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Dear Supporter of Someplace Safe, Inc.:

Relationships entangled in the domestic violence cycle often begin just as healthy relationships do. This is one of the reasons the victim becomes disillusioned during the cycle and leaving becomes difficult. Even when the victim recognizes the damage and danger, barriers prevent or hinder freedom and healing. Consider the experience of a current victim:

After eleven years of commitment, including seven years of marriage, a mother cradles her newborn son in one arm and wraps her other arm around her trembling kindergartener as she contemplates the situation at hand.



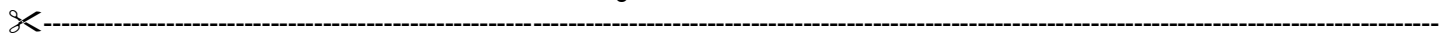
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Despite a previous arrest and mandated anger management classes, her husband continues to slap, punch, choke, and bruise her. He tells her she can "do nothing right," and taunts her daily with his cruel words. Her school age son is not permitted in class until she resolves the situation at home. She fears his witness of the abuse will only further hurt him. She was granted a Civil Protection Order (CPO) by the Court to keep her husband away, but now she wonders how she will pay for the home, food, utilities, and Christmas presents for her sons. Her husband's self-employment is her only source of income.

This is a true story, and it's happening now. This family could be your neighbor, within your church, someone you see in the local grocery store or at your community school. In fact, many families within Trumbull County are experiencing similar events, just consider this:

Last year, Someplace Safe, Inc. provided:

- 5,965 clients with services
- 1,219 answers to crisis-related calls
- 1,236 total safe nights in the shelter
- 705 women with support group services
- 264 children with support group services
- 558 clients with legal assistance
- 152 school presentations about healthy dating relationships
- 61.5% of our clients moved to a new living situation



I/We will donate:

- \$540 to provide a victim with 6 safe nights in the shelter.
- \$316 to provide a healthy dating relationship presentation to a local school.
- \$211 to provide a victim with 10 hours of group support.
- \$131 to provide 7 hours of individual support for one child.
- \$ 50 to provide a victim with food for 5 days.

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As you choose to support Someplace Safe, Inc., please note your contribution as "Annual Appeal" and make checks payable to: Someplace Safe, Inc., 1540 Tod Avenue NW, Warren, OH 44485 or donate via our website at www.someplacesafe.org . We sincerely appreciate your generous donation, which is 100% tax deductible.

If you know someone who is in a domestic violence situation, please encourage them to call the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline at 330-393-3005.