



When I was young, my family suffered so greatly...my father used his fists to soothe himself. Thanks to people like you I found a better way, safety and pride. My three boys will never feel the fear I did...

*(a note left anonymously for us at a recent meeting)*



**24 hours a day, seven days a week- in sun, snow, or sleet- we respond and we act.**

Each year Elizabeth Freeman Center serves over 3,000 survivors of domestic and sexual violence- adults and children- through our hotline, shelter, emergency response, counseling and advocacy.

Each year we reach over 900 children and youth through our prevention programs.

Each year we provide trainings, workshops and information at over 100 events.



**And each year our work and our community alliances grow stronger.** In just this past year, we:

- built a more coordinated community response for rape victims through a partnership with the state and Berkshire Medical Center;
- helped create a new Batterer Intervention Program model that is at the forefront of state efforts to maximize victim safety;
- increased our involvement in efforts to combat poverty and homelessness and launched “Money School”, a financial independence initiative that combines workshops with individual banker coaches, education advisors and ongoing supports to respond to the particular needs of trauma survivors; and
- introduced special outreach and practices to better reach and serve LGBTQ survivors in our community.



**We don't do this work alone.** We do it with our incredible community partners, our dedicated volunteers, and with the very generous support of people like you.

News of rapes on college campuses and violence in the NFL has created a surge of awareness and outrage. No one deserves to be assaulted or abused. No one should live in fear for themselves or their children. **Violence is preventable.**

**Please give today for a better tomorrow.**

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