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Dear Friend,

Domestic and sexual violence affect millions of individuals in the United States, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, or education.

- Approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year.
- Nearly 1 in every 4 women is beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood.
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape.
- Approximately 37% of women who seek injury-related treatment in hospital emergency rooms are there because of injuries inflicted by a current or former spouse/partner.

But don't be fooled. The statistics aren't just national.

Each year, NELCWIT helps hundreds of local victims of domestic and sexual violence who are in dangerous, even life-threatening situations. Sometimes, we help them escape to shelter, apply for a restraining order, or replace their locks; other times, we provide a space for education, healing, and planning for a safer future.

But the work we do with survivors is not enough. To end violence, we also have to provide programs that teach people about healthy relationships, recognize signs of abuse, and help individuals know how to respond when they observe the perpetration of violence.

And we couldn't do any of this without your support.

Last year, we served 704 individuals from almost every town in the Franklin County-North Quabbin region, including 250 who were seeking restraining orders, 39 children who witnessed or experienced violence, and 15 families who needed financial assistance to relocate. We reached hundreds of others through community engagement and prevention education initiatives. This year, we will once again be participating in the White Ribbon Campaign, during which men and boys take a pledge of non-violence, and we will continue to offer other trainings and awareness activities to youth and adults in our 26-town region.

As we approach 2012, NELCWIT is proud to be celebrating our 35th year, working to save lives in our community and to create a world free of domestic and sexual violence. Thank you for your support and we hope you will be able to give generously. You can [donate online](#), or send a check to NELCWIT, PO Box 520, Greenfield MA 01302. We're counting on you!

Thank you always,

Sarah Dudzic
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