



*Lake Superior Regional  
Family Justice Center*



### *Our Vision*

Our vision is to provide a safe location where all the needs of victims are met, children are protected, violence stops, families heal and thrive, economic justice increases, hope is realized, batterers are held accountable, and all professionals work together.



# *Lake Superior Regional Family Justice Center*

For the last four years, the Lake Superior Regional Family Justice Center has been both a dream and a work in progress. This Family Justice Center will operate as a “one stop shop” for domestic violence victims and will continue Duluth’s national leadership role in advising and implementing strategies to end family violence.

It is nationally recognized that women who experience domestic violence must often go from agency to agency to get their survival needs met. They find themselves struggling with childcare and/or transportation while they seek out help. Here in Duluth a woman may have to visit over 15 agencies in order to meet her needs.

Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women, (SHS) providing a multi faceted women’s shelter in Duluth since 1978, has committed significant resources, expertise, and planning to this new Center. The Family Justice Center will be owned and overseen by SHS and will include collaborating agencies to provide prompt, less stressful, and more comprehensive services for women and children. This Family Justice Center will be a welcoming and visible site for women and their children to meet with legal advocates, police, attorneys, therapists, health care providers, job counselors, probation officers, housing specialists and social services. All these services will be housed across the street from the Civic Center complex on the first floor of the old Water & Gas Building.

The Center is anticipated to serve approximately 2,500 women and their children annually. This location will provide high visibility “on the street” in contrast to the necessary hidden neighborhood site of Safe Haven’s existing shelter. More women will be made aware and able to seek the necessary supportive services to address the issues that have traumatized their lives, jeopardized their emotional and physical health, threatened their family structures, and diminished their self worth.



We never know how high we are  
Till we are called to rise;  
And then, if we are true to plan,  
Our statures touch the skies.

*Emily Dickinson*





## *Domestic Violence is a National Epidemic*

According to the Center for Disease Control, domestic violence is a national epidemic, not only adversely affecting the lives of victims and their children, but also affecting our community and society as a whole.

American women have more to fear from the men they know and love or once loved, than from any stranger.

### *The Facts*

- Battering is a system of tactics used to gain power and control over a victim. These tactics include physical and sexual violence as well as emotional abuse. Other tactics often a part of battering are coercive and manipulative behavior, economic control and animal abuse.
- Each year approximately fifteen hundred American women are murdered by intimate partners. One third of women's injuries arriving at our emergency rooms are no accident. Most are the result of deliberate acts of violence demonstrating who has power and control over the relationship and their partner. Each year medical expenses stemming from domestic violence total \$3-\$5 billion.
- Businesses forfeit another \$100 million in lost wages, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity.

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- Approximately 50% of the homeless women and children on the streets in this country are there due to violence in their homes.
- Research has shown, children who live in violent homes often act out at school, join gangs, use drugs and alcohol and/or end up in jail due to criminal assaults.
- These children are also much more likely as adults to be victims or abusers.
- A great percentage of law enforcement time is spent responding to domestic violence calls. Police consider these calls potentially dangerous, not just to the victims, but to themselves as well. Officers have lost their lives responding to domestic violence calls.
- From April, 2006 to March 2007 there were 445 physical domestic assaults reported and investigated by the Duluth Police Department. As a result of these investigations 311 arrests were made. In Duluth one woman was murdered in 2005 by her boyfriend. There have been numerous other attempted murders including a well-publicized 2007 attempted murder and successful suicide in a Superior, Wisconsin Medical Center parking lot.
- Domestic Violence and battering are a community problem: thirty percent of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.

# *Safe Haven Shelters*

Continuing a Tradition of Service to Our Community

Our legal advocacy program, established in 1981, will be located in the new Family Justice Center. Continuing to assist women and their families with restraining orders, this program will make it possible for each victim to have a voice in the criminal justice system.

The existing SHS facility will continue in its present location to provide safe emergency shelter to battered women and their children. Our shelter program operates with 39 beds, housing an average of 450 women and children annually, meeting their needs for safety and ongoing support.

Our Community Education Program will expand to include services at both locations. These services include community outreach, support and education groups for victims/survivors, speaking engagements, cross trainings, and raising community awareness about domestic violence.

Duluth has an international reputation as the first city in the world to have a mandatory arrest policy. We are also one of the earliest sites to have a Coordinated Community Response, (CCR). Both policies were initiated by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project in the early nineteen eighties.

Imagine the new family justice center then imagine your sister, daughter, friend, or co-worker who is being abused being welcomed into a warm supportive environment in one safe location where all her needs can be met . . . that's our dream. Please join us in making this dream a reality.



# *Photo of Justice Center Building*



## *The History and the Future of Our Building*

The New Public Utilities Building, Home of City Water and Light Department, became operational in May of 1920. Its purpose was to give the people of Duluth city water and electricity—necessities to make life easier. In August of 2006, Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women purchased the first floor of the old utility building.





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## Safe Haven Shelter

### Lake Superior Regional Family Justice Center Named Gift Opportunities

1. Justice Center (7,000 sq. ft)	\$250,000	Available
2. Lounge The lounge is a warm and comfortable space that will allow women an opportunity to gather. The space includes a fireplace and cooking area.	\$30,000	Available
3. Multipurpose room This room is a family friendly space that will allow moms and children an area for relaxation and play.	\$50,000	Available
4. Large Conference Room This conference room faces 1st Street and has much natural light. It will accommodate approximately 25 persons.	\$50,000	Available
5. Small Conference Room This conference room is connected to the large conference room via a movable wall and will accommodate 12 persons.	\$30,000	Available
6. Service Offices – 9 available Each office will provide space for a service provider to meet confidentially with victims. Service providers will include counselors, probation officers, social service workers, legal advocates, housing support, and more.	\$15,000	Available
7. Exam Room This space will be utilized by health care professionals providing on-site primary care to victims and their children.	\$15,000	Available
8. Staff Kitchen The kitchen will provide space for staff snacks and meals.	\$15,000	Available

Numbers correspond to locations on the map on reverse of this page.

All donations over \$100 will be acknowledged on display in the Justice Center.

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"The family unit plays a critical role in our society and in the training of the generation to come."

*Sandra Day O'Connor*