

# SAY 'NO MORE' TO VIOLENCE AND 'WAY MORE' TO CONNECTION FOR ALL



## Dear Friends of the Fond du Lac Area Women's Fund:

Fond du Lac County is a great place to raise families, receive an education, launch careers and come together as a community.



**Aaron Goldstein**  
Chief of Police

We should all have the opportunities to discover and live our life's purpose - full of joy, health, safety. Shocking statistics show this isn't the case for some in our community. We see an increase in mental health issues, trauma and stress that trigger unhealthy decisions and loss of hope. As a community leader and active member of the FDLA Women's Fund Board of Directors, I can report that domestic violence is a serious problem here.

I also believe we must triple down on our ongoing efforts to better address declining mental health and substance use.

Why must we connect on these issues?

### Families Are Hurting

- Domestic violence continues to be the leading cause of all violent crime
- FY 2018 - 2021 saw an average of 340 domestic violence arrests per year (up 4% from FY 2014 - 2017)

### Individuals Are Suffering

- Deaths by suicide are 51% higher here than the state average
- Unserved adults with mental illness are 21% greater than the state average
- Unserved children with mental illness are 19% higher than the State average
- 29 people died here in 2020 from drug overdoses (25 suspected by opioids)

### Professionals Are Overwhelmed

- Access to mental health providers is 700:1 here (Wisconsin is 470:1)
- ER visits for opioid overdoses are 34% higher here than the state average

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## SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

In 2022 and into the upcoming new year, our Board has focused our work, as follows:

### Fond du Lac Says No More Initiative

- Driving prevention education solutions to domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse countywide
- Inviting men and boys to the conversation
- Continuing Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training where anyone who sees something, does something and sends a zero tolerance to violence message

### Health and Well-Being

- Advocating for better mental health access and understanding
- Supporting trauma-informed care efforts countywide

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Education

- Supporting people historically experiencing marginalization
- Serving all women and girls equitably



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## OUR COMMITMENT

Our FDLA Women's Fund Board is so inspired by the steps our agency is taking that we, ourselves, are pledging 100% participation in this 2022 annual fund drive as part of a matching challenge grant to the community.

Additionally, the Lacey Sadoff Foundation will contribute up to \$10,000 in matching funds, which means up to \$15,000 of funds raised by December 31, 2022 will be matched dollar for dollar. What a generous offer!

We ask you to give today to assist others striving for a brighter future.

**Join us! Through connection, our Fond du Lac area will be a place of bold change where safety, equity, health and hope live daily alongside every one of you.**

With gratitude and hope,



**Aaron Goldstein**, Chief of Police  
City of Fond du Lac Police Department



## BOARD MEMBERS INVESTED

At the FDLA Women's Fund, we advocate for a safe and inclusive community where all women and girls thrive and have opportunities to develop untapped potential. With that, we pledge full participation by our Board of Directors, as listed below, to inspire our community in a match challenge!

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## OUR FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

- Education
- Leadership Development
- Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Safety, Dignity and Freedom from Violence
- Health and Well-Being



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