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*Women's Support Services
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 Friend,

You are a valued partner in the fight against domestic violence and many in your community need your help.

Last winter "Monica" made a frantic 911 call. She and her two young children were in immediate danger, threatened by her abusive husband. Police responded and arrested the abuser. They also put Monica in touch with our Adult Advocate. Together, they made plans for Monica's and her children's immediate safety. The next week, our advocate in court helped Monica through the process of getting a protective order against her abuser.

Then the long-term work began. With our Adult Advocate, Monica explored all of her options. She learned about the dynamics and long-term effects of abuse, especially on children. She faced many challenges. In order to become independent, she needed housing. Women's Support Services helped her find an affordable apartment. She needed legal counseling. WSS put her in touch with free legal services. She needed transportation. WSS was able to give her a donated car. Through it all, WSS provided emotional support as Monica found new strength. Today, Monica and her children are slowly and successfully building a new life together, without fear and free of emotional and physical abuse.

This kind of transformation is possible only with your generous help. Last year, we helped over 527 individual, 41 of whom were children, free of charge. We reached over 4700 children and youth with our primary prevention programs. Your gift, large or small, offers immediate support to clients in need. Your partnership helps in our efforts to end domestic violence.

You can make a donation using the enclosed envelope or via our website, www.wssdv.org. There you may also set up a recurring donation for your on-going support.

Thank you for your gift. Together we can work toward the ambitious and compassionate goal of creating a community free of domestic violence and abuse.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

P.S. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Our Annual Vigil will be held October 4th, 5:30pm at the Falls Village Green in Falls Village, CT with a reception to follow. We hope to see you there.