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### **The Big Yellow House Raises Funds to Repair Facility**

*The Care Center in the Big Yellow House raised funds to reconstruct their front entrance. Local businesses partners donate \$21,000.*

**Waukesha, Wis. (December 19, 2017)**– The Child Advocacy Resources and Empowerment (CARE) Center, which provides services to children and adolescents who are suspected of physical abuse, sexual abuse and/or neglect, raised over \$21,000 for the reconstruction of the front entrance of their historical Big Yellow House. Local businesses [The Greater Milwaukee Foundation](#), [Westbury Bank](#), [Capri Senior Communities](#) and [First Federal Bank](#) donated funds to help cover construction costs. In addition, [All Concrete Construction](#) and [Badger Railing](#) offered generous discounts on their services.

“The Big Yellow House is so much more than a historic landmark – it’s a place of healing for our most vulnerable population,” said Teri Terrill, Executive Director at Family Service. “We are grateful to everyone who has donated to help us maintain a safe environment for all who come through our door.”

Steve Kassens, Asset Manager for Capri Senior Communities, oversaw the project. “The sidewalk and steps up to the Big Yellow House had settled, making the top step thirteen inches away from the building and a trip hazard,” said Kassens. “The concrete on the landing had also cracked and a piece had nearly come off due to water damage. The railings also needed to be replaced and made historically accurate.”

The main entrance stairs and landing are now up to code and no longer a trip hazard and the sidewalk leading up to the House is safe. The entrance on the North side of the building was also brought up to code.

“The work being done in the Big Yellow House is so important,” said Kassens. “We want to make sure these children are able to safely access these valuable resources.”

Family Service of Waukesha is a nonprofit agency, founded in 1964 to meet the mental health needs of underserved Waukesha County residents and to improve the quality of individual, family, and community life in Waukesha. To learn more about Family Service, The Care Center, and the Big Yellow House, visit [fswaukesha.org/child-advocacy](http://fswaukesha.org/child-advocacy).