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# Her Holiday Season

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# Help Us Save Lives & Change Lives of Victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

- *In these challenging economic times* unfortunately domestic violence is on the rise. That is why the Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter is so urgently needed for victims of violence and their children.
- *Oftentimes, our Emergency Shelter is the only safe refuge* for battered women and their children in Ventura County.
- *In all too many cases,* they arrive with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, the result of recognizing their need to escape the escalating abuse.

## Many domestic violence survivors have quoted the following:

- *"When I arrived I was so surprised to be staying in a house that made me feel like I was at a nice peaceful home, which is something I've never had."*
- *"With the help of the shelter services I have broken the pattern of abuse and I no longer have to run back to the people that have abused me."*
- *"This is the third time I have left my abusive partner and my daughter had told me that if I didn't leave, she was never to speak to me again."*
- *"When I came here I finally felt as though I was not crazy and not alone."*
- *"Thank you for the gift of another chance to have a wonderful life."*

### **The Coalition's Shelter is not just a safe place to stay.**

*In addition to food, clothing and personal care items, we also provide access to a wealth of vital services including individual and family counseling, medical assistance, transportation, support groups and legal representation – all free of charge and available to victims in English and Spanish.*

## Your Contribution will have a huge impact on our clients on a daily basis...

*For example your donation  
will pay for the following:*

**\$50** Free counseling for one child staying in the shelter

**\$100** Free legal representation for obtaining an emergency protection order

**\$250** Food for a family of three while in our shelter for 30 days

**\$500** Free legal representation for a child custody case

**\$1,000** Transportation for all shelter clients for 30 days

**\$5,000** Child custody court accompaniment throughout the legal process

**\$10,000** Food emergency shelter residents for 12 months

**\$15,000** Bilingual emergency hotline for one year

**\$50,000** One additional bilingual rape crisis staff for one year

**\$100,000** Legal Representation Program for one year

