Fall 2014

Dream Bigger Rebuilding Women & Children's Lives

Dream Bigger has been Preventing Violence against Women & Children since 2008. Rebuilding Lives of Women & Children after escaping Family Violence is no easy task it takes a Community!

The Dream Bigger Health and Wellness program works toward



long-term Stability & Well Being by sharpening Financial Skills, Nutritional Meal Planning, Healthy Mental Coping Skills and daily Fitness habits. Meeting in non-disclosed locations not labeled as domestic violence services increases client safety, eases anxiety & relieves the stress that could interfere with a prosperous future. This long-term journey to selfsufficiency & independence requires the building of trust & safety. We plan to expand our Health & Wellness program to

include more women & children as financial support increases.

AVENUE BREAD

AVENUE BREAD chose Dream Bigger as their Charity of the Month for October 2014. Their Kneaded Dough program donates a portion of purchases to support their non profit of the month! Thank you Avenue Bread for helping to Rebuild the Lives of Women & Children!!! http://avenuebread.com/charitable/



PEACE Believe CHRISTMAS

Adopt a Family for Christmas!

Help provide GIFT CARDS so women can provide Christmas for their kids. GIFT CARDS preserve dignity, reduces embarrassment (as opposed to receiving a box of groceries) & is an easy way for us to encourage women going through some very difficult times. Gift Cards from

Fred Meyer, Haggen, Labels, Costco, Gas Cards+ can be mailed to 2221 G St, Bellingham, Wa 98225. Or use GoFundMe: http://www.dreambigger.info/ADOPT-a-FAM-for-CHRISTMAS.html



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The Family Court System

Can leave women & children in poverty. Friends may suggest a good attorney, but when their expertise isn't deep in Family Violence, women can exit the process with massive legal bills & no securitiy. A successful lawyer is crucial for long-term stability. The reality of these statistics compels us to change the outcome for as many women & children as possible.



Dream Bigger walks along-side clients to gather documents, taking the lead in typing notes, sorting & organizing critical paperwork in preparation for attorney meetings. Dream Bigger's unique one on one advocacy includes flex hours. Support continues long-term until the family arrives at selfsufficiency & independence. This backing reduces the stress normally associated with tackling the court system alone & decreases billable attorney hours, which reduces legal fees. We plan to attend Guardian Ad Litem Training through the Court System to protect children from further abuse through court-ordered parental visitation as donations increase.



Micro-Enterprising

Unique struggles join forces in Family Violence interfering with employment. Court sessions, abusive stalking, caring for abused children's needs, counseling & other factors play-in, causing women to lose jobs.

Microenterprises are businesses operating on a very small scale with one sole proprieter & fewer than 6 workers. Wikipedia suggests micro-entrepreneurs start out not by choice, but necessity. We would add that although we're a developed country, a community of women & children exist among us who've been thrown into poverty & don't climb out alone. There is a relative lack of formal sector jobs available for the poor. At Dream Bigger we

help women develop their own Small Businesses allowing a **flexible schedule** & creative expression, which builds confidence. Women experience significant empowerment as income appears & she provides for herself & her children! We have capable skilled women to recommend for house cleaning,



personal assisting & organizing, specializing in cleaning & sanitizing new homes before move-in. Please share this info with your Realtor friends & those buying new homes.



Unique Scholarships

Women's Independence Scholarship Program sponsored by Doris &

Warren Buffett has been life-saving for our clients. Dream Bigger walks through the application process step by step from beginning to end each quarter to access the generous funds WISP provides for expenses unique to women rebuilding their lives after escaping family violence. We believe so strongly in this venture that we hope to build a matching scholarship program to complement this educational assistance.

Give Without Spending

Support Dream Bigger Through Labels Consignment. Drop of your gently used Clothing Household items & ask that credit be given to Dream Bigger ... women will receive Labels gift cards to help re-build their lives, attend College & Job Interviews. www.LabelsConsignment.com

Let the Christmas Shopping Begin !!!

Use Good Search Good Shop & Good App & Choose Dream Bigger as charity. We'll receive \$\$\$ when you Search & Shop. Easy for you - **impactful to us.** www.GoodSearch.com

Receive a Gift Card you won't be using ? Send it to Dream Bigger. It could be impactful to a woman & her kids!

Dream Bigger is committed

to fill the gaps of services as women & children rebuild their lives. Our determination to serve is not limited by the means available to us, however, to meet the increasing number of women & children seeking our assistance, we must increase finances. We're dependent upon generous donations from individuals & businesses, so we're asking for your support & that you spread the word.

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