

*We cannot expect to be safe in the streets until we are safe in our homes. Domestic Violence hurts everyone. Can you afford not to help?*

- \_\_\_ Yes! I want to volunteer!
- \_\_\_ Yes! I want more information about your services.
- \_\_\_ Yes! I or my group would like to sponsor a fundraiser or project for the Shelter.
- \_\_\_ Yes! I am interested in having a speaker come to my group or business.
- \_\_\_ Yes! I want to become a member!
- \_\_\_ Yes! I want information about Planned Giving.
  - \_\_\_ Member \$10-\$49
  - \_\_\_ Friend \$50-\$99
  - \_\_\_ Contributor \$100-\$249
  - \_\_\_ Sponsor \$250-\$499
  - \_\_\_ Patron \$500-\$999
  - \_\_\_ Benefactor \$1000.+
- \_\_\_ Fathers for Hope (*\$100 Minimum Contribution*) or donate on-line at [www.domesticviolence-wilm.org](http://www.domesticviolence-wilm.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgment card to \_\_\_\_\_

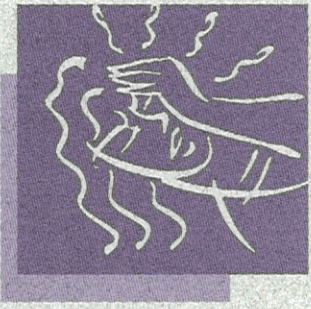
Send this form to:  
 Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 1555, Wilmington, NC 28402  
 Crisis Line (910) 343-0703  
 Office Line (910) 343-9969 • Fax (910)343-9388

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**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

- Nearly one in every four women in the United States reports experiencing violence by a current or former spouse or boyfriend at some point in her life.  
*Centers for Disease Control (2008)*
- In North Carolina, nearly 50% of all female homicide victims are killed by their current or former partners.  
*NC Violent Death Reporting System (2006)*
- The cost of intimate partner violence annually exceeds \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct healthcare expenses.  
*National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2003)*
- Approximately one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner - a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.  
*The National Council on Crime and Delinquency Focus (2008)*
- Technology has become a quick and easy way for stalkers to monitor and harass their victims. More than one in four stalking victims reports that some form of cyberstalking was used against them. Electronic monitoring of some kind is used to stalk one in 13 victims.  
*U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics (2009)*
- Men exposed to physical abuse, sexual abuse, and adult domestic violence as children were almost 4 times more likely than other men to have perpetrated domestic violence as adults.  
*Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2003)*
- In the United States, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually.  
*National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2010)*

**STOP THE Violence**



**IF YOU ARE BEING HURT AT HOME OR WANT TO HELP THOSE BEING HURT**

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**HAS YOUR PARTNER EVER DONE THIS TO YOU?**

- Continually criticized you, called you names, shouted at you, humiliated you
- Kept you from working, taken the car keys, controlled your money, made all of the decisions
- Regularly threatened to leave or told you to leave
- Threatened to hurt you, himself, your family or friends, or to kidnap the children
- Destroyed your property, punched holes in walls, broken appliances, hurt your pets
- Pointed a gun or other weapon at you
- Slapped, kicked, punched, grabbed, shoved, or strangled you and afterwards promised never to do it again
- Demanded sex after threats or beatings
- Harassed you about whom you talk to, where you go, what you do or think

**WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?**

An emerging attitude in working with batterers is that the violence springs from a desire for power, rather than a short temper or uncontrolled anger. This theory sees battering as an intentional act used to gain power and control over another person. With few exceptions, batterers believe they have the right to be in charge; to control what their partner does, thinks and feels. They feel justified in establishing and maintaining their position through many means, not just physical violence.

## ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER AND SERVICES, INC.



Our agency:

- was established as a non-profit agency in January, 1986 through the consolidation of the community's two existing domestic violence programs.

- works toward empowering the increasing number of victims and their families to break the cycle of domestic violence.
- provides shelter and direct services for victims and their children in New Hanover County. Other areas are served as needed.
- recognizes the impact of domestic violence on all of our lives and works to increase community awareness and understanding of the problem.
- is powered by dedicated volunteers committed to making a difference in the lives of families in their community.
- receives and is dependent upon support from local sources: civic groups, religious groups, businesses, private citizens, and governments. Income is also generated locally by the agency's operation of the Vintage Values Resale Shops.
- is a non-discriminatory, equal opportunity agency, partially supported by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the North Carolina Council for Women, and the Governor's Crime Commission.

## HOW WE HELP

*Shelter residency is not required in order to receive services.*

- **24 Hour Crisis Intervention**  
Trained staff and volunteers are available in urgent and emergency situations to assist with victims' immediate safety, shelter and supportive needs.
- **Emergency Shelter**  
The shelter offers a caring and non-threatening refuge where residents can find support and use goal-setting techniques to plan for the future. Basic assistance for food, clothing, personal care items, and emergency transportation are provided.
- **Information, Advocacy and Referral**  
Through an established network of social agencies and private practitioners, we are able to provide referral and assistance for victims with legal, medical, vocational, housing, financial and educational concerns. Court accompaniment is also available.
- **Individual Support**  
Our staff and trained volunteers are available for both confidential telephone and in person support sessions.
- **Education/Support Groups**  
Groups are offered to families impacted by domestic violence to provide a support network and education tools for self growth. Examples of topics covered include healthy boundaries and relationships, safety planning, stress management and self esteem. Groups are offered at varying times to diverse populations, including a Spanish speaking group and a Golden Voices group for those over 50. A Children's Program is offered during the evening sessions.
- **Children's Programs**  
The *Children's Program* includes weekly programs providing positive interaction and addressing issues relating to domestic violence. Children's needs are addressed and activities also take place throughout the week for children staying at the shelter.
- **Community Education/Outreach**  
Programs are available for groups, schools, and professional service agencies. Youth programs include *Hands are Not For Hitting* and *Safe Dates*. Public events are also planned throughout the year. We are the sponsoring agency for two community groups, one focused on the prevention of domestic violence (*EVOLVE Wilmington!*) and one focused on raising awareness (*DVAC*).  
Please contact us at 343-9969 to register for a group or to schedule a speaker, workshop or youth prevention program.

*Even with all of these efforts, there are thousands of families in our service area experiencing violence on a recurring basis.*

## ABOUT THE OPEN GATE



This public center, located at 2901 Market Street, allows for increased public awareness and support of the agency's services and the issue of domestic violence, increased accessibility for currently underserved populations and for future expansion of services, including a Community Resource Center. At this very visible and accessible location, we offer a welcoming environment for those seeking support, as well as those wishing to offer their assistance. We welcome you to stop by.

## ABOUT VINTAGE VALUES



We have resale shops located throughout Wilmington where you can shop for household items, clothing and other treasures while supporting the agency and its services. Stores are open Monday through Saturday.

- Vintage Values on Castle  
609 Castle Street, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(910) 762-7720
- Vintage Values on College  
413 South College Road, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
(910) 793-4411
- Vintage Values at Monkey Junction  
5226 South College Road, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
(910) 350-8918

Please donate your unwanted treasures to the shops. Call for information on the stores or for volunteer opportunities at 762-7720.