



Financial Resources for Women & Children, Inc

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We Have Come a Long Way

Woman battering has been recognized as a social problem for 30 years and an increasing number of private and public resources have been used to address the problem. Thirty years ago, a few survivors and their advocates were the only ones talking about interpersonal violence. In 2004, there are tens of thousands of individuals from a variety of disciplines in the public, private, and non-profit

segments of society who are actively engaged in trying to end intimate partner violence. While the efforts of the Violence Prevention Fund, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the U.S. Department of Justice, and more recently, the Centers for Disease Control are well known, the actions of many individuals who are committed to ending violence are frequently not acknowledged.

Supporters Come in All Sizes

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This issue of the FRWC newsletter celebrates the contribution of our volunteers, both individuals and groups, who help make good things happen for women who benefit through our partner programs. Through the years, so many have given of their time and money over and over again and we thank you all for the amount and variety of help we get!

Mentors Give and Give and Give

Mentors play invaluable roles for participants in the FRWC pilot programs, providing almost daily support for the women and children with whom they work. They also support each other as they work through issues that are sometimes difficult and tedious. For all you have undertaken and the extraordinary ways you have found to enhance the lives of the women and children in the projects, we thank you, mentors.

Volunteers Needed

FRWC needs volunteer translators who will help us to make the information on our website and in our print materials available to non-English speakers.

If you or your group want to volunteer, please contact us through any of the “contact” links on the www.frwc.org website.

Our mission is to develop resources and services that improve the financial stability and long-term safety of women and children who have experienced family violence.

Mary Lee Thompson, Mentor Extraordinaire

Mary Lee has been the prodder for the Nashville project. She is a mentor doing the many things necessary to enhance a woman's life, increase her job skills, tutor her child, find her a better car and apartment. Mary Lee does more month after month. The strong turn-out of both mentors and mentees and their children at the monthly dinner meetings is, in part, a result of the calls she makes reminding people of meetings and their importance. She worries the details and worries those who can do something about making things go well. Thank you, Mary Lee.

Gena Hull, Keeper of the Vision

Gena is the court advocate for Morningstar Sanctuary and is the only staff member from our first efforts collaborating on domestic violence issues in Nashville. From the first meeting she saw the potential, offered to keep the books on the loans, and has continued to advocate both for victims and for FRWC. We are grateful to have her on our board. Thank you, Gena.

Georgia Mattison, Advocate, Author and Bank Board Member

Georgia has been with FRWC since a weekend retreat in Ogunquit, ME, 1996, for women interested in ending intimate violence, during which we identified the lack of access to economic resources as one of the primary reasons a battered female stays with the perpetrator. Georgia has served as a tireless advocate and policy practitioner. She researched, wrote, and piloted the FRWC brochure “Your Own Money,” and with her daughter, **Rachel Glickel**, researched and wrote “Your Own Budget.” Georgia is the FRWC board member who is liaison to the Sojourner House/Roxbury Bank/FRWC lending project, and she has recently been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Roxbury Highland Bank. Thank you, Georgia.

Mary Montminy Danna, Pioneer, Advocate, Professor

Mary participated in the previously mentioned 1996 Maine retreat and has been a FRWC board member since its inception. Twenty years ago, Mary began the first Rhode Island program for children who witness violence, and in 1999, helped to establish the partnership between FRWC and the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties. A social work professor at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, Mary continues to research the interconnections between different forms of family violence. Thank you, Mary.

Chris and Lea Hehman

When we asked Chris and Lee if they would be willing to help us with technology issues, they responded by paying their own expenses and showing up for a long weekend. They have now come three times at their own expense to install, teach, and problem solve. Chris continues to solve our occasional problems from his location, and he hosts our website on his server (again at his expense). Thank you, Chris and Lea.

Roxbury Highland Cooperative Bank

Roxbury Highland has been “our” bank since we first began operating as a 501-c-3. The RHCBC Foundation provided funding to publish the FRWC brochure, “Your Own Money,” and bank officers Lenny Plahn and Wayne Gore have actively supported our mission. It was they who suggested Roxbury Highland Cooperative Bank make loans to women in our program, and while we were initially anxious that this might be more than a survivor could manage, they convinced us they were willing to meet the conditions that we thought would be necessary for such a loan. With Lenny and Wayne’s encouragement, we found Sojourner House in Roxbury to partner with FRWC and a loan has been made and is being successfully repaid. Thank you, Roxbury Highland.

Sandee Story

Sandee Story is the publisher of the weekly, “Jamaica Plain Gazette,” and the volunteer copy editor for FRWC brochures. We consider her to be a valuable asset and thank Sandee for her time.

Monthly supporters

From the beginning FRWC has enjoyed continuing support from friends. Some of this support is one-time, other support is annual, and some has been monthly. Over the years this monthly support has added up in both financial ways and as emotional support for what FRWC is about. Thank you monthly supporters, past and present.

Church Support

The Old South Church in Boston has served as the office address for FRWC from its inception. The Old South Church houses the Poor Peoples United Fund which has sheltered FRWC and provided it a mail drop. Thank you, PPUF, and Old South Church.

The Madison Church of Christ near Nashville for two decades sponsored a domestic violence program which welcomed FRWC in its first pilot and allowed its program to expand its emphasis on financial solvency of

the women in the program through work with FRWC. Thank you, Madison Church of Christ for what you did for so long.

The Brentwood Hills Church of Christ outside of Nashville provides mentors, financial support, and matching funds when women have paid back 50% of their loans. This enables women to pay off their loans more quickly and provides funds to additional women in the program. At regular intervals the church provides women in the program groceries, school clothes and supplies for their children and other needed items. Thank you, Brentwood Hills Church of Christ.

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Family Support

Much of the financial and other support for FRWC has come from our families and friends. Recently FRWC received unique family support. Kurt Kammenn, son-in-law of Sheryl Jaynes-Andrews and a regular blood donor, has designated blood platelets to be used by domestic violence victims who suffer from cancer or other serious conditions. To learn more about this program, see www.medicblood.org.

During Cousin Camp for Sheryl's grandchildren this summer, three of the kids enthusiastically labeled and stamped the nearly 500 newsletters that went out. Thank you, Grey, Gracie, and Jack.

Editorial Assistance

Dana DeMoulin has served as editor of the newsletter for the last couple of years. FRWC continues to get kudos for its new and improved look and content. Thank you, Dana.

Donna Pomponio

Donna Pomponio has been the Sojourner House's Mentor Extraordinaire getting the first loan recipient ready to receive a loan from Roxbury Highland Cooperative Bank. Since that time Donna has asked to work with other participants at Sojourner House. Thank you, Donna.



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