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Dear Friends,

With the most joyous time of the year rapidly approaching, everyone is busy preparing for the holiday season. Unfortunately, this is not a reality for many victims that have to leave their homes to escape the violence.

I am writing you this letter, during this season of gratitude and giving, to thank you for your past generosity. Women Together / Mujeres Unidas has been providing services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for the past 46 years that includes essential services such as Emergency Shelter, Food Clothing, Trauma Informed Counseling and tireless advocacy for victims.

With the year drawing to a close, please consider making your end of the year tax exempt contribution to Women Together / Mujeres Unidas. This year instead of requesting gifts for our families, we are requesting gift cards. The gift cards will be provided for each person in the shelter so they may purchase what they need. Also, below is a wish list for our various programs, if you wish to make a holiday contribution.

To all of our supporters and friends who helped us this past year, Thank You! On behalf of our board of directors and staff, we wish you a joyful & peaceful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Estella De Anda

Executive Director



Wish List

SHELTER

- Prepaid phones
- Phone chargers
- Board games (all ages)
- Diapers / Baby Items
- Umbrellas, Raincoats & Ponchos
- Hair & Bath Products, Lotions
- Luggage
- Clothing (children, women & men)
- Shoes (children, women & men)
- Toys (all ages)
- Makeup
- Shoes (women & men)
- Christmas Party Celebration Items
- Christmas gift (all ages)
- Christmas bags/wrapping paper

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- Welcome Mats
- Water Hoses (green)
- Lamps
- Window Blinds
- AA, AAA, 9V Batteries
- Plug-in Air Fresheners & Refills
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Pots & Pans
- Cookware
- Small Folding Table
- Large Potted Plants
- Large Flower Pots
- Large Dolly

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

- Plush Animals
- Warmup Pants
- T-Shirts (all sizes – children, women and men)
- Underwear (all sizes – children, women and men)
- Sports bras (all sizes)
- Long sleeves shirts
- Tote Bags
- Small folding Table

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

- Large Potted Plants
- Large Flower Pots
- Outdoor Rugs
- Outdoor Patio Chairs

McALLEN STATELLITE OFFICE

- Office Sign 3' x 8'
- Desktop Laptop
- Welcome Mat & Area Rugs
- Plug-in Air Fresheners & Refills
- Folding Tables
- Air filters

FRIDA'S THRIFT STORE

Looking to re-locate our thrift store...need an affordable rental space.

Program Highlights for 2024

In 2024, Mujeres Unidas made available a safe haven shelter and support services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The following highlights gives a glimpse of the number of Hidalgo County residents who utilized shelter and support programs.

<u>24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE - Telephone help for domestic violence victims and sexual assault survivors.</u>		<u>NUEVA VIDA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM</u>	
Total Hotline Calls	5,112	<i>This program is available for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors for a period of 18 months.</i>	
<u>EMERGENCY SHELTER - The agency maintains a 45 bed shelter for victims of domestic violence and survivors of sexual assault.</u>		Women (6) Children (14)	20
Women	141	GED (5) & ESL (12)	17
Children	204	Total	37
Men	8	<u>MCALLEN SATELLITE OUTREACH CENTER</u>	
TOTAL	353	420 N. 21st Street, McAllen Texas	
<u>FAMILY JUSTICE OUTREACH CENTER</u>		New Clients	1,108
511 N. Cynthia Street, McAllen Texas.		Total Calls	1,280
Counseling Crisis Intervention	1,735	BATTERER'S INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM (BIPP)- Psycho educational classes to help change abusive behavior	
SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELING PROGRAM		BIPP Participants	384
<i>Advocates provide crisis intervention, individual and group counseling to survivors of stranger/non-stranger sexual assault.</i>		Anger Management Participants	46
Information & Referrals	1,442	COUNSELING SERVICES	
Individual Counseling	414	Individual Trauma Informed Counseling	50
Hospital Accompaniment	415	<u>COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM / TRAINING</u>	
Crisis Intervention	907	<i>Increase awareness in the community on the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and agency services. Number of Participants</i>	
Outreach Activities /Presentaion Participants	1,098	Number of Presentations & Trainings	53
TRAUMA INFORMED COUNSELING PROGRAM		Number of Health Fairs	54
<i>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Counseling</i>		Number of Podcast, News, & Radio	59
Individual Counseling	273	Number of Social Media Post	566
Crisis Intervention	173	<u>VOLUNTEER PROGRAM</u>	
Participants in Group Sessions	16	150 Individuals Contributed 8,045 Hours	
LEGAL ADVOCACY- Advocates provide information about legal rights, remedies & advocacy services		Valued at \$66,857	
Referrals for Legal Assistance	722		
Referrals to Other Agencies	863		
Protective Order Applications	366		

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