

Be Open To Change

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Faith and Grace, Inc.
Lake Havasu City, AZ



Dear Friend,

I woke up this morning thinking about the journeys of the women and children in our safe house.

I pictured them fleeing their only home with just the clothes on their back with no money, no property, no resources and sometimes no forms of identification.

I imagined them thinking: *Did I make a mistake? ... How will I ever take care of my children without resources?*

And then I remembered, that's exactly why we are here.

At Faith and Grace, Inc., we understand the heartache, loneliness, and fear these families experience when they have left everything they know. That's why we jump into action to immediately provide shelter, food, and clothing for women and their children, giving them stability and safety at our home. But, there's so much more that's needed for them to gain independence for their futures and not be forced to return to their abusive homes.



The only way to keep victims of domestic violence from returning to their abusive relationships is to remove the barriers that keep them in such horrific conditions. ”

Kathleen DeClark | President & Board Chairman

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There's so many obstacles to overcome. How in the world do you begin the process of stabilizing and living a new life for you and your children starting from zero?

Rebuilding lives starts with the basics. Seemingly simple things like obtaining birth certificates, personal identification and copies of vaccinations. Obvious things like transportation, medical insurance, legal representation, and employment are the absolute foundation to ensuring the success of these families' futures. And, then there is childcare. All of these ever-crucial services require money and resources, which are exactly the two things these women sacrificed for themselves and their children's safety.

I have good news for you. Removing barriers to success for victims of domestic violence is what our advocates and staff do, day in and day out. And we are really good at it.

Every woman who arrives at our doors is assigned an advocate who helps her navigate the complicated task of living again and providing for her many basic needs. Her advocate also steers her through the court system



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(with the help of a hired paralegal) and the Department of Economic Security for medical and food assistance as well as helping her to identify her dreams and goals and a detailed plan to obtain them.

“ You should know that this is often the first time our ladies have been asked about what they dream about their futures. It takes some coaching to get them to think about their lives with possibilities, but I promise you, it’s a powerful moment to witness a “victim” start to think of herself as a “survivor” when she vocalizes her goals for the first time **without** her abuser in her life.

Martha | Advocate, Residential Program Manager



As you can imagine, the trauma endured by living in violent homes requires psychological counseling for women and their children. Many women require financial literacy education, computer training, resume and job interview skills, family budgeting capabilities and general, all-around emotional care and support.

Thanks to you, we’re able to provide all these “barrier-removing” services and competencies that yield success for those who reside in our shelters.

A former resident who is a mother with one child shared what she learned at our homes:

“ Faith and Grace was there when my daughter and I needed a home and provided us with a safe place to live. They provided me with counseling that’s helped me tremendously, as well as the assistance necessary to get into our own home. . . I’m finally healing.



On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for your part in ensuring “victims” of domestic violence become “survivors” by breaking away from fear, chaos and danger to leading independent, balanced and productive lives. You are indeed an angel on the shoulders of those we serve at Faith and Grace, Inc.

Gratefully yours,

Kathi DeClark
President and Board Chairman

P.S. Won’t you please share this letter with your friends and family and direct them to FaithandGraceInc.com. Thank you.

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