WE BELIEVE THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED BY ANYONE.

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic Violence is the physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse of a partner, expartner or family member.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic Violence can affect both men and women although in 92% of cases it is directed towards women. Children may also be victims either by being abused themselves or by witnessing abuse within the family home. In 90% of cases children are caught up in the violence, usually trying to protect their mother.

Domestic Violence cuts across ALL of society affecting people regardless of age, ability, gender, sexual preference or cultural norms.

Latest statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience some form of domestic violence at some time in their lives.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

It is important that the whole issue of Domestic Violence is brought out into the open within our local communities and that people are seen to be actively campaigning to stop it. Domestic Violence is a crime and cannot be tolerated. The Friends of North Dorset Women's Refuge exist to combat this crime and want you to join them in the task.

NORTH DORSET WOMEN'S REFUGE

was opened in November 2002 and can offer shelter and protection for 10 families at any one time. Each family has its own flat with kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedroom. Most importantly, each woman has her own front door key once she is safely within the Refuge.

During the past 2 years 160 women have used the Refuge. Where there are school aged children, these have been found places in schools as soon as possible so that some normality can be brought into their lives.

In the same 2 years 434 children have not been able to be accepted into the Refuge because it has been full.

THE REFUGE OFFERS

- A place of safety and security
- © Time to think through the implications of leaving home
- © 24 hour support and care
- Key working, personalised support from a named worker
- Information about DSS and other helping agencies
- Advice with legal problems, housing benefit.
- Assistance with securing school and nursery placements
- Education
- © A 24 hour helpline
- Outreach support service
- Support groups

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly!

NAME AND ADDRESS

POSTCODE EMAIL:

TELEPHONE

Membership is open to any individual over 18 who is prepared to make an annual donation. Companies and other bodies and associations may also join. It is requested that annual donations are made by bankers order whenever possible. The amount of the donation is left to your discretion, although we suggest at least £10 – the cost of fruit provision for a week. A Gift Aid declaration will help the Friends to recover tax –

GIFT AID DECLARATION

please do use this!

I wish all payments made or to be made by me to the Friends of the North Dorset Women's Refuge to be treated as Gift Aid donations. I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and will inform you if I cease to be such.

Signed: Date:

Please continue overleaf for your Bankers Order Form

BANKERS ORDER FORM

To (your bank)

Branch

Address

Please pay on receipt of this form and yearly thereafter the sum of

Pounds (words)

£ (figures)

To CAF Bank
PO Box 289
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent ME 19 4TA
For the account of Friends of North Dorset
Women's Refuge
Sort code 40-52-40
Account 00011680
until further notice.

Signed

Date

Your account number

Your sort code

Please send the completed form to the Treasurer Fiona Johnson 52 Coronation Drive, Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury SP7 9NA. Fionaiohnson30@aol.com

The Friends

work together with staff to make life at the Refuge that bit better. We have provided computers and set up a training room. We make sure that fruit is available on a regular basis as well as clothing, toiletries and china. We help by paying for outings and parties as well as providing money when families go into permanent accommodation and need basics such as furniture and equipment. We help you to publicise the needs by offering support and advice when you need it.

Our dream is

that in every community in North Dorset there will be a 'Champion' for the Friends who will raise money, encourage people to learn more and generally support the wonderful work done in the very special place – North Dorset Women's Refuge.

As a Friend

you will receive

- ✓ A quarterly newsletter making sure you're up to date with needs etc.
- ✓ An invitation to our Annual General Meeting
- ✓ Telephone help and support if you wish you will in return
 - ✓ Help us by raising money for our work
 - ✓ Make sure that positive information is known about the Refuge
 - ✓ NEVER tell anyone where the North Dorset Women's Refuge is.

The Friends Committee is small and effective.

Chair: Sara Jacson 01747 853688 Secretary: Viv Johnson 01747 851780

The Friends of North Dorset Women's Refuge



Patron: HM Lord Lieutenant for Dorset Mrs Anthony Pitt Rivers Charity number 1096656

are here to help by

- raising money
- collecting clothes
- providing resettlement support
- raising awareness in your community