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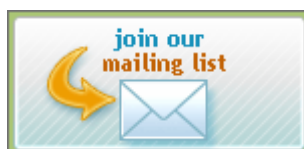
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Please consider giving to the Wisconsin Women's Network through Community Shares of Wisconsin's Workplace Giving Campaign. For more information, visit [Community Shares](#) or contact the [WWN office](#).

Dear Elaine,

Grant to Wisconsin Women's Network will benefit Elder Economic Security Initiative

Happy New Year from the Wisconsin Women's Network!

We are pleased to announce the Wisconsin Women's Network has received a two-year grant of \$75,000 from the Milwaukee-based [Helen Bader Foundation](#) to continue the Women's Network's path-breaking work leading a statewide initiative to ensure that Wisconsin's seniors are able to age with dignity and economic security.

The Women's Network, a nonprofit coalition of organizations and individuals that advances the status of women, launched the [Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Initiative \(WiEESI\)](#) in 2008, in cooperation with [Wider Opportunities for Women](#) in Washington, D.C., and the University of Massachusetts Institute for Gerontology. Wisconsin is an early state leader in the initiative that is projected to produce a national database on all 50 states.

[Continue reading the press release.](#)

For WiEESI documents and media coverage, [click here](#).

→ Events from Our Members

January 11 and 25

"Mangia, Mangia!" Returns

Treat yourself to a heaping helping of humor, heart and genuine Italian cooking with luncheon matinee performances of "Mangia, Mangia!" at Bunky's Café, 2827 Atwood Avenue, starting at 12:30 pm on Sunday, January 11 and 25. Tickets for the performance and lunch are \$20. Doors open at 12:30 pm, with the "Mangia, Mangia!" performance beginning at 1 pm and the lunch at 2:15. To make reservations, call Bunky's Café at 608.204.7004. Presented by TAPIT/new works Theatre.

January 20

Are You an Entrepreneur?, Madison

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, 2300 South Park Street, Suite 21, 6-8 pm. Fee: Free. For more info: WWBIC at (608) 257-5450.

January 23-25

Rainbow Couples Retreat, Wisconsin Dells

The Rainbow Couples Get-Away Retreat is a two day, two night

relaxing, fun retreat with a relationship focus for a small group of same-sex couples at a gay friendly location. It is meant to give same-sex couples the same chance that married couples have to nurture their committed relationships in supportive, safe environments. At the Retreat you will learn what relationship scientists have discovered about processes that create and maintain strong, committed relationships. There will be entertaining, informative, interactive lectures; plenty of time for you two to privately discuss your relationship and practice new skills if you'd like; and lots of opportunities to just have fun with each other! TO REGISTER: Call Lisa 414-841-8184

February 12

10 Years of Advancing Women's Health and Leadership, Madison

Sponsored by the UW Center for Women's Health Research. 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Health Sciences Learning Center Atrium. Details to come in January. For more info, or to receive an invitation: judeebell@cwyr.wisc.edu

[Click here for our full events calendar.](#)

News

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

Action: Tell President-Elect Obama to Lift the Global Gag Rule

The Global Gag Rule has had terrible consequences for the health and lives of poor women and their families, in ways that have nothing to do with abortion. The Global Gag Rule has forced clinics to cut back on all sorts of health services, such as family planning, obstetric care, HIV testing, and malaria treatment. Urge President-elect Obama to overturn the Global Gag Rule during his first 100 days.

Gender and Health Interest Group Call for Abstracts

The Gender and Health Interest Group is seeking cutting edge research for presentation at the 2009 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM), June 28-30 in Chicago, and the Gender and Health Interest Group Meeting, June 27th in Chicago. The gender and health themes for the Call for Abstracts include: Analysis of the implications of national and state-level health reforms for women; the intersection of gender, health, and long-term care, with chronic conditions such as heart disease, obesity, disability, HIV, and diabetes; emerging research on factors influencing men's health and interactions with the health care system; advances in serving women veterans and soldiers; implications of state and federal policies on access to reproductive health services; gender differences in health care spending, affordability, and utilization; and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender health services research and policy issues. Abstracts are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on January 15, 2009, and must be submitted online to be considered.

Women and Democracy

[Action: Urge President-Elect Obama to Establish Women's Office at Cabinet Level](#)

Because women, especially women of color, are differently affected by so many laws and policies -- from health care to the economy -- it is critical that women be taken into account as the new administration makes key decisions. Women need an advocate at the policy-making table whose specific responsibility is considering and weighing in on the possible impact of these decisions on women's opportunities for advancement. A Cabinet-level office is the most effective way to accomplish this goal.

[Obama Names First Woman Solicitor General](#)

Elena Kagan will be the first woman to serve permanently in this important post, which is tasked with conducting "all litigation on behalf of the United States in the Supreme Court, and to supervise the handling of litigation in the federal appellate courts. Kagan previously served in the White House during the Clinton administration, as Associate Counsel to the President, Deputy Assistant the the President for Domestic Policy, and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council.

International Women

[Action: Stop Violence Against Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\)](#)

Take part with Amnesty International by stopping violence against women and children in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This region has experienced violence since 2003 and the UN has released figures that about 350 rapes a month are reported in North Kivu in the DRC. A third of these assaults are against children under 18.

[Action: Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi Needs Your Help](#)

Dr. Shirin Ebadi, a defender of women's rights, has had her human rights organization forcibly closed by the Iranian authorities. In the latest of a series of serious incidents, an angry mob surrounded Dr. Ebadi's home and personal office chanting death threats against her and violently vandalizing her building. Last week, authorities raided Dr. Ebadi's personal office and seized her writings, confidential legal files, and two computers amid claims of so-called tax evasion.



Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Position: Sexual Assault Services Coordinator

Description: The Sexual Assault Services Coordinator (SASC) will develop and expand services for victims/survivors of sexual

violence, determine program goals, objectives and develop outcome measurements. Assess the effectiveness of programs and services, identify, prioritize and suggest remedies for addressing gaps in services. Develop and implement strategies for identifying underserved populations specific to each individual county. Schedule, supervise, support, coach and direct sexual assault program staff. Provide direct client services and participate in after-hours, on-call rotation as needed. Provide training and community education on issues related to sexual abuse and trauma. Bachelor's degree and five years experience in related position required, Master's degree preferred. Background check required.

To apply: Mail current resume and a one-page statement of your understanding of sexual violence to Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Posted: 12/17/08

Position: Case Manager - Child/Family Focus

Description: The Case Manager (Child/Family Focus) provides services to promote the physical, emotional, cognitive and social development of children who experience and/or witness domestic violence. Support and nurture families in shelter; facilitate a positive communal living environment. Promote parent-child relationship building. Actively engage in positive role-modeling and mentoring. Provide support, information, resources and encouragement to program participants to achieve their family goals. Provide information and education to parents related to child development, effects of abuse/witnessing abuse on children, behavior, positive parenting, etc. Develop and implement intake procedures to identify the health, educational, developmental, social and emotional needs of each child. Work with parents to identify the needs of their child/ren and develop a personalized Safety Plan and an Individualized Service Plan for each child/family. Make appropriate referrals for community based services. Coordinate and implement educational and recreational activities for children and families in shelter including birthday and holiday celebrations and cultural experiences. Plan, coordinate and implement individual and group activities that address common problems affecting children and youth exposed to domestic violence. Co-facilitate weekly house meetings. Bachelor's degree and three years related experience required, Master's preferred. To apply: Send current resume and one-page statement of your understanding of domestic violence and sexual abuse to Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Posted: 12/17/08

Position: Sexual Assault Advocate

Description: New position to expand crisis intervention and support services to victim/survivors of sexual abuse. Provide telephone and in-person counseling/support services for individuals/families who are primary or secondary (parents, partners, siblings, friends)

victims of sexual assault. Provide crisis intervention/crisis response services including assessing safety and risk factors. Facilitate access to emergency care and support services. Respond to requests from hospitals, health care providers, law enforcement and human service departments to provide direct client services for victim/survivors. Provide information and resources to help individuals make informed choices. Provide education on issues related to sexual violence including trauma, coping strategies, healing from abuse, etc. Provide support and encouragement to program participants to identify and achieve their personal goals. Develop Safety Plans, Individual Service Plans/Action Plans with program participants as appropriate. Make appropriate referrals for community based services (i.e. law enforcement, SANE, physical and mental health services, crime victims' compensation, public health, victim witness, schools, social services, etc.) Provide advocacy and accompaniment as needed or requested. Provide legal advocacy for civil and criminal proceedings. Provide follow-up services for program participants. Provide community awareness and education on agency services and issues related to sexual assault. Bachelor's degree and two years experience required. Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred.
To apply: Mail current resume and a one-page statement of your understanding of sexual violence to Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913

Volunteer Opportunities

Posted: 1/6/09

Org: Rape Crisis Center

Activity: Crisi Line Volunteer Training

Location: Madison

When: 1/27, 1/29, 2/3, 2/5, 2/10, 2/12, 5:30-8:30 PM. Must attend all six sessions. Women fluent in Spanish are especially needed.

To apply: [Rape Crisis Center](#)

Posted: 7/9/08

Org: Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

Activity: event-planning, outreach, facilitation, research, design, and more!

Location: various (in Madison)

When: opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons

Description: Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization in creating a status report on social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women. Volunteers are needed to help plan and facilitate focus groups with teens across the city on these issues; interview girls on issues affecting their lives; distribute and collect surveys; compile and analyze qualitative and quantitative data; and assist with the design and editing of the report. A wide variety of opportunities available!

More info/sign up: Email madisonsos@yahoo.com

For Equality,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator
Wisconsin Women's Network

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