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October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Faith-Based Community Called To Action To Help Abused Women

The "Lend Me Your Hand" Annual 50 State Donation Campaign is a serious call to action for non-profit organizations, churches, women's groups, and faith-based initiatives to act collaboratively to provide much needed resources, services and support to women and children in shelters across the United States. The campaign scheduled for December 2004, was established to serve as a conduit through which faith-based initiatives all over the country can uniquely serve the most vulnerable members of our society: survivors of domestic violence. All are called.

The "Lend Me Your Hand" core team consists of a group of Christian women who have dedicated themselves to this national call for action. The overall mission of the "Lend Me Your Hand" outreach effort is to coordinate concerned leaders of the private, public, non-profit, and faith-based sectors to increase awareness of domestic violence prevention, facilitate multi-level sponsorship of critical resources for distribution to shelter residents across the U.S. this holiday season and to provide shelter residents with basic resources and a much needed sense of support. There is great need for involvement at all levels. An organization need only visit www.HiyaahPower.org to partner and to become involved immediately with a donation drive, strategic partnership, volunteer effort, etc. The "Lend Me Your Hand" team seeks to heighten awareness of domestic violence prevention in this country as it delivers resources and support. Recent reports reveal that male partners physically assault nearly 2 million women every year.

www.lifetimetv.com/community/olc/violence/facts_index.htm It is those 2 million battered women that inspired "Lend Me Your Hand" core team members to provide everyone within the scope of their reach with a meaningful way to "give back" this holiday season, combat the evils of domestic violence and let women in domestic violence shelters know that they are not alone.

"Lend Me Your Hand", seeks to fill the void left by the fact that so many charities are still struggling to recuperate from losses sustained after 9/11 when a significant amount of charitable donations were re-directed. Domestic violence shelters are experiencing increased need while available resources either remain the same or dry up altogether. J.

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Salmon of The Washington Post reports, "A recent study of financial health of nonprofit human services organizations in the Washington area found that 60 percent of those surveyed reported an increase in the number of clients served during the past three years but sluggish revenue growth." Salmon goes on to report, 'Nonprofit groups are being "squeezed by rising service demands, but revenue is not keeping up,' said Chuck Bean, executive director of the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington, which commissioned the study." www.ReligionandSocialPolicy.org

"Lend Me Your Hand" strongly encourages all concerned non-profit organizations and faith-based initiatives to accept the invitation to join this very meaningful program. All contributions will assist "Lend Me Your Hand" in reaching out to displaced women and their children this holiday season. Contributions to "Lend Me Your Hand" are U.S. income tax deductible tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

To inquire about partnering with "Lend Me Your Hand" and other faith based organizations united in this call to action, please email LMYH@hiyaahpower.org or call 888.801.2313

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