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### **New Lisbon Correctional Institution partners with local business to benefit Hope House**

MADISON –New Lisbon Correctional Institution (NLCI) and Baraboo Pizza Ranch partnered to raise funds for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as part of Crime Victims’ Rights Week earlier this year.

More than \$1,400 was donated to Hope House of South Central Wisconsin, a non-profit organization based in Baraboo that provides direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The organization’s services include a 24-hour helpline, supportive counseling, legal help, a shelter, and community education. Hope House provides services to individuals in Juneau, Adams, Sauk, Columbia, and Marquette Counties.

Every year, DOC staff and inmates throughout the state highlight Crime Victims’ Right Week by supporting victims’ rights programs within the community. Crime Victims’ Rights Week recognizes the rights available to victims, witnesses, and survivors of crime under the Wisconsin Constitution and Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which includes the Crime Victim and Witness Bill of Rights. These protections ensure that crime victims are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect for their privacy.

NLCI has established a close partnership with Pizza Ranch and other local businesses to benefit organizations like Hope House in the community.

NLCI Warden Don Strahota said “Our partnership with these organizations supports one of DOC’s main goals, to provide support and services to crime victims. These partnerships allow inmates to continue to learn how their actions have impacted others and gives inmates a chance to give back to the community.”

Jess Kaehny, Community Education Program Manager for Hope House said “Hope House is grateful for the community support through events like this. We will be able to use these funds toward providing free services to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault as well as provide community education on these issues.”

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More information about Hope House can be found by visiting [www.HopeHouseSCW.org](http://www.HopeHouseSCW.org).



*Left to Right: Ken and Mary Dressen, Margaret Schyvinch, Chuck Iverson, Jim Bills, Marguerite Delany, Ken Lobenstein, Becky Berry, Linda Yoss, and Brooke Granger*

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