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### **Willow Tree Missions Trivia Night Raises over \$18,000 for Family Services Center**

**Monticello, IL** – Willow Tree Missions held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night fundraiser on April 25 to a sold-out crowd of over 190 people. The event, which raised over \$18,000, will benefit the Family Service Center at Willow Tree Missions.

“Each year we provide services to over 100 families in crisis in Piatt County. The funds raised will directly impact families who need our services. It allows us to help those who otherwise may not have the resources available to make needed changes. We provide vital assistance with items such as orders of protection, emergency shelter assistance, safety planning, and crisis counseling among other assistance to those who are experiencing a domestic violence situation. So, thank you to all who joined us for the Trivia Night fundraiser. Your support is making a difference in Piatt County!” said Andrea Kocher, Director of Services at Willow Tree Missions.

The evening included a 50/50 drawing and a dessert auction with desserts donated by local bakers. Sponsors for the fundraiser were First State Bank and Trust and State Bank of Bement. Prizes for the winner were provided by Domino’s and trivia services were provided by Ben Poundstone. For information about upcoming events, follow Willow Tree Missions on Facebook or sign up for their newsletter at [willowtreemissions.org/email-newsletter-updates/](http://willowtreemissions.org/email-newsletter-updates/)

**ABOUT WILLOW TREE MISSIONS:** Established in 2007 first in Cisco and now in located in Monticello, Willow Tree Missions is a Christ centered non-profit corporation that operates resale shops that fund services for victims of domestic abuse. Family Service Center staff assist clients determined to escape abusive situations and create healthier, safer environments for themselves and their children. For victims in imminent situations, Willow Tree provides emergency shelter and assistance with food, clothing, transportation, and household needs. Willow Tree Missions partners with law enforcement officials and community advocates to obtain orders

of protection, provide safety planning, and make legal referrals. To help clients move forward, ongoing crisis support and spiritual counseling are provided by the Family Service Center. Recognizing the interaction between education, substance abuse, and emotional/physical trauma, Willow Tree Missions have instituted Christ centered support programs and proactive educational outreach initiatives.

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