www.homeless.samhsa.gov](http://www.homeless.samhsa.gov) or [www.familyhomelessness.org](http://www.familyhomelessness.org)

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## Join the Sojourner Truth Legacy Society

You can continue to support causes that you are passionate about in life by leaving a legacy to carry on your generosity. We can help you explore opportunities for creative philanthropy that best provides for your loved ones and for the future of Sojourner Family Peace Center.

Planned gifts include a wide range of options, including wills and bequests, endowments, remainders of estates, charitable remainder trusts, gifts of property or stock, gift annuities, etc. With such a variety, planned giving can provide an opportunity to make a charitable gift in circumstances that may not otherwise allow you to do so. Everyone can help ensure that our community is a peaceful one for generations to come.

Consider creating a legacy of peace for families in our community. Call us today at (414) 643-1777 to discuss making a planned gift to Sojourner Family Peace Center.

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## Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center Update

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include: The Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Child Protection Center, and Jewish Family Services.

Sojourner Family Peace Center has been maintaining the property through the help of volunteers from Marquette University High School. We are truly thankful for the hard work of the MUHS students who have cleaned up litter and foliage.

On a final note, we are thrilled to announce our most recent partner for the Milwaukee Family

Advocacy Center, the Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation. Their significant financial contribution ensures that we can continue to work toward our goal of making the Milwaukee Family Advocacy Center a reality so that we can serve the families of Milwaukee affected by domestic violence in the most holistic, sensitive and thorough way possible.

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For more information or to become involved, contact Jake Lennart at (414) 643-1777 or email [jacobl@familypeacecenter.org](mailto:jacobl@familypeacecenter.org)

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# Become a Volunteer!

The fall Volunteer Training session is coming up.

## **THIS SESSION'S TRAINING DATES ARE:**

**TUESDAY..... SEPTEMBER 14**

**TUESDAY..... SEPTEMBER 21**

**THURSDAY ..... SEPTEMBER 23**

**TUESDAY..... SEPTEMBER 28**

**THURSDAY ..... SEPTEMBER 30**

Training sessions are held from 5:30-8:15 p.m. each night.  
To register, or for more information, please call  
Melinda at **(414) 933-2722**.

# BACKPACKS NEEDED!

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the items most needed for the kids are backpacks, markers, colored pencils, paper, and notebooks.

Please call **(414) 643-1777** with questions. Thank You!



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### **Administration**

(414) 643-1777  
Fax: (414) 643-1790

### **Advocacy**

(414) 276-1911

### **Belle Resource Center**

(414) 344-4466

### **Restraining Order Clinic**

(414) 278-5079

### **Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates**

(414) 278-4978

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(414) 643-4799

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