



Women's Advocates

Breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

One Week Away - You're Invited! Open House & Shelter Tour

Please join us for our spring open house event on May 1 at 5:30 pm. Learn how you can make a difference and help end domestic violence in our community. This event will feature light refreshments and tours of our historic buildings.

At 6 pm, there will be a brief program. To register for this free event, email tbrinker@wadvocates.org or call 651-726-5212.

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WOMEN'S ADVOCATES
MAY DAY
OPEN HOUSE

588 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
5:30pm - 7pm

TOUR OUR SHELTER
LEARN ABOUT OUR SERVICES
MEET OUR STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Thank YOU Volunteers!

#NationalVolunteerWeek was last week! Every day, each week, and all year long, we rely on dedicated community advocates to support our shelter and services. Caring individuals and passionate workplace, school, and community groups spend thousands of hours annually helping our shelter and the survivors we serve thrive! For that, we are so grateful.

As we head into warmer months, we are in need of extra volunteer support in the following ways:

Groups:

- Shelter clean-up (weekday afternoons, 3 hours)
- Yard work (weekday afternoons, 3 hours)
- Evening or weekend activities for women & children

Individuals:

- Child care (weekday mornings, experience required)
- Research (various topic areas, 2-4 hours a week, can be remote or on-site)

If you are interested in volunteering yourself or with a group, connect with development@wadvocates.org.



How to Help

We seek community support to fulfill shelter and resident needs, including:

Target Gift Cards to help fulfill immediate resident needs year-round.

Did You Know?

Reproductive Violence:

During April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), it's important to recognize and understand not only sexual violence, but also potentially harmful practices of reproductive health providers. Some family planning providers may harbor unconscious racial biases that can contribute to negative experiences of women of color when it comes to reproductive care. Racial biases can cause family planning providers to interact with female patients of color in ways that may make these patients feel targeted or stereotyped, and can sometimes result in differential treatment, care and counseling regarding family planning. [More on this here.](#) Women's Advocates seeks to include information on reproductive health in every domestic violence training we offer.

Sexual Assault in the LGBTQ+ Community:

Sexual violence not only affects women and men, but also individuals who do not identify with the gender binary. For example, FORGE, an organization that focuses on sexual violence against transgender individuals, found that in Wisconsin, 74% of surveyed transgender respondents reported one or more incidents of sexual violence. Gender was a contributing factor in the abuse 43% of the time. To learn more about sexual assault in the LGBTQ+ community, check out [FORGE's website here.](#) Women's Advocates always reminds our educational audiences that sexual and domestic violence affect everyone, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, religion, class, or gender identity.

Athletes as Allies Against Sexual Assault:

Athletes can play a powerful role in the movement to end sexual assault. As potential allies, athletes have the ability

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Any questions about volunteering or donating gift cards can be sent to development@wadvocates.org.

For Our Neighbors

We're delivering May Day baskets early to our neighbors, with a treat, some information about shelter, and an invitation to our Open House. If you live in our area, be on the lookout and we hope to meet you soon.



and the opportunity to create and foster a positive culture in athletics and beyond, with a focus on healthy masculinity and preventing violence against women. Learn about how one organization, Men Can Stop Rape, has partnered with Positive Coaching Alliance to empower male college athletes to contribute to a safer campus community for all students: [click here](#).

Open House Preview

If you plan to attend our Open House next week, here is a sneak preview of what you will see on your tour.



-Living Room



-Computer Lab



-Playground

In-Kind Donations & Wish List

Questions about specific item donations can be sent to donations@wadvocates.org. When immediate needs arise, we post requests for those items on our [Facebook](#) page.

Our Amazon **Wish List** of new, essential needs items is now available: <http://a.co/jkkHfvm>.

For the safety and privacy of our staff, shelter, and residents, *deliveries of donation items must be previously approved and scheduled in advance. Unscheduled deliveries will not be accepted.*

Quick Links

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