

Family Service of Waukesha



A non-profit agency whose mission is to improve individual, family and community well-being through a range of services that address emotional wellness, abuse and domestic violence.

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Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2012, I am very proud of the accomplishments achieved at Family Service of Waukesha. FSW has helped many people in our community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and in their relationships. We also began a number of new events to bring more visibility to the agency that have become traditions at FSW. These events are opportunities to meet friends and donors with common interests and who want to make a difference in our community. They are also an opportunity to learn about current FSW happenings. I hope as you read on, you'll see an event that piques your interest and we'll have a chance to spend time with you in 2013.

While it was great year for FSW accomplishments, it was also a sobering year. Two tragic domestic violence-related incidents in our County remind us how the violent acts of batterers exact a painful toll on women, children, families, workplaces and entire communities. For more than 20 years, FSW's Center for Prevention of Family Violence has been providing group treatment programs targeted at ending domestic violence and addressing the traumatic impact on families and children. With education and increased awareness, it is our hope that we never see tragedies like these again.

Teri Terrill
Executive Director

Thompson Davies Family Honored

On November 8th, FSW honored Jenny Thompson and Dr. Chris Davies and their family for their service and dedication to Family Service and The Big Yellow House.

The Family of The Year dinner was held at the beautiful Ten Chimneys in Genesee Depot, attended by more than 100 guests. With the help of generous sponsors and a live auction (a number of wonderful items donated by our board members) we raised over \$21,000 in support of our mission.



Donor Appreciation Reception

On September 20, Judy and Gary Jorgensen hosted FSW's Donor Appreciation Reception at their lovely home on Oconomowoc Lake. It was an opportunity for FSW staff to personally thank our top "Grandfriend" donors for their support over the past year.

Guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres, dinner and scrumptious desserts catered by Quaker Steak & Lube. They were also treated to a live "therapy skit" from our own Bill Mulcahy, therapist and children's author. Bill uses this technique to help children overcome feelings of anger and frustration. Special thanks go to our hosts Judy and Gary, Bill, and of course our wonderful donors!

What is a **Grandfriend**? They are our donors who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to help individuals, families and children cared for by the services provided at FSW.

Staff Profile



Ray Cunneen

Ray Cunneen, a certified Domestic Violence Treatment Provider, has been facilitating FSW's New Thresholds classes for 22 years. Ray is also a retired correctional officer with the Waukesha County Sheriffs Department. Ray was drawn to this program because of the many domestic violence perpetrators he saw in his work as a correctional officer. He viewed this program as a way to help people better their lives. He enjoys the dynamics of group sessions and seeing how participants evolve in their self awareness over the course of the program Ray has been married to his wife, Jane, for 37 years and they have 2 grown daughters, Bria and Lindsey.

New Thresholds is a 20-week group session for men who have been abusive in a partner relationship. The majority of participants are referred to FSW by the court system or probation office. Over the course of the program, men learn how to recognize the destructive influence of their actions. They learn to understand the dynamics of abuse; their personal cues to anger; the difference between assertive vs. aggressive behavior; how to resolve conflict without becoming abusive; how to communicate more effectively and improve their self-esteem. They also learn that domestic violence is not only physical but includes emotional and verbal abuse. Last year, 81% of participants said they learned new conflict resolution skills and developed increased awareness of the impact of their actions on others.

Welcome to Our New Board Member!

Dr. Michael Gutzeit is Vice
President and Chief Medical Officer
at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
In 2009, Dr. Gutzeit was named vice
president of quality for the hospital.
A board-certified pediatrician, Dr.
Gutzeit also is an assistant clinical
professor at The Medical College of
Wisconsin. Dr. Gutzeit and his wife,
Nancy, reside in Brookfield.

For more info, log onto www.fswaukesha.org

Saturday, August 24th
Ride Because You C.A.R.E

5:00 – 8:00pm
726 N. East Avenue, Waukesha
The Big Yellow House

Thursday, April 18th
Join the "Friends of the Big Yellow House"

