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Please...
AVENUES Needs Your Support Now!

This year more than ever, AVENUES needs your help!!! A statewide cut in funding to domestic violence shelters in Missouri has forced us to close our Resource Center and tighten our budget. This funding cut, along with the increased cost of providing transportation and shelter for clients, has left AVENUES with a need to raise \$20,000, just to maintain the services it already provides.

Each year AVENUES provides a wide variety of services to over 1,200 women, children and men who have been the victim of domestic violence and/or sexual assault/abuse. These 1,200 individuals aren't faceless strangers. They might be:

- ... the teller at the bank who has been raped by an acquaintance.
- ... the wife of the couple who sits behind you at church. Her husband only hits her in places where bruises won't show.
- ... the quiet boy who belongs to your son's Cub scout pack. His uncle has been sexually abusing him for the past two years.
- ... the single mom who lives next door. Her boyfriend gave her a black eye and knocked out a tooth. She told you she tripped over a toy and fell.

Or maybe it was you at one time.....

AVENUES services are always free and confidential to anyone. Among the help we can provide:

- Safe shelter to women and their children.
- Advocacy at the hospital, police station or court to help victims of domestic and sexual violence in the aftermath of an assault.
- Transportation to court.
- Information and support for victims, whether they choose legal action or not.
- Hope for the future. The victim can become a survivor and create a healthy violence free life.

AVENUES cannot continue this essential work without your financial support. You can make it possible to help victims of domestic and sexual violence reclaim their lives. Your contribution is tax deductible. Donations of \$100 or more are eligible for the Missouri Tax Credit. This is a special tax credit program to provide more benefits to those who donate \$100 or more to a domestic violence shelter. For more information regarding this, please contact AVENUES at 573-406-1400.

Your support of AVENUES and your contribution are deeply appreciated and make a difference to the women, children and men served by AVENUES each year.

Thanks for your support!

April Baldwin
President, AVENUES Board of Directors

Judy Edmonson
Executive Director

How your donations help:

Donations of \$25

provide food and supplies for a night in shelter for a woman and her child.

Donations of \$50

provide shelter and transportation to social services and court

Donations of \$100

keep the hotline staffed for nearly a full day.

Donations of \$500

provide an advocate to go to the emergency room in the immediate aftermath of violence and to three court hearings.

Please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Donations can be mailed to:

AVENUES

PO Box 284

Hannibal, MO 63401

573-406-1400

This holiday season, you can

help ease the suffering...

It's not too late!!!!