



<u>Madison Teachers, Inc. to Raise Funds for Child Advocacy Center during</u> <u>April's "Child Abuse Prevention Month"</u>

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April 19, 2017 – Madison, WI – Madison Teachers, Inc. (MTI) will host a family Bowl-a-Thon to raise awareness and funds to benefit Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month. Scheduled for Sunday, April 30th from 12-3 PM at Dream Lanes in Madison, this fundraiser will support Safe Harbor, a local non-profit who seeks to reduce the trauma to children who are victims of abuse and neglect or witnesses to crimes.

Safe Harbor promotes the coordination of multi-disciplinary investigations, conducting forensic interviews in a child-friendly environment, and providing ongoing advocacy to affected children and families.

"In 2016 there were nearly 6,000 reported cases of child abuse in Dane County," says Jennifer Ginsburg, Program Manager and Forensic Interviewer. "In addition to providing a safe and friendly place for a child to talk about what has happened to them, Safe Harbor ensures maximum coordination among agencies involved in the investigation, and connects young victims and their families to trauma assessment and mental health treatment."

"MTI is proud to support Safe Harbor's work with young victims of abuse. As teachers, social workers and advocates for all children, we know these students need a safe place for help and healing. Safe Harbor provides both professional and compassionate support for our students during this vulnerable time. They say it takes a village to raise a child. MTI wants to ensure Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center continues to be part of **our** village. It is critical that we raise awareness, along with funds, to support Safe Harbor's efforts and we are thankful for the sponsors of this event that have joined us," says Kerry Motoviloff, MTI President and Chair of MTI Cares.

For more information on how you can sponsor a lane or participate, visit: <u>http://www.madisonteachers.org/bowl-a-thon2017/</u> or contact Madison Teachers at 257-0491.

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Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Madison, a private non-profit, provides and coordinates comprehensive services for abused children and their families from across Wisconsin.

Madison Teachers Inc. (MTI) is a member driven Union consisting of over 4,500 members in five Bargaining Units, including; Teachers, Educational Professionals and Para Professionals, Educational Assistants, Substitute Teachers, Supportive Educational Employees (Clerical and Technical) and School Security Assistants who are employed by the Madison Metropolitan School District.