

LEADERSHIP OSHKOSH RAISES FUNDS FOR NON-PROFITS

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Leadership Oshkosh (LO) class of 2021 ran a hybrid (virtual and in-person) trivia contest and raffle on May 20, 2021 that raised \$16,473.00 in support of Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. and the Oshkosh Chamber Foundation for the Leadership Oshkosh (LO) program. The fundraiser is a component of their program to develop current and emerging leaders from various segments of the community and train them to become active and involved citizens.

Jim Macy, chair of the LO program congratulated the class for their creativity in developing a hybrid event, complimented by a 50/50 raffle to offset any loss of revenue due to limited participation that COVID restrictions caused. "On behalf of all of us connected with LO, we want to thank each of you within the Leadership Oshkosh class for your patience and support during this past year. As leaders do, you met the challenges faced, rolled with the changes necessary and finished strong. We don't go into the fund raising exercise with a goal to raise a specific amount, but hope to give you some experience in these types of events, since they are often so vital to non-profit organizations. Having to go virtual for the trivia contest made things even more challenging again this year. Well, it was not only a really fun event, but a financial success as well. I want to extend my congratulations to the class for a job well done!"

"Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services is extremely thankful for the donation given by the Leadership Oshkosh class of 2021 to support or Help is Here fund.

For most of our clients, financial independence, and a life free of abuse are directly linked. Our Help Is Here Fund removes financial barriers for survivors of domestic abuse by paying for basic and emergent needs such as application fees and security deposits for housing, car repairs, legal fees, lock changes, and grocery and gas cards. Without this assistance, many survivors would go without or remain dependent on their abuser.

Helping survivors with daily basic needs and larger, unexpected expenses helps them move out of the cycle of poverty and toward self-sufficiency." Beth Oswald, Executive Director, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services mission is to empower individuals and families through education, safety and support, and lead our community to reduce the incidents and the effects of domestic abuse and dating violence. The organization operates an emergency shelter, a 24-hour help line and outreach services. www.christineann.net

A program of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Oshkosh has been in existence in Oshkosh for 31 years. The goal of the leadership program is to identify and recruit current and emerging leaders from various segments of the community and train them to become active and involved citizens. This is accomplished through a combination of mentoring, volunteer experience and education. For more information about Leadership Oshkosh contact Patti Andresen-Shew at Patti@oshkoshchamber.com