



## The Women's Advocacy Center

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Dear Community Champion,

Each year, over three million children witness domestic abuse in their homes. Their young lives are forever changed by these adverse experiences. Sadly, this puts many children at risk of becoming abusers or victims, who suffer from mental illness, obesity, poor physical health, or substance abuse. At the Women's Advocacy Center, we are changing the course of these children's lives. We do this by empowering and supporting their moms through our A.I.M. Service Model.

With this model, we address the barriers that keep women in abusive relationships. For twenty-four months, we can assist them in meeting their basic needs, invest in their overall well-being and mentor them by offering one-on-one coaching. What makes our model unique is our comprehensive approach. We understand how economic and social barriers can keep a woman and her children in an abusive relationship and recognize the life-changing benefit to them when those barriers are removed.

For survivors in rural and suburban communities, finding victim support can be challenging. This is especially true for women in the communities of East Shelby County where we serve – Arlington, Bartlett, Collierville, Cordova, Eads, Germantown, Lakeland, and Millington. It is estimated that over 1,000 women in our service area will be victims of domestic abuse this year. Currently, we can serve up to twenty of these women by providing access to household and personal care items, bi-weekly meals, a support group, and financial assistance for childcare, counseling, legal consultations, housing, and transportation. The average cost to provide this level of support for six months, for one woman, with two children is \$7,200.00.

Our goal is to increase the number of women we serve. We can achieve that goal when we have additional, consistent resources. For instance, in the next twelve months, with additional resource our service model can support up to forty women. Long-term, our vision is to make our programs and services available to every woman in our service area, who has experienced domestic abuse. The impact of this type of service is measured through regular evaluation at all levels of our organization, including our Board of Directors.

Board members, donors, grantors, and volunteers provide the resources necessary for meaningful programs and services. Their commitment helps ensure the women and children we serve consistently have their needs met. In fact, we often hear from clients how much they depend on us to help them safely care for their families.

Our mission is to empower and support these families. One of the ways we do this is by removing the barriers keeping them in harmful cycles of abuse. Wrap-around programs and services help women overcome obstacles and achieve healing. You can help us do more. To learn about how The Women's Advocacy Center is impacting generations call me at 901-609-1608 or contact me by email at [rjackson@womensac.org](mailto:rjackson@womensac.org). Thank you for considering our project for funding.

Sincerely,

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