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*Domestic Violence
Intervention
& Prevention*

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is a nonprofit, tax exempt
organization serving victims
of domestic violence & abuse
in the towns of Canaan,
Cornwall, Kent, North
Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon
and surrounding areas.*

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Dear WSS Supporter:

The news reminds us almost daily that domestic violence incidents are still all too common. The work of the Women's Support Services (WSS) staff, board, and volunteers is needed more than ever to make a difference in our communities.

Our caring staff and volunteers provide crisis intervention and safety planning services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are dedicated to creating a community free of domestic violence and abuse through intervention, education and prevention.

Over the past year, we have increased our outreach to local students and professionals. Our latest endeavor, providing a curriculum on the topic of cyberbullying, has been well received by students, school staff and parents. We hope to continue to provide these services and others in the coming year.

From July 2009 through June 2010, WSS worked with 630 adults and 52 children to provide them with a variety of support services. For example,

- We provided 633 individual counseling sessions
- 57 women & children participated in support & educational groups
- 2,883 individuals attended violence prevention presentations
- We provided information in response to 1,601 requests
- Our 24-hour hotline responded to 544 crisis calls.
- We provided shelter to 5 individuals in need and referred 23 individuals to long term or alternative shelter programs.

Donations of used cars and clothing, funds to help with medical, legal and housing needs, temporary shelter and educational/awareness programs are just some of the services that WSS provides. All of our services are confidential and free of charge.

We can do more in the coming year with your help. Please give generously and mail your tax-deductible contribution today.

Thank you for your generous contributions to WSS in the past. We have been helping survivors of domestic violence rebuild their lives for the past twenty-nine years.

Sincerely,

Madelon Nunn-Miller
Board President

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month