

# Did you know?

## *Around the world*

- at least 1 in 3 women has been beaten or otherwise abused during her lifetime
- 1,232 women are killed by an intimate partner each year

## *In Pennsylvania*

- 64 women were killed as a result of Domestic Violence (DV) in 2006
- 91,545 victims received services from local agencies from June 2006 to July 2007

## *In the Jewish community*

- approximately 1 in 4 women are victims of DV
- victims stay with their abusive partners for longer periods of time—on average 5 to 15 years longer than victims in other communities

## I am Rebecca

**I am 35 years old with four children under the age of seven: Lauren, Sara, Marisa, and Aaron. I have been living a life of physical and emotional abuse for as long as I can remember. First with my parents, then with my husband of eight years—a police officer.”**



“Between the punching, the irate screaming, and the death threats, our home became a violent and scary place. So I finally left with a black eye and my children in my arms. I had no other choice...even though I was terrified and unsure about what to do next. **Thankfully, I turned to JFCS.**

With JFCS’ help, I gradually became powerful enough to protect myself from my husband and parents, and I now have the resources to give my children the carefree lives they deserve.

Today, we are living safely in a rented house. I work full-time and my divorce will soon be finalized. My children have adjusted well to our new home, even though it is not the cushy house we once shared in the suburbs.

**If it weren’t for JFCS, I would not have had the strength to take the scary step toward independence, but I am grateful every day that I did.”**



## Why JFCS of Greater Philadelphia?

VICTIMS OF DV LIVE AMONGST ALL MOVEMENTS within Judaism. They find comfort in knowing that the Jewish community recognizes and responds to this serious issue. After years of denial and embarrassment, they find the courage to call JFCS because of our 154-year history of support in the Philadelphia area.

JFCS is proud of the reputation we have built as an agency with specially trained clinicians in DV, and resources to help women establish a safety plan and a road toward self sufficiency.

## How does JFCS help?

JFCS PROVIDES INTERVENTION FOR OUR DV CLIENTS through individual and family therapy; financial and budgeting assistance; safety planning; monthly food stipends; support groups; help in finding and obtaining attorneys; and emergency cell phones.

JFCS also provides victim and family advocacy in the community, and preventative programming through educational trainings for children and young adults. These workshops focus on identifying and rebuffing abusive behavior.

## JFCS bringing cheer!

Thanks to the generosity of **Carl Alan Floral Designs** of Philadelphia, JFCS social workers will be delivering flowers to each of our DV clients to bring cheer into their lives at this time.

Learn how you can help →

# Help make the journey possible

AS WE CELEBRATE THE LIBERATION THAT PASSOVER RECOUNTS, and the new life that springtime brings, we invite you and your congregation to be a part of the extraordinary journey of growth and freedom that these women are courageously facing.

## Honor someone special

IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT of our DV clients, JFCS will send a Mother's Day card to a special woman in your life. Simply include the name and address on the response form below and we will mail the card before May 11, 2008.

Kindly respond by May 2nd.

## Please make a donation today

Your dollars can provide:

- \$25 Gift cards to local supermarkets
- \$50 Gift cards for household items
- \$100 Financial assistance for utilities
- \$250 Back-to-work clothing
- \$500 Four counseling sessions or child-care support
- \$750 Furniture, such as beds and kitchen tables
- \$1000 Rent and security deposit assistance
- \$1800 Retainer for an attorney



Several generous donors have agreed to match a portion of the funds raised through this effort. We hope you will join them in supporting our DV clients.

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Yes, I would like to make a gift to Jewish Family and Children's Service's Domestic Violence Program.

Please respond by May 2nd.

I am pleased to make a gift in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed is my check made payable to JFCS of Greater Philadelphia.

Please charge my:  VISA  MasterCard  AMEX Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting JFCS' Domestic Violence clients

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a Mother's Day card

From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like JFCS to send additional cards, please contact 215.496.9700, ext. 126, or go to [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org).

Send this form to: JFCS, 2100 Arch Street, 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103

Your contribution to JFCS is fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

- I have enclosed my/my spouse's matching gift form.
- I would like more information on making a planned gift or bequest.
- I have included JFCS in my will/estate plans. Please contact me for details.
- I am interested in having a workshop on DV at my synagogou or organization.
- Please do not include my name in agency marketing materials.

In order to include you in future JFCS activities, please indicate your age ranges:

- 21-39  40-49  50-59  60-69  70+

For more information about JFCS' Domestic Violence Program, or to learn how you can help, please contact Pia Eisenberg at 215.496.9700, ext. 124.



Each day JFCS reaches out and supports the needs of individuals, families, and communities through its major programmatic areas: Children, Youth and Family Services; Adult Services; Senior Services; Education and Outreach Services; Jewish Community Services; and Open Arms Adoption Network. For more information call 215.496.9700, email [info@jfcsphilly.org](mailto:info@jfcsphilly.org) or visit [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org). JFCS partners with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.