

Embrace Quarterly E-Newsletter  
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## Expanding the Reach of Our Embrace

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To Our Partners,

Embrace is happy to announce that beginning January 1, 2019 we will be expanding services for domestic violence survivors into Barron County. Embrace currently serves the tri-county area of Rusk, Price and Washburn Counties.

Earlier this year, Barron County Health and Human Services invited Embrace to consider including Barron County in its service area. Additional outreach, prevention, and awareness programs were identified as a need in Barron County, and the innovative, rural outreach services model developed and used by Embrace will meet this important need. Embrace's comprehensive services and program growth over the past several years has demonstrated positive outcomes for survivors and the communities of our current tri-county service area. Embrace has the capacity to continue developing innovative and unique approaches that also meet the needs of domestic and sexual violence survivors in Barron County. By relying on Embrace's current infrastructure, the expansion of services will be possible without a significant increase in administration costs.

The Barron County service expansion is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and

Families Domestic Violence Outreach Services grant. Additional Embrace staff members will be hired and a new office location will be set up in Rice Lake in 2019 that will accommodate expanded operations devoted to providing accessible and high quality services. Embrace hopes to jointly develop a shared office space with the current sexual assault services providers in the County to create a single hub for accessing holistic services. Embrace Board and Staff are looking forward to working collaboratively with Health and Human Services staff, Law Enforcement, and all community agencies serving survivors to enhance the County's system response with trauma-informed practices reducing the risk of violence and homicides throughout the communities.

The Embrace Board of Directors is proud of the high quality and effective services provided by our staff and share the excitement of the staff as they embark on this new chapter in the Embrace Services story. Most important of all is to know domestic and sexual assault survivors will have healing services and support available to them to regain hope and build a trauma-free life.

Sincerely,

Dave Willingham  
Embrace Board President

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## Program Highlights



### Embrace's Website Goes Mobile-Friendly and Supports Somali and Spanish Language Access

This fall, Embrace migrated its website to a new platform to better support survivors accessing online information from a mobile cell phone or tablet. To better support folks looking for information in Somali or Spanish, Embrace added multi-lingual buttons on the homepage of the site so all survivors in Embrace's growing service area can access support! [Check out the new website here>>](#)

### Purple Thursday and 2018 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

"...Domestic violence is one of the most under-reported crimes. So many people look the other way telling themselves it's a private family matter... Meanwhile, victims suffer in silence... If there was only someone out there who would understand, someone who would listen without judgement... You could be that someone. Reach out. Show support. One way to show support is to wear purple on Thursday, October 18th. It's a small and simple gesture but could mean the world to someone who is hurting." -- Tammy Fee, Washburn County V/W Coordinator. In addition to **Purple Thursday**, other ways you can show your support this DVAM is by viewing the homicide awareness displays and stopping by your local coffee shops, Badger Brew, Toad House, Alley Cats Coffee, The Whistle Punk, Ed's Pit Stop, Kayla's Kitchen, and Homespun, who are participating in the **Brew Love, Not Hate** outreach partnership with Embrace.



### Whether It Was an Hour Ago or 40 Years Ago, We Believe You

Recent national media coverage of sexual assault and the thoughtful questions Embrace staff have fielded over the testimonies of Dr. Blasey Ford and the confirmed Supreme Court Justice, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, have inspired Embrace to host an educational social media campaign challenging our community members to better understand sexual assault, consent, and gender violence. We're calling out to YOU, asking you to



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embrace the discomfort of stepping outside of what you know and to be open to thinking differently about your support of people experiencing sexual violence. After all, having empathy, giving positive support, and believing survivors are ironically the key requirements to reduce delayed sexual assault reports, involve the criminal justice system, and hold offenders accountable in the first place. Throughout the next few weeks, Embrace will be sharing articles, videos, and research on sexual assault issues through our Facebook and Instagram accounts. By doing so, we hope our information will help debunk common myths around sexual assault and give you ideas for better supporting your friends or loved ones who have experienced sexual assault. We encourage you to stop by or call us with your questions and insight! Our doors are always open for respectful discussion about the Kavanaugh allegations and how the Me Too Movement is shifting us to rethink the cultural gender roles we've been taught. **Click here to follow our posts on Facebook>>**



## We're Recruiting for 2019 Men in the Kitchen Chefs!

Do YOU cook? Even a little? Are you brave enough to share your culinary skills? Are you ready to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of the men, women, and kids who come to Embrace for help? Then, we WANT you! Embrace's annual Men in the Kitchen will be held at the Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary in Sarona, Washburn County, on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Live music, dancing, and fun with local band "Those Guys" will take place after dinner! We are recruiting guys who can cook and are willing to help raise money for Embrace by forming a team to plan, cook, serve, and bus a meal to a table of 8 to 10 diners who buy a ticket from Embrace to eat at your table! If you are willing to take on the challenge, call Embrace at 715-532-6976. **Click here for more information>>**

"We cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

— Albert Einstein