### 25 Ways to Support Economic Empowerment

1. Acknowledge that 95% of DV survivors experience financial abuse.
4. Develop partnerships with local banks and credit unions.
5. Fight for raising the federal minimum wage.
6. Create coupon collection groups.
7. Teach financial literacy classes in shelters, prisons, and schools.
8. Learn about and promote micro entrepreneur lending programs.
9. Create safe environments to share stories about economic successes & challenges.
10. Learn about and promote the Earned Income Tax Credit and free tax preparation resources.
11. Learn about Individual Development Asset (IDA) programs available from the federal government.
13. Become familiar with the Family Violence Option Waiver for people on TANF.
14. Collaborate with job development programs to provide clean interview suits.
15. Learn all the ways survivors can be eligible for crime victim’s compensation.
16. Learn about Lifeline, a government assistance program for qualified low-income people.
17. Obtain a copy of your credit report & monitor your credit regularly.
19. Recognize that survivors may not leave abusive relationships because of finances.
20. Re-imagine budgeting as a positive goal and not a chore and teach children to budget.
21. Avoid judgment of survivors because of their poverty or wealth.
22. Share knowledge about scholarships for survivors seeking higher education.
23. Share savvy money saving tips with friends, colleagues and other survivors.
24. Know the fair housing laws in your state and community.
25. Learn about VAWA protections for survivors who live in federally subsidized housing.

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