



Dear Jasmine,

We conducted a Communications survey and found that you, our wonderful supporters, prefer e-newsletters. So, we're improving ours to share with you key RESPOND updates and other important domestic violence related information. This quarterly update is meant to be brief yet informative. If you want more information, we are happy to provide it. Jessica, Jasmine, Darcie and Amanda can be reached at 617-625-5996. Certified Domestic Violence Counselors are always available 24/7 at 617-623-5900.

Read on, enjoy!

One Day at a Time

- a poem written by Maria, a RESPOND client.

Maria was in a high risk, potentially fatal abusive relationship. Now, she is safe and starting life over, but there is emotional and mental stress that trails her everyday. With positivity and support, she is moving onone day at a time.

Did you know...

1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

RESPOND received 3,333 requests for shelter last year. We expect the FY17 count to increase as other programs in the community close due to lack of funding.

RESPOND's website got a makeover! What do you think? <u>www.respondinc.org</u>

RESPOND & Somerville CAN to benefit from <u>Taste</u> of <u>Somerville</u>! We hope to see you there.

More www.respondinc.org

Open House photos

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ONE DAY AT A TIME

Why did this happen to me? This isn't the way it was supposed to be: I loved you and you loved me, I thought we really were meant to be.

I know I am good, I know I am kind. You could never see that, Which made me lose my mind.

I gave you my all, But your hurtful words made me fall. I felt useless, couldn't tell anyone at all.

Your drunken rants turned into rage; You came at me with a chainsaw. It was time for me to turn the page.

That part of my life was over, It was time to start over new. I ended up in a shelter. What was I to do?

The staff has been so amazing and kind. I am starting to feel better about myself, One day at a time.

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Read more.

RESPOND Open House



L toR: Samantha, Certified Domestic Violence Counselor; Jasmine, Director of Development & Communications; Claire, Certified Domestic Violence Counselor.

It was a joy to see so many supporters, friends, and community members at our RESPONDing to Domestic



Violence Open House. Staff, Board and volunteers thank you for your interest and support.

Didn't make it to Open House? Call any time to learn more about RESPOND's work and resources. Or schedule a visit! We'd love to see you.

Click here to see Open House photos.

Can you help families in shelter?



* Urgent Needs *

Survivors come to RESPOND's shelter with little to nothing. We currently have an urgent need for:

- Towels and face cloths

- Shower curtains

- Bath rugs

- Gift cards to Market Basket,

Stop & Shop, Shaw's/Star Market





Coordinate donation drop off with Jasmine via phone: 617-625-5996, or email: jasmine@respondinc.org

Survivors come into shelter with little to nothing. Toiletries, food and bedding do not make the trip into shelter. With your help, RESPOND is able to provide these necessities. We are currently in need of towels, bath rugs, pillow cases as well as gift cards to Market Basket, Star Market and Stop & Shop.

More ways to help.

Have questions for us? Need our help? You can reach RESPOND 24/7 at 617-623-5900.

Sincerely, Jessica Brayden