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# **WHEDA Executive Director Presents Domestic Violence Shelter with \$50,000 Grant**

## **HAVEN to expand services throughout Lincoln County region**

Merrill, Wis. – As part of a visit to Central Wisconsin this morning, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Executive Director Antonio Riley presented a grant to a domestic violence and sexual assault shelter in Merrill.

Riley joined Senator Jim Holperin, Merrill Mayor Doug Williams, Tomahawk Mayor Robert Lee and other community leaders at Merrill City Hall to present a \$50,000 grant from the WHEDA Foundation to the Household Abuse Victim's Emergency Network (HAVEN).

HAVEN is in the process of renovating the former Lincoln County building in Merrill, allowing the organization to expand its services and serve more clients in the Lincoln County area and beyond.

"The purpose of the WHEDA Foundation is to support community-based organizations that provide emergency shelter or transitional housing services," said Riley. "We are proud to support HAVEN and the clients they serve in Central Wisconsin."

While in Central Wisconsin, Riley also met with Wausau Mayor Jim Tipple and members of the Community Development Department to discuss development opportunities in the Wausau area.

WHEDA is an independent state authority that works with lenders to provide low-cost financing for housing and small business development in Wisconsin. For more information on the WHEDA Foundation call 1-800-334-6873 or visit WHEDA's web site [www.wheda.com](http://www.wheda.com).

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