

Bolton Refuge House, Inc. Launches “Pave the Way” Campaign

EAU CLAIRE, Wisconsin- December 5th, 2018 today the Bolton Refuge House, Inc. in Eau Claire, Jackson and Buffalo counties launched its first ever state-wide campaign to support the community by expanding services through adding a 6-plex wing onto the Farwell emergency shelter facility in downtown Eau Claire. Bolton Refuge House (BRH) is a service provider for individuals who have experienced domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Though emergency sheltering is often what BRH is recognized for, many other services are offered to victims and their children ranging from: 1-to-1 supportive listening, safety planning, support groups, personal advocacy, counseling, community education, children and youth advocacy, family advocacy, legal advocacy, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and a 24-hour emergency crisis hotline. All services are confidential and at no cost to the victim and their family.

Noting that this is a state-wide campaign, BRH Executive Director Pat Stein goes on to say, “This wing serves as a memorial throughout the state to all those who have experienced or been impacted by domestic violence, intimate partner violence and sexual assault.” BRH serves all counties throughout the state and does not turn individuals down based on residency, race, sexual identity, or gender. BRH prides itself on creating a safe space through programs and services for all persons impacted by domestic violence, intimate partner abuse, and sexual assault, while advocating for social change.

The Farwell Wing will be a two-story building attached to the current facility. The wing will increase capacity and allow BRH to better serve victims and their children by offering single and family households a safe transitional housing unit to address basic needs while also gaining self-sufficiency. Occupants will transition from emergency shelter into the Farwell Wing, allowing the household to reduce their time in the communal living area of shelter living. Families will remain together, and protective parents will reunify more quickly with their children; all while gaining independence and maintaining safety through support services offered 24 hours a day. Without the community’s support, BRH would not be able to grow in services that better fit the ever-changing client’s needs.

This Holiday Season, BRH asks you to support the Farwell Wing by memorializing the walk-way with paver clay brick engraved by you. This can be done by visiting the website below. Any questions can be directed to pavetheway@boltonrefuge.org. For more information and a link to the site, please visit www.boltonrefuge.org or the paver sale direct link at www.pavetheway.donationbricks.com/

Pavers can also be purchased through mailing your checks and the engraving order form directly to BRH –memo Paver Sale, PO Box 482, Eau Claire WI 54702-0482, or through PayPal on the paver website listed above. When ordering through PayPal, please disregard the shipping address on the form; as the bricks will automatically be shipped to BRH. Please feel free to use PayPal as a quest if you do not have an existing PayPal account.

Ground will break on the Farwell Wing in April of 2019, with completion set for December 2019.