Dear Friends,

Everyone deserves to be safe.

Yet there are thousands in our community – maybe someone you know – being hurt by the person who should love them the most. Domestic violence is in every zip code, among every demographic. It knows no boundaries.

Here in Monroe County, in our city, our suburbs and our rural communities, domestic violence is an epidemic. In the City of Rochester, rates are 3 times the statewide rate. Over 50,000 calls to 911 in Monroe County each year are calls for help because of domestic disputes. At the beginning of 2015, we all felt the pain of four tragic homicides related to domestic violence.

Violence in the home spills out into our streets, our schools, and our community.

This is a community issue that demands a community response.

As parents, as neighbors, and as friends we are leading the Safe Place Campaign to ensure that every survivor of domestic violence has a safe place to find refuge, and a safe place to call for support on their journey of hope and healing.

We stand with Willow in support of survivors in our community. Please join us.

Together, we will make our community a safe place for generations to come.

In partnership,

Bob & Barbara Duffy     Chris & Michele Williams
Honorary Chairs     Campaign Chairs

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A HIDDEN EPIDEMIC

- Monroe County rates of domestic violence are 2 times the statewide rates.
- City of Rochester rates of domestic violence are 3 times the statewide rates.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime.
- Domestic violence costs an estimated $37 billion a year in law enforcement involvement, legal work, medical and mental health treatment, and lost productivity in the workplace.
- Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes domestic violence as a public health epidemic.

HELP WILLOW CENTER BUILD A SAFE PLACE

Your gift will make a difference. There are many ways to give:

- Online at WillowCenterNY.org
- Credit card, cash or check made payable to Willow Domestic Violence Center
- Multi-year pledges payable over 3 to 5 years
- Gifts of stock

Call Willow Center: (585) 232-5200, ext. 223
Visit our website: WillowCenterNY.org
Email Willow Center: SafePlace@WillowCenterNY.org

Naming Opportunities are available. Please contact Willow Center for more information on recognition and giving levels.

I will hope.
I will heal.
I will help.