A new logo for changing times…

We were proud to unveil our new logo at our Open House on August 10th. Dick Capra painted the new logo on our sign that was designed by UW-Stout student Nick Haugen. Our previous logo was also designed by UW-Stout students in 2009. Previous to that time our logo was a representational design of water flowing under a bridge that was created by Kim Falk, a local artist who passed away shortly thereafter.

Our new logo represents the bridging of the past into the future. We offer hope to victims, and we also offer the tools to help them create a life that is free of abuse and violence.

Our Board also shortened our mission statement, which now reads:

“Our mission is to advocate, educate and collaborate to end abuse and empower individuals, families, and communities.”

The board decided it was important to add a tagline under our name to clarify the work we do. We were able to whittle it down to four words, “Working to End Abuse.”

As we move into the future, we are confident that we will continue to be a resource for victims in our community because we have your support. And we are hopeful that we will one day have a community free of abuse and violence.

Thank you.
Naomi Cummings, Executive Director

Volunteers Needed!
The Bridge to Hope is looking for volunteers to help with childcare during our support groups on Wednesday and Thursday nights and to help with assembling and stuffing newsletters and letters. If you are interested in helping please contact Brittany at 715-235-9074!
Welcome to the Board!

Tom Harris has recently joined The Bridge to Hope Board of Directors. Tom is originally from Prescott, WI, and obtained an engineering degree from UW-Platteville prior to joining 3M. Tom has held many positions within 3M, both domestically and internationally, and is currently the Menomonie Plant Manager. Tom and his wife Jody reside just outside Menomonie and have two children, Mike and Caitlin. Tom and Jody recently celebrated their 30 year anniversary, and they enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, and traveling.

Tom and Jody stay active supporting their church and other local organizations. Tom applied to the board after attending a 2016 fund-raiser at Barrel Room, and he hopes his organizational and project management skills can be utilized to help those in need both now and in the future.

What’s New at The Bridge?

You may have seen articles in the Dunn County News about our efforts to request an ordinance change. The City of Menomonie currently has an ordinance that restricts shelters for domestic abuse victims to residential districts. We are asking for an ordinance change that will enable us to build in other zoned districts, such as commercial or technological. As we have searched for possible site locations for a new building we have been surprised at the restrictions that were in place. Please support our efforts by speaking to your city council member.

Safe Harbor for At-Risk Pets

We have joined with Dunn County Humane Society in a collaborative effort. We know that people abuse often goes hand in hand with animal abuse. Victims don’t want to leave their animals behind when they flee out of fear for their pet’s safety. The Humane Society of D.C. has reached out to The Bridge to join forces to provide safety for victim’s pets. They have started a special fund for this program. It will help them to find foster families for their pets until their owner can find a safer place to live. It will also fund medical care and neutering for their pets. To donate to this fund, please send or drop off a check to D.C. Humane Society, or stay tuned for a future fund-raising event.

Bridge to Hope Board of Directors

Tracy Glenz: Chair Senior Associate, HWC
Mary (Mame) Gale: Vice Chair- Personal Asset Manager
Kaley Walker: Secretary- Attorney at Eiden & Hatfield,
Mary Orfield: Treasurer- retired from UW-Stout
Becky Kneer: Parish Nurse at Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Gary Johnson: Aurora Community Counseling
Howard Lee: retired from UW-Stout
Deb Meyer: retired educator
Julie First-Bowe: Vice President at CVTC
Tom Harris: Menomonie 3M Plant Manager
The month of October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. DVAM began in 1981 and was conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Domestic violence agencies and their communities work together throughout the month to mourn those who have died due to domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end violence. The Bridge to Hope is sponsoring special events in October to bring together the community and raise awareness of our mission. Please join us in wearing purple ribbons throughout the month. These can be picked up at The Bridge to Hope or Marketplace Foods in Menomonie. Please call The Bridge to Hope and ask for Ashlee if you have any questions about any of our events. We look forward to seeing you!

**October 1st – 12:00pm-3:00pm at The Bridge to Hope**

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kickoff*

Come join us for some fun in the backyard to start the month off! Adults and children of all ages are welcome. There will be snacks, games, shared stories and information about our services.

**October 16th-28th**

*Unmasking Domestic Violence*

Menomonie Public Library will have a special exhibit in their display window.

**October 20th - 7:00pm-9:00pm**

*Candlelight Vigil/Walk*

We invite you to meet at The Bridge to Hope for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of victims and honor of survivors of domestic abuse. The purpose of the candlelight vigil is to bring the community together to honor those who have lost their lives, offer support to survivors of abuse and take a stand against domestic violence. We plan to start at The Bridge to Hope and walk through Main Street (to Burger King) and back. Candles will be provided. Please wear purple of possible! (This is also the same night as Witches Night Out on Main Street.)

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**Walk A Mile**

**October 23rd, 12:00pm**

**At Carson Park in Eau Claire**

This event is being held in collaboration with Family Support Center, The Bridge to Hope, Bolton Refuge House, and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Women’s and LGBTQ Resource Center. **Together, these agencies served over 2,500 survivors of violence in 2015.** All proceeds from the event will benefit these local anti-violence programs that support victim/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tickets are $20 for adults/ $10 for students and children under 14 are free. You can register for the event at eventbrite.com

Or on the day of the event!
The Bridge to Hope
P.O. Box 700
Menomonie, WI 54751

Advocacy services for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and human trafficking

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- Diapers size 4-6
- Night time pull ups (4T)
  - Wipes
  - Tooth Paste
  - Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene products
  - Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
  - Bath towels
  - Body wash
- Small Fleece Blankets

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