



Dear Supporter:

In our community, we are most fortunate that Sojourner House has been providing a comprehensive program of crisis intervention, counseling, judicial advocacy and shelter for victims of domestic violence for over 25 years. This year we need your help more than ever. The needs are greater. Services numbers are higher. While we wish we didn't need more services and resources, we need to do more for the growing number of families that need our services.

We need your help so we can be there like we were for Sarah:

"The abuse came on so slowly that I didn't notice he was manipulating me into becoming less of me, and more of a victim, until it was too late. By the time I realized what was going on, it had already been going on for far too long. I didn't know what to do until I called Sojourner."

While the current shelter has served thousands of families over the past 25 years, the complexity of needs has increased as well as the number of families needing served. At Sojourner we believe all victims and their families deserve a safe, violence-free place to heal. Your support of these services is both an investment in the community and a commitment to help these victims of domestic violence.

With your help, the shelter will be there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Survivors like Dawn will have a place to stay:

"I tried to leave. I tried more times than you'll ever know and I failed in ways I can't bear to talk about. With the help of Sojourner I was able to leave safely, and for good."

With your support, our Shelter and its services can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the families we serve. Each year Sojourner House shelters over **100 survivors** with **over 300 children**. **With your help**, Sojourner will be able to **help more families**, including the **300 survivors** that don't need shelter, but do need support like Shawna:

"I carried around a lot of guilt for the things that happened to me and my children and wondered if I played a role in the life I led. What did I do? Sojourner staff helped me understand I'm definitely not the only victim that felt like this. They helped me see I wasn't to blame and I had the power to heal."

Please take a moment to review how you can help victims of domestic violence become survivors. Your donation will help feed, clothe, and protect families fleeing from violence. Your gift will return laughter, warmth, and safety to families that are consumed by fear, heartache, and pain. You can also learn more about Sojourner House at www.SojournerHouse.com or by following COMPASS Family and Community Services on Facebook.

With Deepest Gratitude,

J. Lewis **THANK YOU!**

New Opportunity for Support! If you, your family, group, or business would like to sponsor a room at Sojourner House, please contact Jennifer Varley Gray at JGray@COMPASSFamily.org or (330) 782-5664.

If your gift is \$100 or more, please consider making your check payable to The Youngstown Foundation Support Fund, which will add 5% to the amount of your contribution. Indicate Sojourner House on the memo line of your check and send it to our Administrative Offices at 535 Marmion Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502 and we can take care of the rest.

I would like to donate some of the goods necessary to keep the Shelter working. These items can be purchased online at www.Target.com (Registry at tgt.gifts/SojournerHouse) and www.Kohls.com (Registry 3372818). Items can be shipped in your name and be received at our Administrative Offices.

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