

# March 2017 Hope Cottage Newsletter

## Support Group

Every Tuesday Night at  
6:30pm

Call: 501-278-4673  
on Tuesday for location



## Hope Cottage

Hotline: 501-278-4673  
Office: 501-278-5130  
Online: [hopecottage.info](http://hopecottage.info)  
Facebook: Hope Cottage  
Twitter: @HopeCottage2

## A Message from the Executive Director

Last year, 73 women and 49 children came to Hope Cottage for safety while leaving their abusive homes. Leaving is the most dangerous thing a woman can do; 75% of women who are killed by their abusers are killed while trying to leave, or within the three months immediately following. These women and children are your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family.

Today, most of those women are in their own stable homes, without an abusive partner, living safely and independently. While in Hope Cottage, they learned how to avoid abusive relationships in the future, what resources are available to help them move to independence, how to look for—and interview for—jobs. They typically arrived at Hope Cottage without any of their belongings, so food, clothing, and personal care items were given to them by the shelter. The most important thing they learned? That they are strong, courageous, capable women and that they can take care of themselves. That they and their children are worthy of a peaceful, loving home and deserve to be treated with respect and compassion. Many, many victim/survivors write back later to tell us, “Hope Cottage saved my life. I know I would be dead today if I had not called the hotline.”

If you would like to be part of saving the lives of White County women and children, please consider donating. On **April 6, 2017**, White County Domestic Violence Prevention, the nonprofit “parent company” of Hope Cottage, will participate in ArkansasGives, a statewide giving event sponsored by the Arkansas Community Foundation and the Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance. You may donate by credit or debit card. A privately funded account has been set up to enable organizations who reach certain goals throughout the day to receive matching funds. In other words, your donation could have a much greater impact than the dollar amount you give—you could potentially double your donation without increased cost to you!

On **April 6 between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm**, go to [www.ArkansasGives.org](http://www.ArkansasGives.org), find White County Domestic Violence Prevention in the drop down box of registered charity organizations, and make your donation by debit or credit card. On behalf of the victims served by Hope Cottage: THANK YOU!

# WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST LEAVE?

- Her risk of serious injury/death increase **75%**
- Fear of the batterer
- She is economically dependent
- Children
- Cultural/religious beliefs
- She is isolated: no support system/nowhere to go
- She has been brainwashed
- Her history: This is the way it is
- She does not have resources  
She does not believe law enforcement, or anyone else, will help her

- **Fact:** There is a correlation between substance abuse and domestic abuse, but it is not cause and effect.

## **STAGES VICTIMS**

### **GO THROUGH.**

**Denial**

**Guilt**

**Enlightenment**

**Responsibility**



Here at Hope Cottage we want to send out a huge THANK YOU to the many people in our community and surrounding area that donate to us. We truly appreciate every single person who gives anything to help us in our endeavor to provide shelter, clothing, food and other resources to persons and their children fleeing domestic violence. It takes donations small & large, food, clothing, and monetary to ensure we are here 24/7/365 for our clients.

THANK YOU-THANK YOU -THANK YOU-THANK YOU -THANK YOU -THANK YOU

# WHAT IS DOMESTIC ABUSE?

A pattern of deliberate behaviors designed to gain and exercise control over the intimate partner

1 in 3 women are victims-----

A woman is assaulted every 9 seconds.

That equals:

- 7 per minute
- 420 per hour
- 10,080 per day
- 70,560 per week
- 282,240 per month
- 3,386,880 per year

Approximately 6 women die per day from domestic violence.

That equals:

- 42 per week
- 168 per month
- 2,016 per year

**HOPE HOTLINE**

**24/7/365**

**501-278-HOPE**

If you would like to donate to Hope Cottage we have a list of needs below. You can drop off all donations at our store, Hope Restored, located at 1211 E. Race.

**WE APPRECIATE ALL DONATIONS! YOUR GENEROSITY KEEPS US GOING!**



### *Hope Cottage Needs List*

Pasta sauce, flour, vegetable oil  
Canned chicken/Tuna, chicken broth,  
Cream of chicken/mushroom

Fruit cups, applesauce, kool-aid packets, tea bags  
Sugar, Coffee Creamer

Bleach, HE Laundry detergent, Dish washer liquid  
Gallon zip-lock bags, cleaning supplies  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Trash Bags

Sleep Aids, Allergy Medication, Pepto,  
Daily Vitamins, eye drops, Midol  
Cold Medication



Diapers: size 4, 5, 6  
Baby wipes, baby wash  
Fruit juice, baby cereal,  
Baby



Nail Polish, Foundation, Eyeshadow, Eyeliner  
Mascara, Lipstick, Lip Balm/chap stick  
Plastic twin mattress covers

## Hope Restored

1211 East Race Street

Searcy, AR

501-368-9722

Tuesday-Saturday 10:30am-6pm

Please check out the sales we have for you at Hope Restored! We have tons of name brand clothing and shoes for this spring season! We also have jewelry, houseware, books and so much more. All proceeds benefit Hope Cottage.



In 2017 the colors of this year in fashion we will be seeing a lot of Green and Turquoise. Easter is just around the corner so come and visit us every week to check out our new arrivals and be prepared for the perfect outfits for that perfect photo on that special Sunday with Family.

### ACCESSORIES-ACCESSORIES-ACCESSORIES

Earrings, bracelets, necklaces, broaches and rings sometimes a wardrobe only needs some new great accessories to spice it up and make it look and feel new. Accessories can also take many looks from a day at the office to a night out with friends. Come by and see what you can find to spice up your daily wardrobe for the spring.



The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month is Senior Citizen's Day!!! Senior Citizens will receive 30% off their ENTIRE purchase. Come in and check out all the awesome pieces you can add to your wardrobe.



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