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Campaign Raises \$7.2 Million New Shelter & Advocacy Center to Open

(WICHITA, KS) Wichita Family Crisis Center officials announced today more than \$7.2 million raised to complete its NEW HOPE Capital Campaign.

“Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude,” Amanda Meyers, Executive Director said. “Because of this incredible support from our donors, the Crisis Center will open its new facility early this year.”

“We have been witnessing epidemic levels of domestic violence and human trafficking, and for years there has been not enough safe, confidential space for victims. We regularly lacked capacity for 40 to 50 victims a month. We spent years trying to find safe places to keep people alive while working in a run down, leaking shelter with only 2 bathrooms,” explained Tracey Gay, Director of Client Services.

The new facility is five times the size of the old building. However, this Campaign is about much more than a physical space. The Crisis Center will be the vanguard for cutting-edge programming and make a generational impact on the domestic violence and human trafficking landscape in South Central Kansas.

“Given that domestic violence and human trafficking are inextricably linked to the mental health and substance abuses crises, we expect to experience a positive impact on our community as a whole for many years to come thanks to this project,” Meyers noted. “This is one of the most significant and beneficial events to happen in the Wichita community in a decade. We should all celebrate.”

Crisis Center officials were grateful for the depth of support for the campaign and the project it funds. “Donors from all over recognized the need here. The campaign secured more than \$2 million from out-of-county and out-of-state,” Amy Cox, Director of Development, said. “We are especially grateful to the City of Wichita. Their leadership grant launched this campaign.”

According to Cox, the annual fund program grew during the capital campaign. “We must always raise annual charitable support to fund ongoing operations. During the life of the campaign, we raised more than \$1.6 million to the annual fund. This is a great community.”

If you are in crisis, please call our 24/7 hotline at 316-267-SAFE (7233). Those wishing to learn more about the Wichita Family Crisis Center are asked to call Amanda Meyers or Amy Cox at 316-263-7501.

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