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# Safety Hope & Healing

## Keepers of the Faith

Over 30 years ago, a partnership of a faith community (**Three Holy Women Parish**), caring neighbors, and UWM launched what we now know as The Counseling Center of Milwaukee's (TCCM) *Pathfinders* program. Together, people who share a vision of hope can bring remarkable healing to the vulnerable youth and families for whom we care so deeply. Rev. Gary Johnson, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church stated ***"Faith communities of all kinds share a common commitment to caring for the most vulnerable in our midst. TCCM offers Mt. Zion an essential opportunity to share the abundant love that God has given us. Too often, youth and families in trouble are invisible to the world. Through our work with Pathfinders we receive as much as we give because we are reminded that hope is present even in the most difficult of situations."***

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- Christ Church Congregation
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Mount Carmel Lutheran Church
- Mount Zion Lutheran Church
- St. Sebastian's Church
- St. Timothy Episcopal Church
- Three Holy Women Parish
- Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

Today, TCCM continues to depend on nearly a dozen partners in the faith community to do our work. From **Mt. Zion Lutheran Church's** focus on *Pathfinders* as their "Mission of the Month" and "Servant Week" volunteer project to **Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ's** sponsorship of our *Hand-In-Hand* "reward party" celebrating the journey to health for young victims of sexual assault to **Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church's** support of TCCM at its December "Mission Fair," TCCM is blessed to have committed partners who are prepared to walk with those who hurt and long for hope. Volunteering, in-kind and financial support, and prayers buoy us in our daily work. On behalf of all of us at TCCM, many thanks to all the congregations who "keep the faith" with us! For more information contact Dan Magnuson, Executive Director at (414) 271-2565.



## A Tradition of Support

Once known as the *Quiet Company*, Northwestern Mutual (NM) is anything but when it comes to its ongoing support of TCCM. Since the year 2000, Northwestern and TCCM have maintained a strong and diverse partnership that continues to ensure the organization's current and future success.

After many years of grant funding, essential financial support through the Northwestern Mutual Foundation (NMF) was renewed in 2000 and is currently provided to the organization's *Pathfinders* program, one of only two such programs in Milwaukee County that works effectively with the thousands of runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth in Milwaukee who need assistance. Each year, NMF has demonstrated its commitment to this vulnerable population of young people by awarding TCCM grant funds that provide essential services such as temporary shelter, youth and family counseling, and youth empowerment and leadership development programming.



Northwestern Mutual provides additional financial support through its corporate sponsorship of TCCM's annual auction fundraising event, and has been the lead corporate sponsor of the auction since 2001. Through their support, not only have event costs been underwritten but additional companies and businesses have been recruited as event sponsors. Employees of Northwestern Mutual also donate multiple high quality auction items, ensuring that each year the event achieves increasing success in raising much needed revenue.

Most importantly, it is through the volunteer efforts of Northwestern Mutual employees that TCCM receives its greatest gift. During each year's annual United Way fundraising campaign, employee groups from throughout Northwestern Mutual have adopted TCCM and collected needed in-kind donations for the organization's clients. Employee groups from Northwestern have also chosen TCCM as its volunteer work site during United Way's annual *Day of Caring* and have provided much needed assistance with special projects. Each year, TCCM receives additional financial support through Northwestern Mutual's *Volunteer Support Program*, a Company initiative that awards annual grants to nonprofits like TCCM who have NM employees serving as volunteers.

The best example of such volunteer commitment can be found in Northwestern Mutual employee and TCCM Board President Lynn Heimbruch, who since 1999 has been a constant figure in the organization's efforts. Whether leading TCCM's strategic planning process, helping organize the annual auction event, contributing her own time, energy, resources, and creativity, or supporting the efforts of TCCM's staff and volunteers, Lynn has embodied the spirit of giving evident throughout Northwestern Mutual. Recently promoted to Grants Manager for the Northwestern Mutual Foundation, Lynn explains her company's continued support of TCCM quite simply: **"Northwestern understands how important the work TCCM does is to the overall quality of life in our community. The Foundation values TCCM's emphasis on quality, cost effectiveness, and meaningful results throughout its services. Through our partnership, TCCM can continue its tradition of offering safety, hope, and healing to those in need throughout our community."**

## ART OF HEALING



On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the *Hand-in-Hand* Program held its annual Art Show at TCCM. The afternoon was dedicated to the expression, reflection, and appreciation of survivors of sexual violence.

Approximately 80 community members toured the Art Show. It provided an excellent outlet for youth to share their feelings and express their thoughts in a healthy way. It also provided the community with an understanding of sexual violence and its consequences.

*Hand-in-Hand* clients prepared works of art that reflected being a survivor of sexual abuse.



### Wish

*I wish that I could make it all better.*

*Make so no one hates.*

*I wish my mom loved me.*

*She would be there for me.*

*I wish that I could show everyone that it happened to me.*

*They would all believe me and help me.*

*I wish that I didn't want to kill myself.*

*I would be one of those "normal" kids.*

*I wish I could take back every thing I said bad to my family.*

*I would say nice things to them.*

*I wish that I could wash everything away.*

*I would have a new life and have another chance at life.*

*I wish*

Artwork included poetry, drawings, paintings, sculptures, and collages.



Participants reported feeling a sense of accomplishment, increased self-esteem, as well as a sense of empowerment as they were part of educating the community. Those who attended commented that the Art Show was moving, eye opening, and important. Those who attended reported gaining a better understanding of what survivors of sexual violence are feeling.

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Thank you



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Honoring the Connections

that Strengthen Families

In Milwaukee

*Connections Count*



## Hollander's Advocacy Recognized for National Family Week

TCCM is proud to announce that its 2004 National Family Week Advocacy Award winner is Gary Hollander, PhD. For over 35 years, National Family Week has been a catalyst for fostering progressive change that strengthens family and community life in America. Gary exemplifies the power that commitment, vision, and passion can have to ensure that families, in all their diversity, are honored and supported.

A psychologist by training, Gary founded Diverse & Resilient, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healthy development of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in Wisconsin through the development of groups and communities to take action. The organization's name is intended to serve as reminder that LGBT people are everywhere, engage in interesting and meaningful lives, and contribute to the welfare of each other and the broader community. Gary serves as President of Gary Hollander Enterprises, an organizational consulting and professional coaching firm, and is on the faculty of UWM and Marquette University. He is also past president and current board member of the Wisconsin AIDS Fund, a fund within the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

## United Way's Week of Caring a Tremendous Success for TCCM

During this year's United Way *Week of Caring*, held from September 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, more than 1,400 volunteers from nearly 70 local workplaces participated in over 160 projects and 50 supply drives to benefit close to 80 nonprofit organizations throughout our community. As reported by United Way, "Week of Caring provides meaningful volunteer experiences that give people the opportunity to see how they can make a difference by partnering with United Way."



TCCM was the grateful beneficiary of not one, but two *Week of Caring* volunteer teams who spent a day providing much needed project assistance. A group of enthusiastic staff members from the United Way of Greater Milwaukee office came to TCCM to help sort a growing collection of in-kind donations, as well as assist with assembling information packets that help explain TCCM's many programs and services. Over at the organization's *Pathfinders* program, employees from **Johnson Controls** volunteered to cook dozens of meals for the runaway and homeless youth served by TCCM, as well as provided painting and furniture repair work within the youth shelter. **National Insurance Services** and **U.S. Bank** held supply drives generating much needed school supplies and youth clothing.



TCCM would like to again thank the dozens of volunteers who helped provide safety, hope, and healing during this year's United Way *Week of Caring*:

Richard Brandt, WE Energies

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### Week of Caring Participants

## Congress Designates November as National Runaway Prevention Month



TCCM is pleased to report that the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives recently completed action on Congressional Resolutions for National Runaway Prevention Month.

Nevada Congressman Porter stated: ***“The National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard have collaborated since 2002 in co-sponsoring National Runaway Prevention Month during the month of November. As a result of this collaboration, communities across the country have undertaken a range of activities to commemorate National Runaway Prevention Month.”***

Congressman Kildee of Michigan agreed, saying ***“Let me first applaud the hard work of the front line workers who are on the ground working with runaway and homeless youth every day. For many youth, these workers represent the only responsible and caring adult they will have contact with during their time on the streets. Many of these workers are volunteers who make themselves available 24 hours a day. They venture into dangerous situations, providing a lifeline for these young people. They should be acknowledged for their efforts”.***

Other notable Members who lent support included Representatives Gingrey of Georgia, who authored the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003, Davis of Illinois, and Grijalva of Arizona. Representative Grijalva also urged his colleagues to support Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, stating, ***“Our children are this Nation’s greatest resource, and none should be considered expendable. I urge my colleagues to not just support this resolution, but to also continue our strong support of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center, Transitional Living, and Street Outreach Programs.”***

The Senate passed Resolution 430 under unanimous consent. The bi-partisan resolution designates the month of November as National Runaway Prevention Month. Our own Senator Herb Kohl was a co-sponsor of S. Res. 430, and we thank him for his continued strong support of runaway and homeless youth and our organization’s Pathfinders Program.



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FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005**



*Hand-in-Hand*

***Celebrating Success, Hand-in-Hand***

Join us at the Milwaukee Public Museum for an evening of fun, friends, and great food while celebrating *Hand-in-Hand*, Milwaukee's premier program for young survivors of sexual abuse. The evening will include an auction and an opportunity to enjoy the nationally acclaimed "Pearls" exhibit. So mark your calendar, and join us on Friday, April 15, 2005.

