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Religious and Spiritual Leaders Sign National Declaration To Address Violence Against Women

On April 5, 2006 forty-two national religious leaders from around the country declared violence against women as intolerable and pledged their commitment to its eradication. The National Declaration by Religious Leaders to Address Violence Against Women will be distributed to every battered women's program in the U.S. Women will see this list and determine whether their faith community

supports them in seeking safety for themselves and their children. When people of faith join with other community leaders to address domestic violence, we will see ancient roadblocks turn into resources that save lives and bring healing. Please join over 1,200 other people of faith in signing the Declaration by visiting the following website: www.faithtrustinstitute.org/declaration.

NATIONAL DECLARATION

We proclaim with one voice as national spiritual and religious leaders that violence against women exists in all communities, including our own, and is morally, spiritually and universally intolerable.

We acknowledge that our sacred texts, traditions and values have too often been misused to perpetuate and condone abuse.

We commit ourselves to working toward the day when all women will be safe and abuse will be no more.

We draw upon our healing texts and practices to help make our families and societies whole.

Our religious and spiritual traditions compel us to work for justice and the eradication of violence against women.

We call upon people of all religious and spiritual traditions to join us.

A Checklist for Religious Communities

The religious communities provide a safe haven for women and families in need. In addition, they exhort society to share compassion and comfort with those afflicted by the tragedy of domestic violence. Leaders of the religious community have identified actions to create a unified response to violence against women.

Become a Safe Place. Make your church, temple, mosque or synagogue a safe place where victims of domestic violence can come for help. Display brochures and posters which include the telephone number of the domestic violence and sexual assault programs in your area. Publicize the National Domestic Violence Hotline number, 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TDD).

Educate the Congregation. Provide ways for members of the congregation to learn as much as they can about domestic and sexual violence. Routinely include information in monthly newsletters, on bulletin boards, and in marriage preparation classes. Sponsor educational seminars on violence against women in your congregation.

Speak Out. Speak out about domestic violence and sexual assault from the pulpit. As a faith leader, you can have a powerful impact on people's attitudes and beliefs.

Lead by Example. Volunteer to serve on the board of directors at the local domestic violence/sexual assault program or attend a training to become a crisis volunteer.

Offer Space. Offer meeting space for educational seminars or weekly support groups or serve as a supervised visitation site when parents need to safely visit their children.

Partner with Existing Resources. Include your local domestic violence or sexual assault program in donations and community service projects. Adopt a shelter for which your church, temple, mosque or synagogue provides material support, or provide similar support to families as they rebuild their lives following a shelter stay.

Prepare to be a Resource. Do the theological and scriptural homework necessary to better understand and respond to family violence and receive training from professionals in the fields of sexual and domestic violence.

Intervene. If you suspect violence is occurring in a relationship, speak to each member of the couple separately. Help the victim plan for safety. Let both individuals know of the community resources available to assist them. Do not attempt couples counseling.

Support Professional Training. Encourage and support training and education for clergy and lay leaders, hospital chaplains, and seminary students to increase awareness about sexual and domestic violence.

Address Internal Issues. Encourage continued efforts by religious institutions to address allegations of abuse by religious leaders to insure that religious leaders are a safe resource for victims and their children.

The articles on page one and two were used by permission of FaithTrust Institute, a multi-faith, non-profit educational organization that addresses issues of religion and abuse. FaithTrust Institute helps religious institutions to identify and respond to sexual and domestic violence, and prepares religious leaders to engage in prevention. To purchase print or media resources or discuss training options, call toll free 1-877-860-2255, or visit www.faithtrustinstitute.org for more information and to sign the National Declaration by Religious Leaders to Address Violence Against Women.

Resources for Communities of Faith

FaithTrust Institute

FaithTrust Institute, formerly the **Center for Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence**, offers a wide range of services and resources, including training, consultation and educational materials, to provide communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse.

Founded in 1977 by the Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, FaithTrust Institute is an international, multi-faith organization working with many communities, including Asian and Pacific Islander, Buddhist, Jewish, Latino/a, Muslim, Black, Anglo, Indigenous, Protestant and Roman Catholic.

Using a leadership development model, FaithTrust Institute provides in-person training, consultation and video, Internet and print resources. FaithTrust Institute provides in-depth analysis, sets the agenda and calls forth the best from religious and secular organizations to address and prevent sexual and domestic violence.

For more information, visit their website at www.faithtrustinstitute.org or call toll-free at 877-860-2255.

If This is Not a Place, A Violence Prevention and Intervention Training Curriculum for Communities of Faith and Clergy

If This is Not a Place is a curriculum written by Kathy Manis Findley for communities of faith and clergy who want to make a responsible, sensitive and compassionate response to violence among people of faith. The curriculum consists of a twelve-session facilitator's guide which can be used for long-term study. Single sessions can also stand alone as one-time presentations. In

addition to the twelve sessions, the curriculum includes educational resources which provide foundational information about violence and victimization, worship resources, violence prevention education materials, and resources for clergy.

The curriculum is designed to forge multi-disciplinary partnerships that can more adequately address the myriad of challenges caused by violence, to offer resources for effective intervention within faith communities, and to prepare clergy and faith communities who offer spiritual care and pastoral counseling to victims, abusers and their families.

The curriculum is published by The Center for Healing and Hope, 501-351-4673.

Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention

The All Faith's Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network and the Little Angel Foundation developed this guidebook called Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention. The goal of the guide is to encourage collaboration between clergy, spiritual leaders and domestic violence advocates in responding to domestic violence in faith and spiritual congregations across the nation. The guidebook outlines passages from selected religious texts that have been misused to justify violence and highlights passages that can be used to promote non-violence. It will also help clergy and other faith and spiritual leaders identify and assist survivors of abuse in their congregations and communities. For more information on this guidebook, contact the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network at 312-750-0730 or www.batteredwomensnetwork.org.

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**Transforming Communities: An EPIC
Faith Initiative**

Transforming Communities Technical Assistance, Training and Resource Center (TC-TAT) has worked with hundreds of individuals and organizations in California and around the country who are dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence.

The Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPIC) Branch of the California Department of Health Services created and funded two statewide training programs to enhance involvement of the faith community in domestic violence prevention, intervention and advocacy. The Faith Leaders and Domestic Violence (FLDV) project, administered by California State University-Channel Islands, offers workshops for faith leaders on how to prevent, recognize, intervene in and be part of a coordinated community response to domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Advocates and Faith Community Leaders (DVAFCL) project, administered by TC-TAT, has an emphasis on working with advocates and faith leaders to strengthen their relationships with each other, encouraging and enhancing collaboration between advocates and faith leaders, and building the capacities of communities to respond to domestic violence.

The DVAFCL project, along with its sister project, FLDV, is building bridges, helping both domestic violence advocates and faith community leaders to understand each other's perspectives and work together to ensure safety for families while respecting spiritual integrity.

For more information on this initiative, contact TC-TAT at 415-457-2464.

***Purchase Stamps for Domestic
Violence Awareness Month***

**The "Stop Family Violence" Semipostal
Stamp**

This is a reminder that the U.S. Postal Service fundraising stamp supporting the national fight against domestic violence is still available for purchase.



The price of the Stop Family Violence semipostal stamp is 45 cents. As a semipostal, it is valid for postage at the First-Class first-ounce letter rate (currently 39 cents). You can use the difference between the sales price of the stamp and the postage as a tax-deductible contribution.

Funds raised by the sale of these stamps are transferred to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and will be used to fund programs for victims of domestic violence.

The Stop Family Violence semipostal stamp can be purchased online at www.USPS.com/shop, by toll-free phone order at 1-800-STAMP-24 and at Post Offices nationwide.



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**VISIT ODVN'S WEBSITE AT
www.odvn.org
FOR A CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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ODVN Receives TANF Grant for Training

ODVN is pleased to announce the award of a grant from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services to provide statewide training to TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) workers.

The ODVN TANF Training Project has two components. First, ODVN will develop a tool kit providing resources for county employees to assist TANF recipients who are experiencing domestic violence. Second, ODVN will provide training for County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) staff to identify domestic violence issues affecting TANF recipients' involvement in education, training or employment due to control by the batterer. ODVN is subcontracting with eight shelters in Ohio to aid in the training of CDJFS employees throughout the state.

It has been estimated that "Among welfare recipients, 50% to 60% have experienced domestic violence over their lifetimes, and 20% to 30% are current victims of abuse," (Tolman & Raphael, 2000). Abusers may be threatened by any steps a woman may take towards independence. In Ohio, those living in the same household or who have a child in common are interviewed by CDJFS together and share the same case plan. This makes it challenging and unsafe for CDJFS staff to ask the domestic violence questions they are prompted to ask. In addition, limits on the length of time a family can receive cash assistance, residency requirements, work requirements, and enhanced enforcement on establishing paternity and child support place increased pressures on battered women and new demands on TANF staff. Ohio has not adopted the Federal Family Violence Option (FVO) that would provide victims with temporary waivers of time and work requirements. Each individual county in Ohio

has different 'good cause' domestic violence exemptions and protocols, increasing the complexity and the significance of this training. Ohio is currently considering adopting the FVO. Please see related article on SB 238 on page 8.

Training for your local CDJFS is very important to move victims of domestic violence toward safety and self-sufficiency. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Molly Rampe, TANF Project Coordinator at (614) 781-9651, Ext. 233 or at mollyr@odvn.org.

ODVN Welcomes New Staff

Molly Rampe joined the staff of ODVN in July 2006 as the TANF Project Coordinator. Molly earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Bowling Green State University and her Master's Degree in Social Work at Ohio State University.

Prior to joining ODVN, Molly spent some time in Rhode Island as a Volunteer Coordinator at a local domestic violence program. Upon returning to Columbus, she interned at the City Prosecutor's Office in the Stalking Unit and also at the local domestic violence program, CHOICES. Molly is also a member of the PAWS (People and Animal Welfare Society) Task Force.

As the TANF Project Coordinator, Molly will develop a tool kit for county employees to assist TANF recipients who are experiencing domestic violence and provide training to County Department of Job and Family Services staff to identify domestic violence issues affecting TANF recipients.

Welcome Molly!

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Results of Ohio BIP Survey 2005

Reiko Ozaki, LISW, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist

ODVN conducted a survey of Ohio batterers intervention programs (BIPs) in 2005 in an effort to gain a better understanding of the work being done in the state and to have updated contact information. The survey was mailed to a total of 92 agencies in August and again in October to those who did not respond to the first mailing. By the end of November, the survey was returned from 47 BIPs (51% return rate). Some of the findings about these 47 BIPs are highlighted below:

Referral Source:

- Most BIPs received referrals from the Municipal Courts (98% or 46 BIPs). The majority of other referrals are received from Common Pleas Courts (81% or 38 BIPs), Children's Services (68% or 32 BIPs), self-referral (64% or 30 BIPs), defense attorneys (57% or 27 BIPs), and mental health professionals (48% or 23 BIPs).

Group Member Composition:

- Sixteen BIPs (34%) also conduct women only group(s).
- Seven BIPs (15%) conduct mixed-gender group(s).

Specialized Groups:

- There are three BIPs (6%) that conduct groups specifically for Spanish-speaking offenders.
- More than one fourth of the programs (12 BIPs) serve Spanish speaking offenders, some with Spanish speaking staff and others with interpreters.
- No groups were offered for gay men or lesbian women who batter their intimate partners.

Other Needs of Offenders Served by BIPs:

- Mental health treatment may be provided by 24 programs (51%), substance abuse treatment by 23 (49%), couples counseling by 13 (28%), family therapy by 12 (26%), and parenting programs by 12 agencies (26%) while the batterers are in their BIP.

Collaboration with Local DV Programs:

- About 79% of the respondents (37 BIPs) stated that they collaborate with their local domestic violence programs at some level. Some of the BIPs are actually operated by domestic violence programs themselves.

The results from the BIP survey show that there are definitely some issues that need addressed in our work with batterers in Ohio. For example, I am concerned about mixed-gender groups since many women defendants are victims and there are some safety concerns as I wrote in a previous *Network News* article (see Vol. 10, Issue 2, March 2006, p.4). Further, I am surprised by the number of agencies providing couples counseling and family therapy while batterers are still in their BIPs. There is a possibility that people did not read the question well when they answered it – I do hope this truly is the case.

Another finding that needs attention is the number of BIPs serving Spanish speaking perpetrators. Although a few BIPs stated that they serve other non-English speaking populations, such as Cambodian, Chinese, Japanese, and Somali, the vast majority of the non-English speaking population spoke Spanish. While there are three BIPs that have Spanish-speaking groups, most programs handle these offenders case by case. Out of the 47 respondents, 25 stated that they do not work with non-English speakers and would refer or have referred them to other programs which serve that particular population.

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There are a few other concerns that do not necessarily show in the numeric result of the survey. As I called to verify some BIP addresses and contact information, some program staff and/or receptionists didn't know what is meant by "batterers intervention" or that the program they have is referred to as batterers intervention programs nationally. I have also called local domestic violence programs to find out who in their counties are working with batterers. Many advocates and directors of DV programs did not know what happens to DV offenders in their area.

ODVN is committed to providing resources and assistance for advocates, batterers intervention practitioners and any concerned organizations and individuals on issues around BIPs. ODNV sponsored training by Julia Perilla, PhD, on September 15, which focused on working with Latino men who batter from a survivor-centered approach to enhance victim safety while holding batterers accountable. We would also like to continue updating information in our BIP database so that we can provide necessary information to appropriate organizations in a timely manner and collaborate with both BIPs and DV programs. If you are a BIP and have not filled out the survey yet, please contact Reiko Ozaki at reikoo@odvn.org or at 1-800-934-9840, ext. 228.

ODVN Board Member Receives Sunshine Peace Award

Congratulations to Patti Schwarztrauber, Executive Director of Artemis Center in Dayton for being selected as a 2006 recipient of a Sunshine Peace Award.

The Sunshine Peace Awards were established to honor the vital role that workers in the

domestic violence field play within our communities. The award recognizes extraordinary individuals who make a difference; those who help to build communities that are intolerant of domestic violence and through whose work people's lives are changed for the better. Candidates are nominated and judged on excellence in administration of programs and in victim advocacy. These awards are offered through The Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc.

Patti Schwarztrauber joined the Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence in 1997 as an advocate and is currently the Executive Director. Under Patti's direction, the Artemis Center has won several local and state awards for promising practices in programming, and ethical service to the community. Patti credits her success to Artemis Center's fabulous staff of strong, dedicated, empowered women and her predecessor, Nancy Grigsby.

Before joining Artemis Center, Patti worked as a social worker at a rehabilitation center, the local child welfare agency, a mental health agency, and a drug and alcohol assessment agency in Erie, PA. Today, she serves on the advisory board of Erma's House family visitation center and the Board of Directors of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. She is a graduate of Leadership Dayton, and continues to volunteer with the program. She is also involved with several community initiatives with the goal of ending violence, particularly against women and children. Congratulations Patti!!

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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

By Nancy Neylon, Executive Director

Constitutional Amendment Update

The Ohio Supreme Court accepted the appeal in *State v. Carswell*, a criminal domestic violence case that originated in Warren County. Oral arguments will be heard on December 12, 2006.

In *State v. Carswell* the Twelfth District Court of Appeals found that R.C. 2919.25 does not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals and thus held that the Ohio domestic violence statutes are constitutional. The appellant-defendant and the appellee have filed their primary merit briefs and six amicus briefs supporting the Warren County prosecutor's position that the Ohio domestic violence statute is constitutional have also been filed. The Ohio Domestic Violence Network joined with Action Ohio and NOW Education and Legal Fund to file a joint amicus brief. The National Network to End Domestic Violence filed an amicus brief on behalf of the national coalition and other state domestic violence coalitions. In addition, the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association, the ACLU of Ohio, Lambda Legal Defense and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office have filed amicus briefs in support of the constitutionality of the domestic violence statutes.

As domestic violence cases have traveled through the Ohio Courts of Appeal, the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twelfth Districts have all upheld the constitutionality of the domestic violence statute and two Courts of Appeal, the Second and the Third have invalidated the domestic violence statutes as they apply to unmarried partners. There are no Appellate Court decisions as yet in the First, Fourth, or Eleventh districts. Pending the outcome of the Supreme Court decision, the appellate court decisions are binding in their court districts.

(The Ohio Domestic Violence Network would like to thank Alexandria Ruden, Cleveland Legal Aid Society, and Michael Smalz, Ohio State Legal Services Association, for their pro bono assistance with the ODVN et al., amicus brief. ODVN would also like to thank Fernando Laguarda, Michael Haas and Helen Gerostatis of Mintz Levin for their pro bono assistance to the NNEDV on their amicus brief.)

SB 238 – Family Violence Option Task Force - Effective September 21, 2006.

This legislation merged two other bills, SB 313, Family Violence Option (FVO) and SB 287, adoptions, prior to being passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed by Governor Taft. The legislation creates a Task Force to consider adopting and implementing the federal Family Violence Option as a part of Ohio Works First/TANF program. Adoption of the FVO would allow victims of domestic violence that disclose such violence to TANF workers the option of engaging in alternative work activities including shelter stay, accessing legal options or counseling. It would further allow for temporary waivers of time limits to assist in overcoming the barriers of domestic violence. The FVO would also require welfare agencies to screen for domestic violence and provide referrals. Thus far 47 other states have adopted the FVO. The Task Force is expected to complete its work by the end of 2006 and begin to move toward legislation to implement the FVO if that is the decision of the Task Force.

SB 17 - Clergy child sexual abuse and neglect reporting/Expanded CPO and TPO statutes - Effective August 3, 2006.

The legislation is primarily aimed at clergy child sexual abuse. It also includes a broader provision that changes the standard for mandatory and discretionary reporting for mandated reporters. The new standards require a report of possible child abuse or neglect whenever the reporter "has reasonable cause to suspect or believe based on facts that would cause a

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reasonable person in a similar position to suspect or believe” that a child has suffered or faces a threat of suffering child abuse or neglect.

In addition, the Conference Committee for the legislation made significant changes in the domestic violence statutes. Both R.C. 2919.26(A)(1) and R.C. 3113.31(A)(6) were amended to expand the coverage of the domestic violence protection order statutes to include coverage of persons, regardless of whether or not they are family or household members, if they are a victim of a sexually oriented offense. Sexually orientated offenses under R.C. 2950.01 include offenses from rape to gross sexual imposition. The statutory definitions of domestic violence and family or household member are unchanged. The legislation failed to amend the motion for a Temporary Protection Order Form mandated by R.C. 2919.26 (B).

Federal Budget

The final budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2007 has not been finalized. We do have preliminary budget numbers for the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce Justice and Science. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce Justice and Science funded an additional \$10 million in new VAWA programs including \$5 million for sexual assault, \$2 million for youth who experience violence and \$2 million for children who witness violence. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services made small cuts to the Family Violence Prevention and Services and Rape Prevention and Education funding. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science also appropriated \$5 million to sexual assault and other programs received small increases. Both the Grants to

Encourage Arrest and Rural Grant Programs received cuts in appropriations. Given the very tight climate for budgetary increases, this is a tremendous victory and the result of grassroots education to our Representatives and Senators.



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Community Shares of Mid Ohio

Look for ODVN in your company's workplace giving campaign

Community Shares of Mid Ohio (CoSMO) was established to strengthen local nonprofits who collectively participate in workplace giving campaigns. These campaigns provide vital financial support from employee donations. ODVN is a long standing member of CoSMO.

CoSMO's 44 member agencies are community-based, volunteer-led nonprofits that prevent family, school, and neighborhood violence, homelessness and hunger, child abuse and neglect, and environmental devastation; protect civil and human rights; and increase literacy, democracy and voter education, healthy lives, and social justice.

CoSMO member agencies will be participating in numerous workplace campaigns in 2006. You can give to directly to ODVN through the following campaigns:

Public/governmental workplaces

City of Columbus, Franklin County
COTA Central Ohio Transit Authority
The Ohio State University
Columbus State Community College
Columbus Metropolitan Libraries
Westerville Public Schools
Southwestern City Schools

Private workplaces

COSI
Southeast Inc.
Ohio Civil Service Employees Association
OCSEA
AFSCME
Suburban News Publications
Ohio Historical Society
Hahn Loeser and Parks

Millcraft Paper Company
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Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing

"Open companies" - Employees can donate to any 501 (c) (3) Non-profit.

AT&T
CNA Insurance
Wells Fargo
Chase Manhattan Bank
Merck Medco

You can help by remembering Community Shares and ODVN in your workplace giving campaign. It's easy to give and easy to help when you give through payroll deduction. You can direct your campaign gift to one or several specific agencies; we honor the donor's wishes for designated gifts.

If your workplace does not include CoSMO, ask your campaign coordinator how you can make a gift through donor options to CoSMO or your favorite nonprofit.

And, please encourage your family, friends and coworkers to consider giving to CoSMO and/or ODVN at their workplace.

For more information on Community Shares visit the website at www.communityshares.net or call Becky Mason at ODVN.

Community Shares generates stable funding for community-based, social justice nonprofits working on long term solutions to local needs.

CHECK IT OUT!
From ODVN's Resource Center

Materials from ODVN's Resource Center may be borrowed for free by ODVN members and Ohio residents. For more information or to borrow resources from our clearing-house, please contact Tana Carpenter, 1-800-934-9840, Ext. 224.

Dangerous Games: Power & Control in Teen Dating Relationships, AIMS

Multimedia, 2004. This DVD is structured as three role-play vignettes, with teen discussion/commentary following each one. This program encourages students to engage in a dynamic discussion of dating violence – recognizing and understanding the manipulative behaviors of an individual trying to gain control over another. Behavioral warning signs are clearly illustrated and the comprehensive Discussion Guide assists teachers in initiating safety discussions with students as well as providing resources for counseling and assistance.

Bullying Prevention: Creating a Positive School Climate and Developing Social Competence, by Pamela Orpinas and Arthur M. Horne, 2006. This book includes risk and protective factors organized relative to the social ecology, theoretical perspectives on bullying and aggression, evaluating bullying prevention programs, a brief comparison of bullying to Intimate Partner Violence, and identifying high-quality programs with criteria to consider when selecting bullying-prevention curricula. A rich resource section contains a wide range of bullying-related readings, manuals and tools available on the Internet.

Bullying, Peer Harassment, and Victimization in the Schools: The Next Generation of Prevention, edited by Maurice Elias and Joseph Zins, 2003. This book was simultaneously published as The Journal of Applied School Psychology, Vol. 19, No. 2, 2003. It is a collection of abstracts from empirical studies and literature reviews on

forms of peer violence. One abstract of particular note explores how the dynamics of domestic violence apply to sexual harassment between peers and examines the institutional responses to sexual harassment by school authorities and how those parallel to domestic violence legal solutions. Another entry considers the *Perceptions and Attitudes Toward Bullying in Middle School Youth* and a third investigates the *Developmental Trajectories of Victimization: Identifying Risk and Protective Factors*.

Featuring Females: Feminist Analyses of Media, edited by Ellen Cole and Jessica Henderson Daniel, 2005. This is a collection of individually authored chapters on the intersection of culture and gender roles. A group of scholars and researchers provides their thought-provoking findings that address the ways in which aging, race/ethnicity, body image, gender roles, sexual orientation and relationships, and violence are treated in the media. Each chapter inspires discussion on the effects that these representations have on girls, women and society at large.

Raise More Money: The Best of the Grassroots Fundraising Journal, edited by Kim Klein and Stephanie Roth, 2004. For twenty years, the *Grassroots Fundraising Journal* has given social change organizations practical, up-to-date information about fundraising strategies that can be put right to work. Written for small nonprofit organizations, this collection provides inspiration, tips, tools and timeless strategies to help bring in more money and develop long-term financial stability.



Financial Tip from our Financial Manager

Rita Doyle Smith

Controlling Your Debt

Most people have several kinds of debt. Some of it is “good debt”—for example, student loans and home mortgages. Good debt is that which is undertaken as an investment in the future. Getting an education and buying a house are investments that pay in future years. Bad debt is often credit card debt, which typically has very high interest rates and is not an investment. Charging everyday items on a credit card can be the beginning of a monthly spiral into debt that is nearly impossible to pay off. Here are some tips on how to prevent or minimize getting too far into credit-card debt:

1. Pay off your highest-rate credit cards first.
2. Try to transfer your balances to a lower-rate card or ask your current credit card company to lower your rate.
3. Don't continue to add to your credit card debt. Begin purchasing everyday items with cash or with a separate credit card that you pay off monthly.

If you get into financial trouble, get help from a reputable debt counseling agency. But beware, many businesses that claim to be non-profit debt counseling agencies have proven to give misleading advice and can cost more than they are worth. For more information, check with your local Better Business Bureau or go to www.bbb.org.

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