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## 24 HOUR CRISIS SUPPORT HOTLINE:

413-536-1628

- Emergency Shelter
- Individual Counseling
- Support groups — English/Spanish/Russian
- Legal, medical, financial & housing advocacy
- In-court legal advocates @ Holyoke & Chicopee District Courts, Hampden County Family & Probate Court
- Comprehensive teen services
- Child advocacy & programming
- Community education
- Informational & referrals
- Economic literacy

Bilingual/bicultural services available

ALL Womanshelter services are confidential & free of charge



Everyone has the right to live without fear of abuse—physical, verbal, mental, sexual or emotional

# womanshelter compañeras

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Our mission is to assist, support & empower those whose lives are affected by battering & abuse. We strive to reduce & prevent domestic violence through public awareness efforts.

## February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Teen d/v month is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teens and 20-something relationships.

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/talk-teens-teen-dating-violence/>



### THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP W/C

Volunteer - Tell a friend about us - Foster a companion animal for a family in shelter - use our wish list to organize a collection drive - consider planned giving options - **WRITE A CHECK**



## Annual Appeal

End of the year gifts still being accepted for the Annual Appeal!  
Make your donation **TODAY!**

## Donate!

Send your tax deductible gift to:  
P.O. Box 1099, Holyoke, MA 01041  
or click on the QR code above and go straight to our website

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# Community Support



**Gary Rome Hyundai**  
holds raffle to benefit  
Womanshelter

**Home Depot in Hadley**  
collects money & toiletries  
for families in shelter



**Latin American  
Motorcycle**  
group donates gifts over the  
holidays for our participants

# D/V Legislative Advocacy Day



## **JANE DOE Launches The Strengthening Health Care Collaborations Project**

**Strengthening Health Care Collaborations Project**, currently funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, is designed to improve the well-being and safety of survivors by strengthening partnerships between community-based sexual/domestic violence organizations and health care organizations. Given the expertise within community-based organizations, enhanced collaborations with health care will increase access to supports for survivors, promote trauma informed and best practices, and lead to better coordinated responses that address the diverse needs of survivors.

## **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BE A PARTNER & hold a Community Fundraiser to benefit W/C!**

We are always looking for individuals/groups to get involved in our cause.

Contact our main office to share your ideas on how you can support W/C and its work in the community. Past events have included spaghetti dinners, Poker Runs, etc. We are open to any ideas.....