

Caring Calendars 2026

Be a part of our first calendar raffle and have chances to win over \$6,000 worth of prizes from our neighbors around the Chippewa Valley. Featured Prizes include. . .



What do you need to know?

- Each calendar (entry) is \$35 dollars.
- Order your calendar by **December 1st** to guarantee your entry (see below).
 - You can either pay when ordering or when picking up the calendar.
 - After December 1st, the number of calendars sold, plus a **limited** number of extras, will be printed.
- Pick up your calendar on Monday, December 22nd or Monday, December 29th at the Family Support Center office from 10am - 6pm and complete the physical raffle entry ticket.
- Two prizes will be drawn for each month. Prizes range from \$50 to over \$2,000!
 - Every entry has a chance to win every prize regardless of whether that entry has won before.
- For a full list of rules, prizes, and to order, visit **familysupportcentercf.org** or scan the QR code on the back page!

With Survivors, Always

In October, Family Support Center staff spent Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) raising awareness around domestic violence, mourning those we have lost, and celebrating survivors and the programs and people who create a safer Chippewa Valley.

We held our seventh DVAM Book Club, partnering with the Cadott, Chippewa Falls and Stanley libraries. This year, we read the classic, *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker. Additionally, Tuesday Trivia took place on Facebook for the third year - this year with the theme *Intersections of Housing Insecurity and DV*. Many thanks to Dotter's Books, TJ Pottery, and DV program staff for donating items for the trivia prize.

Some Chippewa County coffee shops, including Bridge Street Brew, Whirlybird Coffee Co., and Xpeditions, labeled their cups with information about DVAM and Family Support Center. Whirlybird contributed the proceeds from their signature DVAM drinks to FSC in honor of the month.

Throughout the month, individuals contributed to our "Letters to Survivors" project, where participants wrote words of encouragement to survivors that are then available at Family Support Center offices throughout the year to read.

Over 500 area agencies displayed purple ribbon posters throughout October and over 30 agencies hosted displays with information about domestic violence across the county. Thank you to the CVTC nursing program students who volunteered to help with this outreach!

Lastly, National Wear Purple Day was on October 16th and FSC staff and partners showed solidarity with survivors of violence (FSC staff picture featured below).



Family Support Center Staff

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Executive Director – Geri

Accounting Manager – Amy

Office Manager – Glori

Resource Development Coordinator – Xander

Domestic Violence Program

Domestic Violence Program Director – Jeni

Domestic Violence Advocates – Cara and Erica

Domestic Violence Youth Advocate – Robin

Domestic Violence Program Intern – Alex

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Sexual Assault Program Director – Amanda S.

EC Sexual Assault Advocate – Annette

CF Sexual Assault Advocate – Morgan

Human Trafficking Case Manager – Krista

UWEC CASA Victim Service Coordinator – Hannah

River Source Family Center

Parent Services Program Director – Becce

Parent Educator – Amanda R.

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Wish List

Family Support Center is asking for these items for participants to help provide assistance and peace of mind. Donations can be brought to the purple building during open hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

- StraightTalk Wireless phone cards
- Gift cards (gas and groceries)
- Forever stamps
- Individually packaged snacks (for waiting room)
- Baby wipes
- Shaving cream
- Laundry detergent
- Deodorant
- Tampons

Holiday Hope

Family Support Center is taking up a collection of gifts to give to participants and families this holiday season. Please bring any **new, unwrapped items** from the lists provided to our Chippewa Falls office **by Wednesday, December 10th**.

Adult Wish List

Personal Care Items

- lotion
- bubble bath
- bath bombs
- body wash
- makeup
- hair items for all skin and hair types

Self-Care Items

- adult coloring books
- journals
- puzzles

Cozy Items

- slippers
- socks
- robes
- candles
- blankets

Youth Wish List

Art supplies

- coloring books
- watercolors
- markers
- craft kits
- stickers
- modeling clay

Games

Books (all ages)

Building supplies

- LEGO
- Duplo
- Magna-Tiles
- Kinetic Sand
- Play-Doh

FSC's Newest Teammate!



“My name is Alex, and I am the fall semester intern at Family Support Center. So far, I love learning more about the services offered and how much Family Support Center makes a difference in the community. I have been part of projects for Domestic Violence Awareness Month which has been very rewarding. I grew up in Green Bay and my

family and I moved to Minnesota when I was in middle school. I am currently going to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire for social work and I will be graduating in December. My goal for the next couple years is to get my master's degree in social work and ultimately become a therapist. My boyfriend, Austin, his cat, Tiki, and I live together. One of our hobbies together is enjoying aquariums, so we have five fish tanks set up in our house. When life gets crazy, I can always rely on reading for self-care. I also enjoy watching movies, sitting by bonfires, and hanging out with friends and family.”

We Need Your Help!

Your generosity makes it possible for us to serve thousands of people every year. Your support funds our ability to work with survivors and families to offer free and confidential services like. . .

Lethality Assessment Protocol and safety planning - Our collaboration with local law enforcement ensures those most at risk of being killed by their partner have immediate access to safety planning and advocate support.

Housing - Lack of safe and stable housing is one of the biggest barriers for survivors trying to leave a violent relationship. We run the only rapid re-housing program in Chippewa County for people fleeing domestic violence and provide rental assistance and case management to help survivors stabilize their lives.

Counseling - Crisis, short-term, and long-term counseling is available for adults and youth, both one-on-one and in groups.

Protective behaviors education - Working with youth in area schools to prevent future violence from occurring and setting kids up with the skills to recognize healthy and unsafe relationships.

Will you continue to support their futures?

To help your generosity go further, the first **\$10,000** donated **before February 1, 2026** will be **100% matched** by the doTERRA Helping Hands Foundation!

Thank you for supporting survivors in our community!

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you for your generous financial support:

Ann & John Altmann
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Those who gave anonymously

Good luck to everyone entered into the *Caring Calendars* raffle:

Jessica Anderson-Webber	Amy Smith
Carolyn Clazmer Strand	Billie White
Sharon Dachel	Theresa Zirbel

We are beyond appreciative of your time, goods, and services:

Tom & Roz Anderson - hygiene items, snacks, diapers & wipes
Mark & Diane Bassett - laundry soap
Diane Bergquist - diapers and storage bags
Barb Buker - hygiene items and food snacks for River Source
Terry Burns - new and slightly used toys
Diana Germain - stamps, coloring books & crayons, disinfectant wipes, tons of diapers, snack crackers & bars, toilet paper & paper towels, juice drinks, toothpaste, and deodorant
Kathryn Hanson - large bags of toilet paper and paper towels
Dorothy Huse - handmade baby afghan, child, toddler, and preemie hats, hygiene & cleaning items, snacks and handmade scarfs
Mary Johnson - handmade dolls
Gary Meier - baby gate
Laura Muetz - handmade afghans
Janet Nosal - applesauce snacks, infant sleepers and clothing

Chippewa Valley Indivisible - kids gift bags
Circle of Friends - bags of hygiene items and cleaning products
Dotter's Books - three copies of *The Color Purple* for DVAM Book Club
Grace Episcopal Church - personal hygiene products
New Hope Lutheran Church - handmade quilts
Ojibwa Golf Ladies - gift cards, hygiene, personal care & cleaning products, color books, crayons, and handmade hats
Royal Credit Union - craft supplies
The Yoga Plant - gift cards
On-Call Advocates Alex, Ayla, Brooke, Char, Cora, Leslie, and Lisa
Sue, for all your help around the office and assembling newsletters

From 7/24/2025 through 10/23/2025.

Gave afterwards? Look for your name in 2026!

What's Going On at River Source Family Center?

Family Resource Center of Quality

We are excited to announce that in July of this year, our program became accredited as a Family Resource Center of Quality (FRC-Q) by Thriving Wisconsin. For the past 28 years, River Source has been supporting families with young children in Chippewa County.

Our core beliefs remain unchanging: We believe ALL parents and caregivers can use support and connection opportunities, parents and caregivers are the first and most important teachers in their child's life, ALL families are welcome, diversity is a celebration of who we are as an individual and a community play IS learning, and children have the right to learn, grow, and thrive in their childhood.

River Source Family Center achieved the FRC-Q accreditation by building up from our program's foundation. Key components of the Family Resource Center of Quality include:

- Utilizing and implementing Family Resource Center best practices
- Meeting the Family Resource Center Professional Development minimum expectations
- Having dedicated staff to integrate protective factors, parent leadership, national standards, core competencies, and child sexual abuse prevention strategies.
- Completing the Awareness to Action policies and procedures

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Bece at National Night Out 2025

Congratulations!
River Source Family Center
designated as a



River Source Wish List

River Source Family Center is in need of the following items for playgroups. Donations can be brought to the purple building during open hours, Monday through Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm. Thank you!

- Gallon and Quart size Ziploc bags
- Individually wrapped non-perishable snacks (such as crackers, veggie sticks, animal crackers, goldfish, applesauce pouches, or soft granola bars)

Find River Source Family Center Online



RiverSourceFamilyCenterChippewaCounty



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www.riversourcefamilycenter.com

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- Offers services within all 5 Core Family Resource Center Areas
- Offering a variety of Universal Primary Prevention Programs
- Implementing an annual evaluation process and continuous quality improvement practices
- Participating as an active member in Thriving Wisconsin's Family Resource Center Network

River Source Family Center is the 13th Family Resource Center (out of more than 40) in Wisconsin to be accredited as an FRC-Q by Thriving Wisconsin, an accreditation that may be renewed every three years. River Source Family Center staff celebrate this accreditation and believe in providing strength-based, high-quality programs for, and in partnership with, families to offer programs where everyone can learn, grow, and thrive together. A big thank you to all the River Source staff, support staff, and Parent Leaders (Robin, Amanda, Brenda, Cody, Xander, Becce, Gina, and John), who spent many, many hours working hard to reach this goal! Wahoo, we did it!!



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You're Not Going to Want to Miss This!

- **Who:** You!
- **What:** Purchase an entry (\$35) into the 2026 Family Support Center calendar raffle
- **When:** Before December 1st (for a guaranteed entry) or before January 28, 2026
- **Where:** Online at familysupportcentercf.org
- **Why:** To support survivors of violence in the Chippewa Valley!

Great
gift idea!

Read inside to learn more!



Scan to learn more!



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www.familysupportcentercf.org

Donate!

In-Kind

Donate an item from our wish list, organize a donation drive, or ask us how you can support Family Support Center!

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