

# Dream Bigger

*Preventing Violence against Women & Children  
... Rebuilding Lives*

## **Make Christmas Dreams Come True**

*Starting over after abuse makes it impossible for women to provide for their kids, let alone buy the extras we consider essential during the holidays*



### **Donate Gift Cards!**

*Every year Dream Bigger gives Christmas Cards to the women we serve Filled with Gift Cards!*

*Despite hard times, they can use these Gift Cards to Shop for their kids' Christmas Presents, Groceries for special meals then fill their Gas Tanks*

**We're in Need of:  
Prepaid Gift Cards from  
Amazon, Fred Meyer  
Walmart & Costco**

**But She Doesn't Have a Black Eye,  
Missing Teeth or Broken Bones**  
abuse takes many different forms ...

### **What Is Financial Abuse?**

*When Sharon discovered significant cash withdrawals made by her husband she asked him about it, but was met with a swearing & screaming tirade. She was regularly on her own to figure out how to pay the household bills with what little money remained.*

*Nancy would find large sums of money stashed far back in a drawer or closet. When she asked her husband about it, he would call her names & say it was **his** money, which he planned to spend on important things like a shotgun & new speaker system for his car. Desperate for income to buy school clothes for the kids, she suggested she could find a job but he berated her non-stop for weeks & threatened to cut her off from the checkbook completely.*

*Theresa discovered from others that her husband had made large donations to charity which he was publicly praised for. Of course her husband hadn't included her in that decision-making and she continued to struggle to put gas in the car & pay the heating bills.*

*Women are faced with the painful reality that their abusive husband's desires & public image are more important to him than the welfare of his wife & children. Abusers want power & control more than healthy families. They don't care how their decisions affect them or how she'll pay for Groceries, bills or medical. These are only a few examples of what our Dream Bigger ladies have experienced as well as severe emotional, psychological & physical abuse.*



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**You Shop & Fred  
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your behalf!**

**Improve the lives of  
women & children  
When You Shop!**

**You'll still receive  
your frequent  
shopper rewards &  
gas points**



## **A large number of children are physically abused before they're even born!**

Violent men often assault their wives during pregnancy. This violence increases the likelihood of PTSD, depression, anxiety, poor self-esteem for the mother & baby both.

**More than 15 million children in the U.S. are exposed to Domestic Violence in their homes** Children who witness, or are victims of physical or psychological abuse are at higher risk of mental & other serious health problems. **A girl who grows up in a home where her father abuses her mother is 6 times as likely to marry an abusive man compared to a girl raised in a safe home. A boy who sees his mother being abused is 10 times more likely to abuse his own wife in adulthood.**

***Support can change the futures of women & their Kids including the impact they have on their community***

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### **Since 2008 Dream Bigger has provided valuable advocacy & coaching**

*Guidance & coaching through the Legal, financial & social service systems helps them escape & avoid a life of violence & poverty. We lead them hands-on through the educational & career decision-making & strategic planning as well as the scholarship & grant funding maze that often deters victims from entering into or remaining in college. Our access to the Wisp Scholarship Program provides financial support for catastrophes like lack of childcare funding, car repair, computer failures & other issues that have commonly caused women to give-up their pursuit of a degree leading toward financial independence.*

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### **HELP DREAM BIGGER CREATE LASTING SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN!**

*Please spread the word & encourage your friends & colleagues to give through their social clubs & community Groups to help us grow our support. We need more individuals, families, groups & businesses to stand with us to increase our advocacy hours to help more families. Thank you for your helping to expand our reach, increasing the # of families achieving Economic Health & Financial Self Sufficiency.*

***Because of you – lives are permanently changed.***

## **Dream Bigger**

**Preventing Violence against Women & Children  
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**\*Please Like us on Facebook & Share to your page\***

**www.Dream Bigger.info email: Laurie@DreamBigger.info  
Gifts are Tax Deductible through IRS EIN #26-3898006.**

### **Local Shelters Only Provide a Few Nights Housing**

Women have nowhere to go afterwards. If they go back home the abuse will be worse than before (punishment for leaving).

Housing is beyond financial reach & public housing waiting lists are long.

**When they finally escape, they maneuver parenting traumatized children, court hearings, financial survival & navigation of Social Services.**

Phone calls, legal appointments, paperwork & the maze of red tape in the midst of job hunting is daunting. Then add to that managing children's care & schooling on top of it all.

They must also endure the abuser's Stalking, Financial & Legal Abuse.

Women escaping violence are more likely to achieve lifelong success with an experienced hands-on Domestic Violence Coach beside them through the detailed process from beginning to end.

Dream Bigger is committed to being their lifeline: finding permanent solutions.

**We help clients with financial, housing, educational, scholarship, career applications & legal court proceedings.**

They're never left on their own, we're beside them all the way one-on-one toward long-term self-sufficiency.

### **Dream Bigger Clients**

- \*establish permanent homes
- \*attend college
- \*develop careers
- \*achieve financial independence & safe homes

