

Merryman
GIVING SOCIETY



Hello!

Let us begin by being honest with you. Through reading this booklet, it is our sincerest hope that you join the Merryman Giving Society and pledge to give monetarily to Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center on an annual basis. But, before you decide, let us tell you about our Why.

Merryman House exists to serve victims of domestic violence. That means that we exist to serve 1 in 4 women in our community, 1 in 9 men in our community, and countless children in our community. Those numbers should shock us all, and by sharing them, we hope to jar our community into action.

Women Aware, Inc., (known as the Merryman House) began in 1978 with Merryman Kemp and a small group of concerned women who were willing to open their homes to abused women and children. They answered their phones in the middle of the night, opened their doors to those in need of shelter and opened their hearts to those who needed someone to see the reality of the dangers and trauma they faced. Out of their openness, a dark issue, which remained largely closed to the public, began to be openly addressed. Over time, the Merryman House has become much more than an emergency shelter. It has become a wide-ranging advocacy and support center that is devoted to addressing the comprehensive needs of survivors.

Both then and now, the Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center is committed to Saving, Building and Changing the lives of those affected by domestic violence.

Throughout this booklet, you will find five pre-set levels of giving we invite you to explore. However, if you find yourself compelled to give at a different annual level, we encourage you to give where you are most comfortable. Additionally, we invite your gifts to be broken down however is easiest for you – monthly, quarterly or annually.

It is in our founder's honor that our agency is named, as is this Giving Society. Thank you for your courage, Merryman Kemp!

Partners in TRANSFORMATION

Gifts of \$5,000 or more over the course of one year

All services provided by Merryman House are free to the clients we serve. On this page, and on subsequent pages, you will find examples of what your recurring gifts will fund for the agency and more importantly, how they will positively impact survivors of domestic violence.

Gifts of \$5,000 could cover these costs:

- ▶ Keep the utilities on in our 36-bed emergency shelter for one week
 - ▶ Cost to run Camp BRAVEHEART for 2 of our 15 campers
 - ▶ One week of four full-time advocates attending domestic violence court hearings in eight counties to connect with survivors outside of our program and offer them our services
 - ▶ 136 hours of training and a Level 1 Certification through the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence for one staff member to be ready to Save, Build and Change lives
 - ▶ Countless Lives Saved, Rebuilt and Changed
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Partners in EMPOWERMENT

Gifts of \$1,000 or more over the course of one year

Through private gifts like these, we will continue to accommodate the growing need for our services that we have seen as awareness of Merryman House – of hope – continues to grow. We ask that you, a community member who also wants to see the cycle of domestic violence end, empower us to provide survivors with the tools to do so.

Gifts of \$1,000 could cover these costs:

- ▶ Facilitation of one support group per week, for one year
 - ▶ Household goods, such as new pillows, bedding, and toiletries for one month
 - ▶ Pay a full-time staff member to provide only client transportation for one week
 - ▶ Pay our security monitoring costs for one week
 - ▶ Countless Lives Saved, Rebuilt and Changed
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Partners in ADVOCACY

Gifts of \$500 or more over the course of one year

We invite you to consider the hundreds of active clients Merryman House serves each month. Clients like “Amelia” who felt lost, alone, and broken when she came into emergency shelter. Domestic violence had taken everything from her. With support from the Merryman House, Amelia has removed obstacles and opened the doors to the life she so desperately desires and deserves. Amelia now has employment, housing, sobriety, custody of all her children, and excitement for the future.

Gifts of \$500 could cover these costs:

- ▶ Two weeks of meals for a survivor
 - ▶ Staff the crisis hotline for 24 hours
 - ▶ Supplies for counseling groups for one month
 - ▶ Entire phone system cost for three months
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Partners in COMPASSION

Gifts of \$250 or more over the course of one year

Compassion is basic concern for another's distress and the desire to alleviate it. If you share in our compassion for survivors of domestic violence, and share in our desire to alleviate their trauma and remove the barriers that stop them from breaking their individual cycles of violence, please consider becoming a Partner in Compassion.

Gifts of \$250 could cover these costs:

- ▶ Emergency medication orders for survivors for one month
 - ▶ Tennis shoes for each member of a family of four
 - ▶ One month of interpretation services to communicate with non-English speaking callers and clients
 - ▶ One day of agency food cost
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Partners in COURAGE

Gifts of \$100 or more over the course of one year

Like many things worth doing, taking the first step is the hardest part - finding out how you can best help, volunteer or donate. We invite you to take this first step for survivors through a \$100 donation over the course of one year. Then, once you follow along with our successes, our challenges and our client stories for a year, we bet you will be back. Because your gifts, even those of \$100, make that much of a difference in the lives of survivors.

Gifts of \$100 could cover these costs:

- ▶ Cost to house one survivor in emergency shelter for 24 hours
 - ▶ One set of clothing, bed linens, pillow and personal care items for two new emergency shelter residents
 - ▶ Three therapy sessions with a licensed clinician
 - ▶ Three monthly bus passes for survivors lacking transportation
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