



## Family Advocates, Inc.

250 N Court, Platteville, WI 53818  
24 Hour Helpline: 1-800-924-2624  
Website: FamilyAdv.org

*“Your generosity turns  
homeless into home.”*

Dear Friend,

What does Family Advocates do? Family Advocates helps those in need of support during a difficult time in their lives while transitioning to a new life, a new home, a new beginning.

Where do you fit in this story and why are you so important to what we do for victims of abuse? You help victims have a second chance for their new beginning. A beginning for themselves and their children free from abuse. People like you are the driving force behind the services provided to the victims we shelter and advocate for.

Without the advocacy, volunteering and financial support from you and our community, Family Advocates would not be able to provide the high level of care that victims need and deserve. Your gift, large or small, will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the over 508 individuals and families we help at the shelter and with outreach services. Any amount that is right for you, brings homeless so much closer to home.

Please make a gift today. Simply fill out and return the form below.

Darlene Masters  
Executive Director

P.S. Thank you for your generosity that will warm the hearts of the families we help during a difficult time in their lives.

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I want to donate to individuals and families in my community through Family Advocates.

#### SUSTAINING GIFT

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month  
 Ongoing and renews each year.  
 Given through January, 20\_\_\_\_.

Automatic Deduction (ACH) from:  
 Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Account  Savings  Checking  
Routing # (9 digits) \_\_\_\_\_  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code \_\_\_\_\_

#### ONE TIME GIFT

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check/Cash (enclosed)  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of  In Honor of

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# A Journey Home

A journey home can mean different things to different people, each victim's journey is unique to them and our advocates support them through their challenges and celebrate their successes. Each of these journeys begin at a hospital emergency room, at the police station, with a phone call or a knock at our door. Family Advocates is always available 24 hours a day and 365 days a year to help, to support and to let them know, *"This is not your fault."*

From our first meeting with a client, our sole objective is to support the victim. Support them in their decisions to stay or to leave, whether to report to police or not to report, or their choice to seek medical/psychological help. No matter the decisions, we always try to implement a safety plan, a healing journey and a support system for each victim. Victims need to know, *"This is not their fault."*

Children are often times secondary victims to a domestic violence trauma. It is vital that they receive the support they need to maintain healthy, positive relationships with caring adults. Our advocates are trained to counsel and support children through relationship building activities and group therapy. It is important youth understand they have a support system and a healing journey as well. *Children need to know, "This is not their fault."*

Victims and their children often arrive at our shelter with little more than a few personal items and a bag of clothes. In order to begin any journey, we must meet physical needs before any mental or emotional healing can begin. Food, weather appropriate clothing and a safe place are what we, as a community can help provide, *"We need your help."*

Family Advocates attempts to provide a safe, secure environment that encourages self-reliance and empowerment. Our goal is to help clients to help themselves. When victims feel strong and stable enough to start their journey on their own, they are trying to furnish a home for their family with little to no furniture, beds, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, dishes, etc. *"We need your help."*

Sometimes it takes a village, *Can you help?*

508 individuals and families helped

Average length of stay 90 days

\$44.38 cost/day per person

Total Cost to Save Lives:

PRICELESS



## Keeping Children and Families Safe in Our Communities

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Safety • Education • Support

I would like more information on:

Attending Support Group

Volunteering at the shelter

Goods/Services needed at the shelter

Including Family Advocates in my estate plans/will

Supporting Youth Camp/Other events

Donating to the auction at the Night of Hope Gala

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_