Dear Marquette Friend:

- According to the annual Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Report, the rate of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin held relatively steady from 2009 to 2013: ranging from 3.3 to 3.7 substantiated cases per 1,000 children.
- According to the same report, 4,886 children were found to have been abused or neglected in 2013, compared with 4,289 in 2009.
- In 2014, eight children died in Milwaukee from gun violence, with one victim just 13-months-old. In addition, 76 children were non-fatal victims of gun violence. These tragic and preventable events have local and state-wide officials vowing to end violence against children.

Marquette University College of Nursing will host a sixth annual Health Care Forum: Violence Against Children in the Milwaukee Community. You are invited to join us in this critical conversation, Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:15 a.m., in the Alumni Memorial Union on Marquette’s campus.

Critical insight and analysis of the issue from a variety of perspectives will be provided by our panel of experts:

- Bob Duncan, Executive Vice President, Community Services at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- Ashley Luthern, Public Safety Reporter, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- Dr. Marlene Melzer-Lange, Arts ’71, Medical Director, Emergency Services, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin; Program Director, Project Ujima; Professor, the Medical College of Wisconsin
- Dr. Mallory O’Brien, Clinical Assistant Professor, Marquette University
- Carmen Pitre, Executive Director, Sojourner Family Peace Center
- The Hon. Mary Triggiano, Presiding Judge for the Children’s Division, Milwaukee Circuit Court Branch 13

Please join me, our panel and hundreds of others as we advance the community-wide effort to identify solutions to the heart-breaking reality of violence against children in the Milwaukee community.

Sincerely,

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