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Dream Bigger

Preventing Violence against Women & Children ... Rebuilding Lives

What is Dream Bigger all about?

Dream Bigger's advocacy program provides hands-on assist through the educational strategic planning process & the scholarship & grant funding maze that deters victims from entering into or remaining in college. With the aid of Doris & Warren Buffett's Wisp Scholarship Program we tackle unexpected emergencies such as computer crashes, car break-downs, childcare failures & issues that would cause students to drop out of school, trading the hope of a college degree for a life of Poverty for she & her kids.



Domestic Violence Protection Orders & Attorney Fees can Financially Bankrupt any family, especially a Woman escaping an abusive home with her Children

Dream Bigger's Legal Advocacy program helps abused women avoid an impoverished life which often happens to abused women in divorce court. From gathering crucial documents, to preparing legal paperwork, our legal advocates work tirelessly hands-on with our clients to reduce attorney & paralegal hours to save our clients thousands in legal fees while ensuring a fair financial settlement, child support & Safety Protection Orders. They are never left on their own to fill out forms, attend mtgs or court hearings, we're beside them all the way. Most often there are more documents than a Judge will ever have time to read so Dream Bigger Advocates diligently create Detailed Spreadsheets with dates, incidences & financial info to bring Swift Clarity for the Judge without missing important information he wouldn't have noticed had he been given multiple pages to sift through.



Dream Bigger Clients go on to achieve college degrees, successful careers & secure financial independence & self-sufficiency while establishing permanent safe homes for themselves & their kids

Obtaining solid financial support for Dream Bigger is crucial to reduce the time we're spending on small fundraisers & instead invest those hours in women's futures. Dream Bigger devotes significantly more hours/months in each of our clients compared to agencies providing short-term shelters. Our client #'s are humble so we lose-out to larger agencies for Grant Funding but our Hours are higher which leads to Long-Term Permanent Stable Families!

We're committed to providing valuable services needed to achieve lasting financial independence & safety. The number of Abused Women who need our help continues to grow – which means we need the support of individuals & businesses to increase our advocacy hours. **Please consider helping us build new lives for women, expanding our reach, increasing the # of families achieving self-sufficient independent futures & Safe Homes!**

I'm worried my Friend is possibly being Abused

Does her partner keep track of her time?
Discourage relationships with friends/family?
Interfere with or discourage her about work or school? Criticize her or say Cruel things?
Destroy her (or her kids) personal items? Does he Push, shove, throw, kick, hit, slap, scratch, choke or force intimacy?
Does she spend her time trying to keep him from getting mad?



How Can You Help?

Listen. Ask how it makes her feel. It's a big step for her to trust you. **Believe her - you could save her life.** What she tells you might only be 5% of what happens behind closed doors. Abusers often appear as Mr. Wonderful in Public. Help her obtain a copy of "Why Does He Do That?" By Lundy Bancroft. Read it with her. Help her join a local in-person Domestic Violence Support Group for Women – offer to drive her there weekly.

Happy Birthday Dream Bigger!



15 years of Changing Lives means many Women now have Strong Careers, Freedom & Safety. Their ability to Provide for themselves & their children has been a Dream Come True transforming their perilous situations into promising futures.

Their children have dodged what statistics say would've been a future of repeating abuse.

Thankyou to our Generous Supporters who've helped us Change Children's Forever!

Plan ahead with us ... in a few short months ...

You Can 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 all consider normal during the holidays.



Each year Dream Bigger gives Gift Cards to the women we serve so they can Shop for their kids' Christmas Gifts, Clothing, Essentials, Groceries for Holiday Meals, then ... fill their Gas Tanks! What a Self Esteem Boost this is for women who are working so hard to overcome hardship. The ability for them to shop for their children's Christmas Gifts & to feel normal for a season is - Priceless!

& You Can Help!

We're asking for Donations of Costco, Fred Meyer & Walmart Gift Cards!

(mail to Dream Bigger 2221 G St, Bellingham, Wa 98225

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Help Dream Bigger Change Lives!

*Spread the word & encourage your friends to share with their community Groups. We need more individuals, families, groups & businesses to stand with us, to expand our reach, increasing the # of women achieving Economic Health & long-term Self Sufficiency. **Support can change the futures of women & their Kids & their impact on the community***

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... Rebuilding Lives Since 2008

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.

Checks can be mailed to 2221 G St Bellingham, Wa 98225

Courage is the First Step

An Abused Woman has to muster a immense courage to escape a violent home. Sadly, what she finds after leaving is that Long-term Housing for abuse victims is most often beyond her financial reach.

She realizes she has nowhere to go, housing is impossible to find. If she goes back home the abuse will be worse than before as punishment for leaving.

A large percentage of our Homeless are women & children fleeing domestic violence.

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

Dream Bigger is committed to being her lifeline: achieving permanent Self Sufficiency & Safety

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You can help us expand our reach - improving the lives of abused women & children.

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