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## Calendar of Events

### Thanksgiving Celebration

November 22nd

### Christmas Party

December 13th

We look forward to seeing you there!

Call (703) 658-9500 for directions and dates and times.

*BHNV wants to thank all the sponsors, donors and volunteers who have continued to support Bethany House over the past 25 years.*

**CFC # 8268**

**United Way Code:**



Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. is a(501)(C)(3) non-profit faith-based organization which has a mission to maintain facilities that will temporarily care for battered spouses and their children who are homeless and destitute

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# OUTREACH Newsletter

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*Excerpts taken from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (www.ncadv.org)*

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

These activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress, and such legislation continues to pass every year.

The hope is that events in communities and regions, such as Northern Virginia, will culminate in a powerful statement celebrating the strength of battered women and their children.

**Throughout the month of October, Bethany House has joined efforts with the neighboring communities to celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness month** by actively participating in the following events:

- October 15, 2007: Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation Ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center
- United Way and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kickoff events
- Domestic Violence Training by The Women Center of Vienna, sponsored by the Department of Justice
- Time to Fall Gala: guest- Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown-Simpson
- "I Love Myself, I Know I'm Grand" conference sponsored by the Women's Support Group of Mt. Vernon

Through our participation we were able to see the impact that can be made when we join together. We hope that you too will get involved and participate in the various local events that take place in the future!

He led me to a place of safety; he rescued me because he delights in me.

[Psalm 18:19](#)

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## A Letter From Naomi...

*Hello ANGELS:*

*It gives me pain as well as pleasure to announce that as of October 1, 2007, I will no longer be the ANGELS Program Coordinator. However, I am now the Development Associate working with churches and organizations in donor relations. So I will still be assisting with the mission here to help women and children heal from the effects of domestic abuse.*

*The program will still consist of some programs/services that will be beneficial to you. I will still have opportunities to fellowship with you. May God bless you -I will keep you in my prayers!*

*In His Service,*

*Naomi*

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**BHNV PARTICIPATES IN THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE CAMPAIGNS:**

- Combined Federal Campaign: Federal Employees
- United Way Campaign: Participating through your donations.
- Fairfax County Combined Charitable Campaign.  
**United Way Code: # 8268**  
**CFC: 89017**



*Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. under its Family Assistance Program, provides crisis intervention for families who are homeless and destitute because of abuse.*

*The program provides safe housing, food, clothing, support, and assistance in obtaining Life skills training, on-the-job training, counseling services, financial and legal help for victims.*

*Bethany House also provides education and outreach to area adults and youth through speaking engagements with local clubs, churches, businesses, and organizations.*

*The communities of Northern Virginia rely on Bethany House to provide vital services to victims of domestic violence.*

*Donations and contributions are needed to maintain the facilities, program costs and services for Bethany House clients.*

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**Joseph's Coat  
Take Donated Items**

- Linens
- Beds
- Tables
- Desks
- Sofas
- Clothing
- Accessories
- Shoes
- Framed Art
- House Wares
- Toys and Books
- Baby Items

To schedule pick-up quality used furniture items, please call Joseph's Coat between the hours of 10 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday.

**Joseph's Coat Re-Sale Shop**  
*A Unique Re-sale Shop benefiting Bethany House of Northern Virginia*

Joseph's Coat Re-Sale Shop is an integral part of the Family Services Programs of Bethany House of Northern Virginia (BHNV). Funds and goods from Joseph's Coat provide clothing and other necessities for women and their children living in our shelters. Ninety-five percent of our clients would not be able to furnish homes if BHNV did not supply these basic needs.

Joseph's Coat reaches out to the community by providing volunteers from schools and colleges an opportunity to learn and or enhance their skills. Volunteer Groups are also welcome for special projects.

Joseph's Coat receives in-kind donations which are distributed directly to needy families or are sold to continue the work of providing necessities and services to families and persons in need. Your donations of used quality household furnishing, linens, clothing and other household items are greatly appreciated.

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