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NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Zonta Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, October 28th at 6pm via Zoom

Program: “*Tolerance Is for Cowards*”

Presented by the Racial Justice Committee, the program is inspired by a talk delivered by ATT CEO Randall Stephensen to a meeting of is ATT global diversity/inclusion professionals. We'll view the 11-minute video together, break out into smaller groups facilitated by Racial Justice Committee members, and reconvene as a group to share our learnings and possible actions.

We encourage members to view and reflect on the video in advance of the meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4K0fm0bAV6Q> – 11 min

The biennium proposal from the Racial Justice Committee will be an agenda item at the meeting. See more in this newsletter.



Purple is the Color for Domestic Violence Awareness Month; All Members are encouraged to wear something **purple** for our meeting this month.

Please consider donating the dollars you would have spent on dinner and beverages for Club meetings to the Zonta Milwaukee Foundation, to the extent you are able. 7 virtual meetings without a dinner payment of \$30.00 is \$210.00.

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President's Message



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Hello Sister Zontians.

Hello to all of our Zonta Milwaukee Club members and friends. We continue to navigate some uncharted waters with Wisconsin experiencing very large numbers of Covid-19. Unfortunately, this means that we continue to operate in our virtual world as a club.

In September we welcomed Crystal Carter to the club! Welcome Crystal!

I am grateful for and would like to thank the many club members that participated in the school supplies for Neu Life. Like other hands on opportunities, we were not able to assemble the back packs due to the present health situation, but I believe the children were still very appreciative of our club's efforts.

Likewise we had our annual fundraiser in a virtual manner, offering an auction of a number of items that had been collected for the Fashion Show fundraiser and by requesting additional donations. At this point we do not have a final number on monies raised but are optimistic it will help us to continue to provide support to our local agencies and community. Many thanks to Pam Knackert, Deb Koller and the fundraising team who put significant effort in creating a nice online event.

District 6 Fall Conference took place on October 10. Unfortunately, the District was unable to offer a live stream option due to costs. We look forward to viewing recordings from the event. I am sure many of us missed the opportunity to spend time with other clubs in our District, sharing ideas and learning from one another. As we look further into fall, we can anticipate "16 Days of Activism/ Zonta Says No" which will be November 15 - December 10.

Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts and I look forward to seeing you at our October 28 Club meeting.

Karen
Club President

What's your knowledge? What is your passion? What is your interest?

Now is the time to offer up your services to contribute to the Club's success through offering your time and talents! Talk to Karen or other Club representatives and sign up for a committee today!

Club Meeting Minutes – Sept 23rd



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes - Wednesday September 23, 2020

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Carol Mangold at 6:08.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Bellmann is unable to attend. She will make her report in October.

Installation of New Member: Crystal Carter was virtually installed by Cheryl Lucas DeBerry as the newest member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Program: Debbie Buchanan, Executive Director of Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative, made a presentation regarding the impact of the Club's donations.

Business - Committee Reports:

Service and Advocacy:

- **Covid 19 Fundraiser:** Donna Conant reported that a total of \$2,800 was raised. \$500 was previously distributed to each of the chosen four agencies. An additional \$200 is being sent to each of the agencies shortly.
- **Neu Life:** Donna Neal reported that she spoke with Jody Rhodes. Neu Life did operate on a smaller scale over the summer and are serving children now as the school year has started. They have made adjustments to keep everyone safe. Each of the children received Chrome Books. A studio has been opened to allow them to offer virtual services as well.
- **Holiday Service Project:** Joni requested members contact either her or Donna Conant regarding ideas for holiday giving. Neu Life will still have a need; although on a smaller scale.
- **Zonta Says No March Walk:** Donna Neal reported the postings planned for replacing the Walk:
 - Several of the personal stories from the End Abuse report.
 - Sojourner Family Peace Center "#untilshecan" where individuals read survivor's stories.
 - Link to the domestic violence report issued in the Journal Sentinel related to domestic violence as a result of Covid 19.
 - Donna is waiting to hear back from the Waukesha Women's Center regarding to their purple silhouettes and how we can support that program.
- **Racial Justice:** Donna Neal reported that committee has 4 point proposal for the club. The entire proposal will be forwarded to Club to review.
 - 2 Club programs in a video format – one in the fall and one in the spring. First one ("Tolerance for Cowards") will be shown at our October meeting.
 - Bi-monthly optional discussions led by a committee member.
 - Update resource list for club with a personal discovery tool.
 - Advocacy – create advocacy media to post during November's 16 days of activism.

Public Relations:

- Newsletters requested by 7th or 8th of the month.
- Joni will be posting the end abuse posting set out above.
- Auction posting continue to keep it in the front.

Fashion Show Fundraiser:

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- On-line auction continues until Sunday. Donations can be made on the auction page, sending checks to Elizabeth or on Facebook. Looking for donations from members since no tickets were purchased for the fashion show and, in addition, members are not paying dinner meeting fees.
- April, 2021 fashion show will be postponed until the fall 2021. Program will be a brunch instead of lunch. Date has not been finalized.

Scholarship: No report was available.

Membership:

- Kim and Cheryl are working on a Club survey to distribute to those members who have not renewed their Zonta membership for 2020-2021. It will hopefully go out in the next thirty days.
- We currently have 34 members.

Program:

- Next month will be the racial justice video discussed above.
- Maureen proposed we continue to meet via Zoom through the end of the year. We will discuss again in January when in person meeting can resume.

UN:

- Newsletter had a list of the projects and funds donated over the Zonta International's history.
- ZI website has a history for the District 6 activity.
- September 21 was International Peace Day.

Announcements:

- District 6 Fall Conference, October 9 -10, hosted by Joliet will be a mini conference with a maximum of 50 on-site attendees. The Saturday session will be available for on-line attendance. A decision will be made by October 5 if the entire Conference will be held virtually instead in November.
- Next Club Meeting October 28, 2020 at 6:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00



Foundation Thanks



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September 30, 2020

Zonta Foundation Inc
C/O Elizabeth Stull
15125 W Fenway Dr
New Berlin, WI 53151

Dear Elizabeth,

On behalf of Cathedral Center's board of directors, staff and hundreds of women and families served each year, please accept our warmest gratitude for your contribution to the Hospitality Program. Your gift of \$200.00 (check number 1230, dated 9/7/2020) ensures the women and families we serve will enjoy a comforting, nutritious dinner.

Through generous support from volunteers like you, the Hospitality Program continues to provide a nightly meal for shelter guests, 365-days a year. During this unprecedented time, your kindness not only provides a meal, you help to fulfill Cathedral Center's mission to *provide a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness one life at a time.*

Thank you once again for your support and kindness.

Together in service,

Donna Rongholt-Migan, MSW
Executive Director

*Much gratitude for your thoughtful
and generous support. Stay Well!*



In compliance with IRS regulations, this letter verifies that no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

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Membership

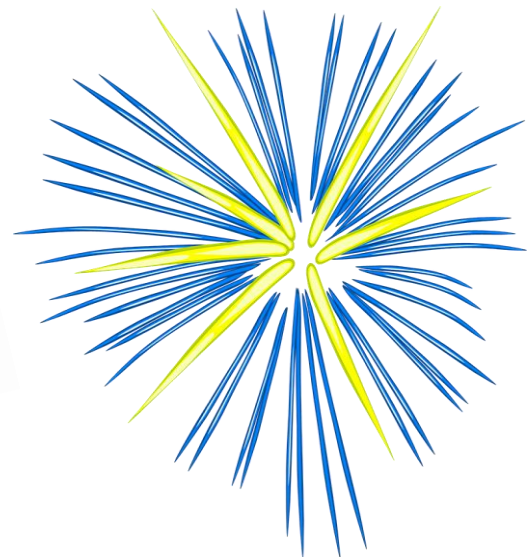


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Club Milestone Anniversaries!! 40 Years for Marge Holzbog!



Marge Holzbog: 40 years in October
Pam Knackert: 35 years in October
Helen Ludwig: 25 years in October
Kim Brinsko: 25 years in October
Joni Reese: 10 years in September
Sandra Goldmann: 5 years in September
Gloria Jones: 5 years in January
Janet Kloser: 5 years in June
Debra Koller: 5 years in January
Karen Smith: 5 years in June
La Toya Sykes: 5 years in December



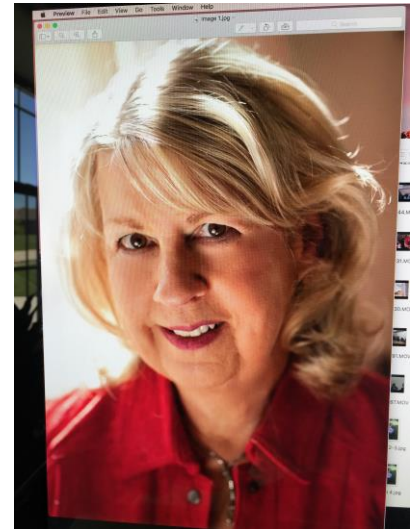


Club Bios

Meet Carol Mangold!

The inequities in the opportunities available to and the treatment of females compared to males has troubled me since childhood. When I discovered Zonta, it seemed like a natural fit for me. I joined the Zonta Club of Douglas County, CO in 2012 where I served on the board and later transferred to the Zonta Club of Denver serving as Advocacy Chair. In 2018, we relocated to Plymouth, WI near a granddaughter. Pam Knackert contacted me, and I transferred to the Milwaukee club in July of 2019.

Dick, my husband of 44 years, and I have a blended family of six children, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Sadly we lost a son, Jeff, in 2005. In the late 1960's - early 1970's, I struggled as a newly single mom raising 3 young boys alone for 7 years. This experience further cemented my commitment to promoting equality for women. To this day, I have a special place in my heart for moms raising children alone. During those years, I completed my degree in nursing at the University of Texas, Houston.



My career over 30 years as a RN opened my eyes to more opportunities to empower women and girls. The years at the University of New Mexico Hospital enlightened me regarding the challenges facing Native American women. Returning to Houston, in 1990, my nursing career path took a different direction into oncology research trials at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and later I continued coordinating oncology clinical trials at the University of Colorado Anschutz Cancer Center.

Following retirement in 2010, I've resumed painting, watercolors and oils, and studying French. Grandchildren continue to be a major joy in our lives.

Since 2010, I've traveled on 4 mission trips to Africa and one to Nepal. Pre-COVID, Dick and I enjoyed traveling for pleasure. Travel opened my eyes to the impact of human rights abuses and abject poverty on women and girls around the world, so I'm participating in the Milwaukee Club's International Committee. My participation in the Racial Justice Committee has been an ongoing process in understanding systemic racism and it's impact on women.

Through Zonta, I've had the honor of meeting many accomplished and inspiring women. I look forward to serving as your Vice President and together we can make a positive impact in Milwaukee and the world.

Membership



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Meet new member Crystal Carter! Welcome to the Club!

I recently joined Zonta in September of 2020. Zonta's mission aligns with my passion for helping and empowering girls and women with an emphasis on women from underserved populations.



I am from Milwaukee, WI. I attended Marshall High School and remained in Wisconsin to attend UW-Whitewater for my Bachelor's degree and UW-Milwaukee for a Master's in Social Work.

I spent my career working in the community for underserved populations as a social worker, a clinical therapist, and as an educator. I am currently a Clinical Assistant Professor/Field Liaison in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare. I have always been a strong advocate for mental health awareness and equity and diversity.

I enjoy writing, reading, traveling, and music. I look forward to my involvement in this great organization.

Future Dates

Meetings

October 28

November 18

December 16

Club Events

Area 2 Spring Workshop – Mar 20, 2021 (MKE)

*District 6 Fall Conference – Oct 8-10, 2021
Oakbrook IL*

2021 Fashion Show Fundraiser – Oct 23, 2021



Notice for the Foundation Board, Club Board and Committee Chairs:

At the beginning of the November, our current GoDaddy interface to access our Club email boxes will be converted to a modern Office365 platform. The emails listed below and zontamke@zontamilwaukee.com will be upgraded to the new platform.



We're updating your email experience on 11/02/2020.

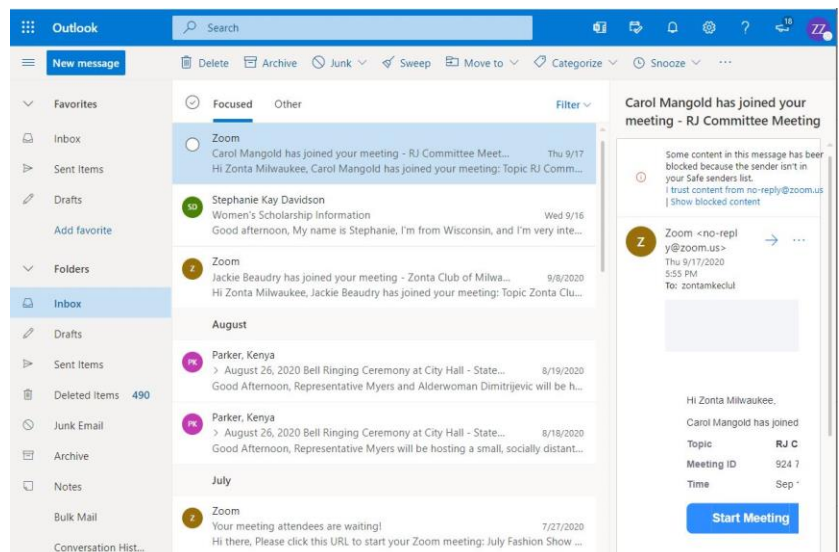
We're retiring Workspace and moving your email to a new platform. We know change can be hard — but not this one. This update to Microsoft Office 365 is going to be smooth, and you don't have to do anything.

We'll be updating the following email accounts:

zcmembership@zontamilwaukee.org, zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org,
zfoundation@zontamilwaukee.org, zontamkeclub@zontamilwaukee.org

With the move, you'll be automatically transitioned to Microsoft Office 365 and the Outlook Webmail interface.

The new O365 email interface will look similar to this:



UN Committee



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The Zonta International Board awards International Honorary Membership to individuals who have helped to change societal attitudes about women, or have improved conditions for women beyond the national level. Since 1970, Zonta International has recognized 41 women for their significant contributions to advancing the status of women worldwide. Of the 41, nine are from the United States.

Sylvia Alice Earle (USA)

Oceanographer, marine biologist, conservationist and ocean floor explorer

Georgia Neese Gray (USA) (deceased)

First woman appointed United States Treasurer

Kathryn S. Fuller (USA)

Environmentalist and former President and Chief Executive Officer of the World Wildlife Fund

Millicent Hughes-Fulford (USA)

First woman civilian scientist in space aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia, June 1991

Margaret Chase Smith (USA) (deceased)

Former U.S. Senator; awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom

Margaret C. Snyder (USA)

Former Director of the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Jeana Yeager Williams (USA)

First U.S. woman to co-pilot a nonstop, non-refueled flight around the world

Sally Ride, Ph.D. (USA) (deceased)

First U.S. woman in space

Celeste Holm (USA) (deceased)

Actress and former UNICEF Board Member

The remaining thirty-two represent many other countries:

Australia, Iceland, New Zealand, Rwanda, Japan, Sweden, Singapore, United Kingdom, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Philippines, Canada, Egypt, Norway, Colombia, and Liberia

To learn of the accomplishments of these women that earned Zonta International's recognition visit the ZI website.



October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

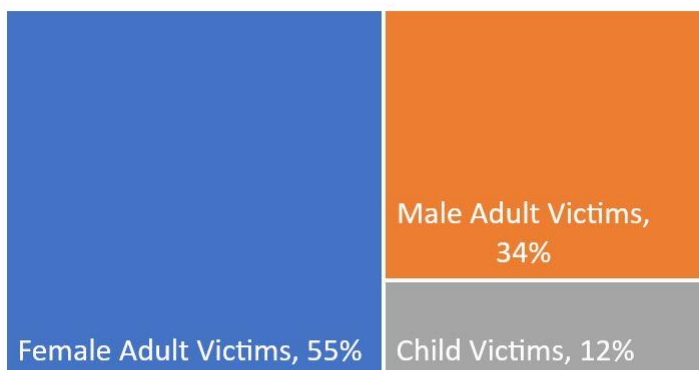
In lieu of our annual silent march this year, we have been posting data and stories about domestic violence, victims, survivors, and possible actions throughout the month. Much of the information is sourced from our partner End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin's annual Homicide Report – the info we usually share at the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent March. Follow and Share!



If you haven't been paying attention, start now. Visit our Facebook page, learn, and share what you are most struck by with your Friends. Here's a sample posting, in case you missed it:

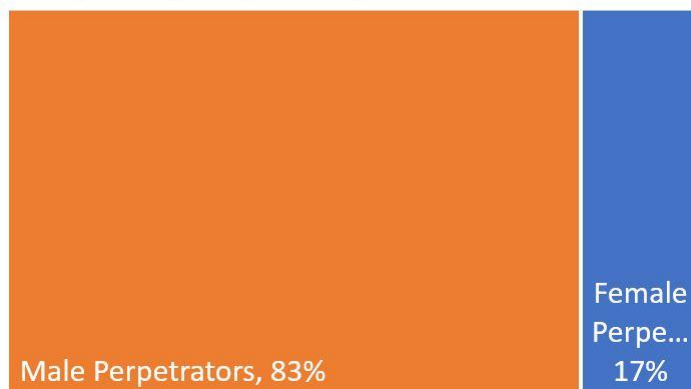
In Wisconsin, in 2019, the majority of domestic violence homicide victims were adult females, but over one-third were adult males. Men and boys are not immune from being victims of domestic violence.

Over Half of Victims were Female

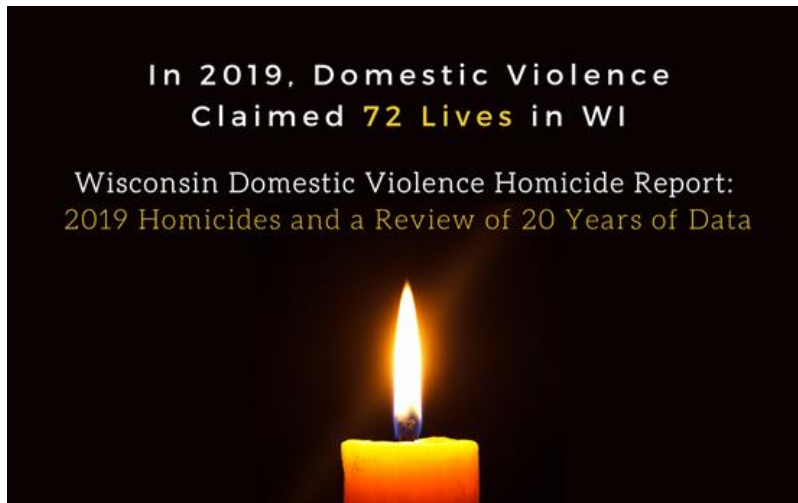


There were 730 domestic violence perpetrators of homicide in Wisconsin from 2000 to 2019, most of whom were male. While the risk of domestic violence homicide is more equal for females and males, most who commit the homicide are male. The behaviors exhibited by homicide victims and perpetrators vary by sex. Female perpetrators rarely engage in patterns of stalking, strangulation, increasing severity of violence, forced sex, threats to kill, and other coercive behavior that often characterizes homicides committed by males. Many homicides committed by females were preceded by an immediate or anticipated attack or a history of abuse by the homicide victim.

Large Majority of Perpetrators were Male



Source: 2019 End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin Homicide Report.



Racial Justice

The Club Board met with the Racial Justice Committee at its August 11 meeting. We reached two agreements:

- Facilitate personal discovery/education of Club members: “Begin at home”
- Help find project(s)/action(s) to support: “Do something”

The Racial Justice Committee then developed a proposal for Zonta Club of Milwaukee programming and activities during the current biennium. That proposal has four components:

- Club Programs with video/discussion format, one for Fall and one for Spring
 - “Tolerance is For Cowards” (upcoming)
 - Jane Elliott interview with Jimmy Fallon (March, May?)
- Bi-monthly topical discussions, optional for Club members
 - Virtual tour of Jim Crow Museum (Nov?)
 - Myths and Misconceptions that Endanger Black Women’s Health (Jan?)
- Personal discovery tool and accompanying Resource List
 - “Highly Recommended” shorter list (October)
 - More extensive list (November)
- Advocacy plans for October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month) and 16 Days of Advocacy

The detailed proposal was for your review after the September meeting. We will discuss and seek approval at the October meeting.








This year has been incredibly challenging and I'm writing today to share some great news.

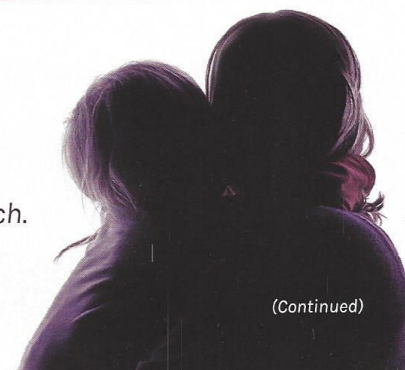
With your help, Sojourner has overcome tremendous obstacles to support domestic violence survivors and their families. Your support helped us innovate, adapt and get creative to solve numerous unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19.

COVID-19 is making it extraordinarily difficult for survivors to find safety. This past spring, we asked for your help to support survivors and you responded enthusiastically and generously. We are beyond grateful for your support.

See how we've overcome incredibly difficult challenges and the impact your support is having on survivors. Thank you!

CHALLENGE	SOJOURNER'S INNOVATION	IMPACT FOR SURVIVORS
 The highly contagious COVID-19 virus causes global concern and prompts businesses and communities to shut down and stay safer-at-home.	Implemented stringent health, hygiene and safety practices to safeguard clients and staff from COVID-19.	Remained fully operational, providing safety planning, support and shelter amid a global pandemic.
 Milwaukee County temporarily closes the courthouse and begins holding critical hearings by web conference.	Moved our Restraining Order Clinic to Sojourner and shifted to e-filing and support by phone.	Helped over 700 survivors use the court's new online system to file restraining orders electronically.
 CDC and health department restrict gathering sizes , forcing the cancellation of in-person support groups.	Maintained contact with survivors by transitioning to virtual support groups.	Survivors, including people with unreliable transportation and childcare, feel supported and connected to services.
 Day and week-long camps for kids are closed for the summer to prevent the spread of COVID-19.	Adapted Camp HOPE from a week-long sleepaway camp to an engaging, interactive virtual experience for kids.	Kids impacted by domestic violence are building hope and resilience through virtual activities and camp events.
 Survivors need help , but are unable to reach out.	Launched a survey to assess survivors' emotional and physical well-being.	Increased funding for client emergencies (e.g., rent assistance, groceries, cleaning supplies) to respond to urgent needs.

I WAS SO SCARED... I had to do what he wanted to keep my kids safe. Sojourner's support has made such a difference and helped me so much.
I'm not afraid anymore.



(Continued)



Overcoming Challenges Together

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the most vulnerable people in our community and has created economic hardship for many nonprofits.

Thank You!

We are grateful for your help to overcome obstacles and inspire HOPE for survivors and their families!

Peacefully,

Carmen M. Pitre
President & CEO

Want to help more?

Join the movement.

Check out #UntilSheCan on familypeacecenter.org/untilshecan or on social media.



#UNTILSHECAN

Challenge:

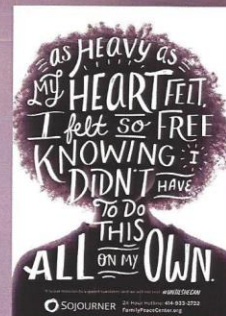
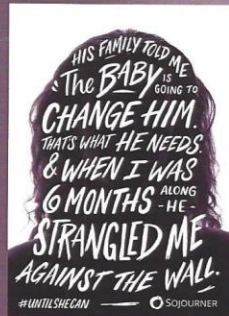
Survivors report feeling isolated and afraid to reach out for help.

Sojourner's Innovation:

We launched the #UntilSheCan campaign to drive awareness and aid for survivors.


Impact for Survivors:

We're still helping survivors with safety planning, restraining orders and other support services.



Watch for inspiring videos and our social media challenge on [Facebook.com/SojournerMKE](https://www.facebook.com/SojournerMKE).



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