



Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used by one person to control another person in the context of an intimate or family relationship. The abuse can be physical, sexual and/or emotional.

Domestic Violence is the most common form of violence and the least reported crime. It occurs in families of all races, religions, educational levels and income groups, and can take many forms or combinations, such as physical, verbal, sexual, and emotional or mental cruelty. In half of all marriages, the woman will be abused at some point during the marriage.

Bethany House of Northern Virginia,
Inc. (BHN^V)

BHN^V was founded in 1979 as an ecumenical ministry for battered spouses and their children through the vision of Doris Ward.

BHN^V is a private, non-profit corporation sponsored by tax-deductible grants and donations from individuals, various congregations, community organizations, clubs, and businesses.

BHN^V Family Assistance Program

BHN^V Family Assistance Program provides housing for victims and their children. BHN^V operates five shelters throughout Fairfax County and Alexandria.

Emergency Support Services include crisis intervention, food, clothing, counseling, financial and legal help, and transportation, as well as assistance with applying for transitional housing.

Transitional Support Services provide an immediate response to the needs of spouses who have been abused physically and psychologically, and to their children who accompany them. Transitional support includes Trauma Recovery Group counseling and Christian Life Skills classes for moms and children.

Follow-Up Support Services addresses the long-term needs of clients living in the community after their stay in the shelter. This includes home visits and an after-care program of support services for up to two years.

Internship Program

BHN^V offers internships for bachelor- or master-level students in colleges or universities for one or two semesters to learn how to help Domestic Violence victims and their children. Interns assist outreach staff by providing additional professional support services in the areas of case management, counseling and life skills training.



Partnerships

Bethany House depends on partners like you to assist in helping women and children recover from the devastating effects of Domestic Violence. It takes many hands and hearts to help the ministry with serving the needs of others. We are grateful for the help of many congregations, groups, businesses and individuals that wish to help those in crisis.

In-Kind Support

Bethany House depends on your in-kind donations and support including food vouchers, clothing, bus passes, furniture, household cleaning supplies, and women's and children's personal items.

We recognize that providing for our clients and their children is a great responsibility. We are grateful for your partnership with us in this ministry.

You can also make financial contributions in the following ways:

- 1) Go to our website (www.bhnv.org) and make a donation online using your credit card.
- 2) Sign up for charitable giving through your payroll system:

CFC Code: 89017

United Way Code: 8268

- 3) Mail check or money order to our address located on the front of this brochure.

Joseph's Coat Thrift Shop

BHNV's thrift shop, "Joseph's Coat," is located at 3022 Annandale Road, Falls Church, Virginia near the intersection of Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) and Annandale Road, within the Westlawn Shopping Center. Joseph's Coat provides financial support to our shelters and transitional units.

If you would like to help the ministry through donations, the following items are needed for the thrift shop: clothing, linens, household goods, furniture, lamps, pictures, beds, toys, games, books, etc.

The thrift shop manager will arrange pickups for anyone wishing to donate quality furniture and household items. For additional information, please call Joseph's Coat at **703-538-6289**.

Used Car Donations

Cars remain a desperate need for our clients. Your donation of a car that will pass inspection will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the main office at 703-658-9500 to donate your vehicle. You will receive a tax receipt equaling the Blue Book value of your car.

Volunteer Information

**Bethany volunteers
come from all
walks of life**



VOLUNTEERS ARE A VITAL PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION. Our volunteers support Bethany House ministry in many ways. They assist in shelter maintenance, group activities, moving, hauling, food delivery, clothing, and furniture for the ministry. Some volunteers also assist with administrative tasks, transportation for our clients and special events.

For more information on how you can volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinator at 703-658-9500 or visit our website at www.bhmv.org. Click into our "Volunteers" section.



**For Survivors of
Domestic Violence**

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I was hungry and you gave me food. I was parched and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing...Matt: 25:36 (RSV)