



## 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? [www.respondinc.org](http://www.respondinc.org)

**RESPOND & Somerville  
CAN to benefit from Taste  
of Somerville! We hope to  
see you there.**

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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.](#)

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## RESPOND Open House



*L to R: 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.](#)

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## 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](mailto: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.](#)

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

Sincerely,  
Jessica Brayden