

Let's Help Put a Stop to Domestic Violence!



STOP
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Get Involved. Save a Life.



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There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ~ 1 John 4:18

According to an article written by Jessi Stafford earlier this year, Louisiana has the highest female homicide & the highest rate of domestic violence in the nation. Our state currently spends more money on animal control while the violence intervention center



struggles financially.

The shelter has only 21 rooms with 60 beds. The women & children housed there are only allowed to stay up to 45 days. That's all the time they have to not only get away from an abusive situation, but try to get their lives in some order, to find some sense of normality. Some of these women have had to leave everything behind: homes, jobs, transportation, their children's school, etc. They are at the shelter anonymously; family & friends are unaware of where they are in hopes of keeping their abuser away from them.

The Battered Women's Shelter is in desperate need of funds, personal care items, plastic utensils, toilet paper, fans, etc. Without proper funding, the women & children who seek refuge in the shelter will go without the things they need to function on a daily basis.

Part of our Christian duty, is to care for those who have nothing, to provide for the needy, to be kind to the poor, In Colossians, Paul specifically tells us that as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, we should clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. In Hebrews 13:16, he also tells us that we should not forget to do good & to share with others because these are sacrifices God is pleased with. It is our responsibility to help others, if we don't, the Bible says how can the love of God be in us.

Project KIDS

Here's how we can help! Alaina's national pageant participation requires her to get involved in her community by helping others. We've organized



"Project KIDS" (Kids In Divine Service) to help make a difference in the lives of the women & their children at the Battered Women's Shelter! There's a list on the back with all the items needed. Please choose whatever you would like to donate from the list & bring it by the church (call me for other

delivery options)! If you're not able to do the shopping or would prefer to give money, please do! No gift is too small so please feel free to give whatever you can! If you can only afford to donate clothing from your closet, it will be a blessing!

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done."

Battered Women's Program



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Donations Needed

- ❖ **Personal Items**
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes
 - Deodorant
 - Full-Size Shampoos for all types of hair
 - Full-Size Conditioners for all types of hair
- ❖ **Children's Items**
 - Socks (New)
 - Underwear (New)
 - White T-Shirts (New)
 - Baby Wipes
 - Disposable Diapers (all sizes)
 - Pull-Ups (sizes 4-6)
 - Over-the-Counter Medicines
 - Public School Uniforms (All sizes. New or gently used.)
 - School Supplies
- ❖ **Women's Items**
 - Bras and underwear (New)
 - Socks (New)
 - Sanitary Items
- ❖ **Linens (new or gently used)**
 - Blankets/Comforters
 - Bed Sheets
 - Towels
 - Pillows
- ❖ **Paper Products**
 - Paper Towels
 - Toilet Paper
 - Disposable Cutlery
- ❖ **Other Needs**
 - Box Fans, Personal Fans
 - Bus Passes(\$19 for one pass)
 - Cash Donations
 - Gas Cards/Wal-Mart Cards
 - Luggage, Tote Bags, and Duffle Bags
 - Meals for shelter residents (25-55 people)
 - Umbrellas, Rain Coats/Poncho's

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