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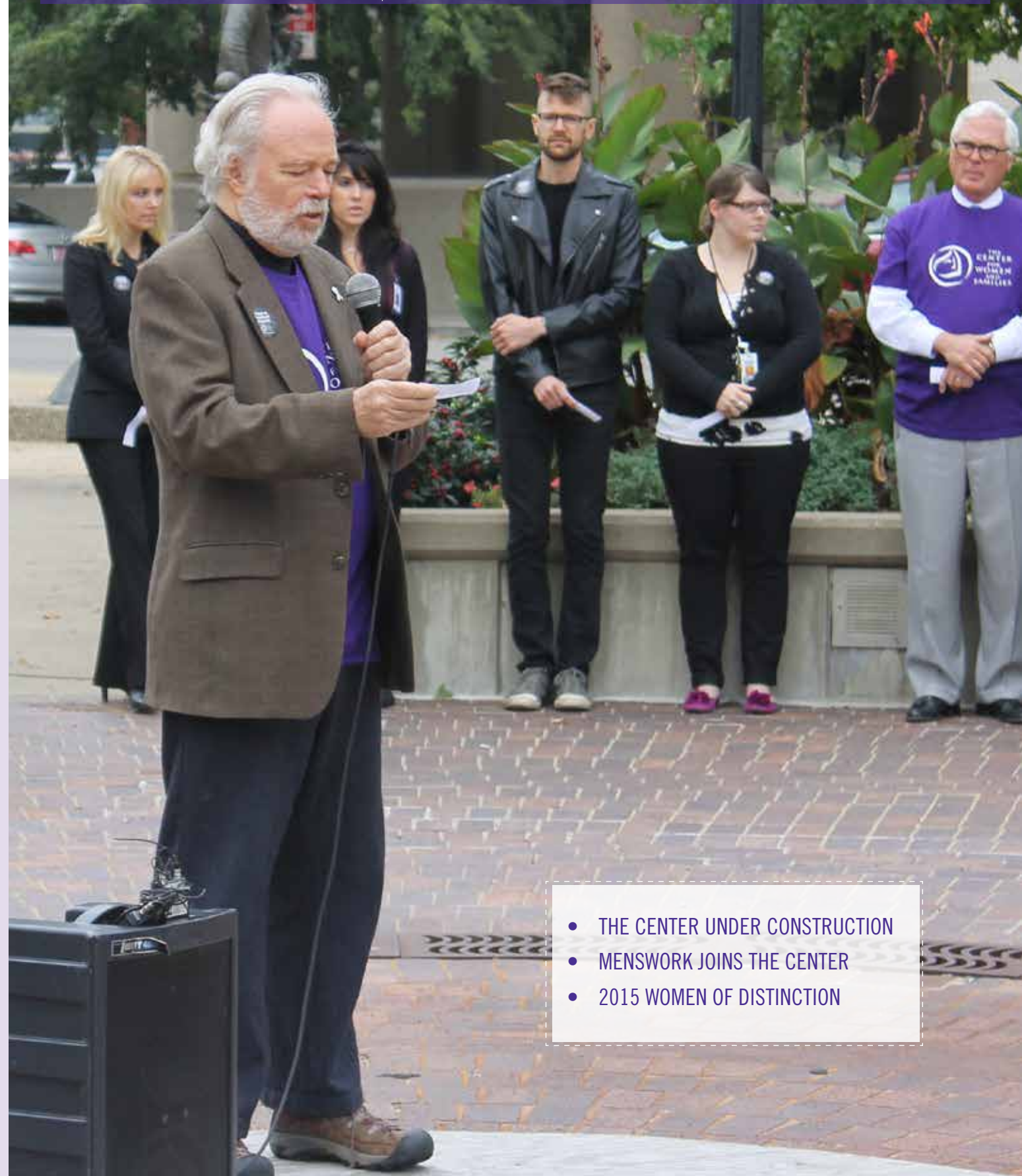
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# More Than a Shelter

FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER



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## THANK YOU

Thank you Empire Beauty School. Students and faculty raised \$1,240 for The Center during domestic violence awareness month.

Pictured: Jeanine Triplett, Vice-President of Development and Communications receives a check from Empire students and staff.

## Recognizing Outstanding Service

Each year awards are presented to individuals at The Center's Annual Board Meeting and Report to the Community luncheon. These individuals make a difference in our community and have provided support to The Center.

Public Service Award: Judge Maria Granger  
Mary D. Rudd Volunteer Service Award: Kevin Krupski  
Nolen C. Allen Man of Distinction: Judge Jerry Bowles  
President's CARE Award: Shelley McDonald

Pictured: Judge Jerry Bowles, Marta Miranda and Tyler Allen at this year's event on October 15, 2014



## A LITTLE HEALTHY COMPETITION

Students from duPont Manual High School challenged Male High School to see which school could get the most items in for local nonprofits. The Center was one of several groups that received donations for clients. In this healthy competition it looks like we were all winners. Thank you to the students and schools! Students from the Key Club assisted in sorting and delivering the items.

Pictured: Students from the Key Club alongside CWF staff as they brought in boxes full of donations for Center clients.



## WEAR A LITTLE PURPLE WITH YOUR PINK

Center employees and volunteers added a splash of purple to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure this year in October. Supporting survivors and raising awareness about domestic violence.

Pictured: CWF Staff, volunteers and Mercy Academy students get ready to walk/run at the race.

## VOLUNTEERS GETTING CONNECTED

A big Thank You to our Ernst & Young Louisville volunteers! They rocked it out at The Center's West Louisville campus in September during #EYconnectday. They are one of several corporate groups who volunteered at The Center during the fall. Special thanks to UPS employees and Bellarmine students for their help in cleaning out the Joan E. Thomas building on Second Street. Their help was invaluable as we prepare the interior of the building for renovation.

Pictured: Volunteers from Ernst & Young pause for a photo while painting.



## Holiday Gift Card Drive

November 12 - December 12

Make a difference this holiday season and donate a \$25 gift card. These gift cards help empower our clients by providing the opportunity to do their own holiday shopping.

With your generous support we hope to provide gift cards to 1,000 families this year. Thank you for giving the gift of empowerment. For more information visit our website or call 502.581.7200.

\* Please donate cards in increments of \$25. Suggested stores include Kohls, Kroger, Meijer, Target and Walmart.

Cash donations can be made online at [www.thecenter.org](http://www.thecenter.org).



## Drop-off Locations:

### Republic Bank

23 Locations in Kentuckiana

Visit [republicbank.com](http://republicbank.com) for complete listing

### Kentucky Derby Festival, Inc.

1001 S. Third Street, Louisville, KY

### Heine Brothers

13 Locations in Kentucky

Visit [heinebroscorfee.com](http://heinebroscorfee.com) for complete listing

### The Center for Women and Families Offices

4743 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, KY

4919 Charlestown Road, New Albany, IN



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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



MARTA MARIA MIRANDA

This year I find myself especially thankful as the holiday season approaches. The year has been filled with unique challenges for The Center. I am grateful that we have not faced those challenges alone. Along with staff, volunteers and donors, our community partners have played vital roles in our ability to continue services uninterrupted. It has been a prime example of how essential it is for organizations to work together for the benefit of the community as well as individual agencies. We are proud to be a part of the web that creates a safety net for our community.

At the Center, we believe that collaboration with like organizations is key to making an impact in reducing all types of personal-based violence in our community. The Center weaves collaboration throughout our work as we serve those affected by violence and strive to prevent it. Partnerships like the Lethality Assessment Program (LMPD), Green Dot bystander intervention trainings and Children Exposed to Violence are saving lives and creating positive

change in our community. We know that domestic violence, child maltreatment and community violence are interrelated, therefore our efforts must focus on all three simultaneously. We could not do this comprehensive work along. It takes everyone to create violence free lives, families and communities.

In September we announced that MensWork will be added to our list of prevention projects at The Center. We believe that this is a smart strategic move that helps build capacity to support the engagement of men in our mission. The combination of talent and resources further advances our work to have men become a key part of violence prevention.

May you and yours be safe and may you find it in your heart to support those who are not, so they may have the joy of safety and empowerment this Holiday Season.

Mil gracias por su apoyo,  
(A thousand thanks for your support)



SEE FOR YOURSELF

To see the work in progress check out our slideshow available on YouTube at [www.youtube/user/thecenteronline](http://www.youtube/user/thecenteronline)



Crews working on the roof of the Second Street Campus over the summer.

RENOVATIONS BEGIN

UPDATE ON THE JOAN E. THOMAS CAMPUS

Phase one of construction at our main campus on Second Street is complete. The building has a sustainable roofing system in place with a 30-year warranty. Crews will start the renovation phase of construction. As interior repairs and renovations take place, The Center's main campus will be crafted into a trauma-informed environment. The building repairs create an opportunity for us to build an environment with increased safety, expanding and energizing spaces. This will enhance our clients and staffs ability to engage in the work of transforming lives.

Interior demolition is expected to begin in late November. The renovations will take several months; we anticipate that the building will re-open in summer of 2015.



CWF staffers get the first peak at interior plans for the main campus.

MEN AT THE CENTER



ABOVE: Friends and staff gather to celebrate MensWork joining The Center at the press conference held in September.

MENSWORK JOINS THE CENTER

We are excited to announce that our long time partner, MensWork has officially joined The Center for Women and Families as another prevention project. With the shared vision of eliminating intimate partner and sexual violence, MensWork joining The Center is a smart strategic move toward our vision of creating violence-free lives, families and communities. This step allows us to combine talent and resources that will help expand our reach in the community and continue the work to engage, empower and organize men to join alongside women in preventing intimate partner and sexual violence in our communities.

It is critical to engage men as preventionists. By moving forward with these programs, we are laying the groundwork to create a cultural shift of awareness and prevention to reduce the incidence and prevalence of sexual and domestic violence.

ABOUT MENSWORK

MensWork, a Louisville based nonprofit, focuses on educating and empowering men to prevent all forms of sexual and domestic violence. MensWork was originally formed in 2008 to create more ways for more men to be more actively and proactively involved in ending men's violence against women. Their focus has been leadership development and community organizing strategies to mobilize men and boys. Rus E. Funk, the director of MensWork, has now joined The Center to help build capacity and facilitate our work with men as active bystanders in violence prevention.

ABOUT OWN IT

OWN IT, a grass roots joint project of The Center for Women and Families and MensWork, was established in 2012 as a community-based awareness and prevention program for men. The purpose is to create a space for male voices to join the Center for Women and Families as Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is not just a Woman's issue, but also a Man's issue.

OWN IT

YOU CAN OWN IT!

Please join this energetic and visionary group of men who are working to define and implement healthy masculinity and recruit other men to assist in our prevention efforts. Contact Rus Funk at [rus.funk@cwfempower.org](mailto:rus.funk@cwfempower.org) or (502)581-7234 for more information.



See other men in the community who OWN IT, including LMPD Police Chief Steve Conrad, former U of L Coach Charlie Strong, Floyd county prosecutor Keith Henderson and Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport. Check out the videos available on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/MENOWNIT](http://www.youtube.com/user/MENOWNIT)

ON THE COVER: Rhoden Streeter, a founding member of OWN IT, joins a group of volunteers and staff at Speak My Name. The event was held to honor those who have lost their life to intimate partner violence during domestic violence awareness month. The participants spoke the names of all those in Kentucky and Southern Indiana who were killed by an intimate partner in the past year.



28TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SERVICE AND SURVIVAL

The 2015 Celebration of Service and Survival is moving to Churchill Downs. Mark your calendars for February 26th, 2015. For more information contact Jeanine Triplett at [jeanine.triplett@cwfempower.org](mailto:jeanine.triplett@cwfempower.org).

ANNOUNCING THE 2015 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Each year, The Center honors five Women of Distinction at the Celebration of Service and Survival. The recipients of the award have been instrumental in shaping our community as we know it today. Just as The Center's diverse services combine to provide safety, encouragement and empowerment along a survivor's journey of healing, the unique contributions of Women of Distinction work in unison to improve opportunity, education and quality of life for women and children in our community. We are excited to announce the 2015 Women of Distinction:

- PAT BYRON    DAWNE GEE    DR. CAROL JORDAN    DOROTHY RIDINGS    AUDREY TAYSE HAYNES

SHINING STARS

MARY LOUISE GORMAN

Who is Mary Louise Gorman? Mary Louise Gorman is our shining star! Mary Louise has been involved as an advocate and supporter with The Center for forty years. In the 1970's, Mary Louise, along with others, decided the volunteers should call themselves by the work they did at the YMCA and The Center for Women and Families was born. Mary Louise has also supported The Center through the annual fund every year since the seventies. Because of supporters like Mary Louise, women, men and children once again have hope in their lives. Thank you Mary Louise Gorman for your support – you are our shining star!



FIRST RESPONDERS

First Responder Awards – the Center is thankful to the many individuals who stepped up to assist us during our roof replacement and building renovation project for the past nine months. On October 15, the Center recognized several businesses, individuals and non-profit partners who have supported us during this timeframe at the Annual Board Meeting and Report Back to the Community luncheon. Photos and a complete listing of the recipients of these awards can be found on our website at [www.thecenteronline.org](http://www.thecenteronline.org).

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