

Winter 2016

Dream Bigger

Preventing Violence against Women & Children
... *Rebuilding Lives*

Supporting Women's Businesses

One of the most rewarding things we do at Dream Bigger assists women in starting & growing their own small businesses. The investment is more than worth the effort and it's a privilege we don't take lightly.



Flexible work schedules designed around court hearings, college classes & special needs of children recovering from domestic violence trauma is just part of the benefits of small business. Putting into practice skills while creating confidence are priceless as they further their education & build careers.

Success of these entrepreneurs is widely increased as they receive support from Dream Bigger and its supporters. What she previously thought to be impossible has become a reality putting her in the driver's seat of her new future. We have House Cleaners, Errand-Runners, Personal Assistants & Home Organizers to recommend to you. It's our **DREAM** to provide Micro-Loans In the future as donations increase.

College Creates A New You



Most will agree, attending College and obtaining a Degree significantly impacts our future. Attending College can be challenging for women rebuilding their lives. From applying for financial aid, to finding & paying for childcare, the entire process can be pretty overwhelming when coupled with the multiple issues laced in through domestic violence.

While scholarships may seem plentiful, it isn't a simple process. Government grants often provide tuition and books for low income women with children, so often time spent on the lengthy scholarship application process turns out to be a disappointment as tuition may already be covered. Many unique circumstances interfere with & interrupt the educational process for victims such as the costs of daily living. Dream Bigger is privileged to walk through the application processes with each client & develop solutions to the unexpected.

The **DREAM** of attending College is made more of a reality through W.I.S.P., the Women's Independence Scholarship Program provided by Doris & Warren Buffett. Their generosity reaches beyond the average scholarship providing funds for what would normally interrupt education. From car trouble, grocery needs, medical expenses or basic living needs, Dream Bigger applies Wisp Scholarship funds, freeing the student to focus her time & energies on school. Your support is needed to help us devote more time & advocacy to this program & to fulfill our **Dream** in developing a matching scholarship program to complement Wisp funds.



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According to U.N. Gender Reports, only
1% of Real Estate is Owned by Women

Our **SAFE HOME PROJECT** helps women keep their homes & their **DREAM** of successful Home Ownership. It can feel overwhelming after ending a violent marriage but with support she can develop confidence & home maintenance skills. Thank you supporters for donating time, building materials & expertise for this cause.

Women return to violent homes 7 times due to lack of finances & housing before they become free from violent homes? Shelters only provide temporary housing. **Dream Bigger's Safe Home Project** provides step-by-step search for permanent housing. This hands-on process includes budget coaching, housing application, negotiation with property owners, gathering furniture & household supplies & hands-on moving help. An increase in financial support is needed to maintain & grow this valuable program.

*Please help us provide
Gift Cards
for women & children
rebuilding their lives*



*Help provide **GIFT CARDS** all year long for Gas, Clothing, Groceries & Necessities while these women work toward their **DREAM** of attending college, starting businesses & working their way toward a self sufficient future of **long term economic stability** & safety.

Domestic violence leaves women & children in poverty. They have endured abuse & terrorization behind closed doors, courageously escaped violent homes only to find themselves in financial devastation & feeling very alone. They aren't from someone else's neighborhood or a lower class, they're living next door, in school with our kids, working & volunteering with us, driving our children in carpool. **You Know These Families**, they don't want others to know -fear of embarrassment & further danger-they fall through the cracks & don't receive help.

Please Mail Gift Cards to: 2221 "G" Street, Bellingham, Wa 98225. or **Drop off at Neighborhood Mortgage** (all year long), 432 W. Bakerview Road #101 Bellingham, Wa 98226. (near the Woods Coffee Bakerview).

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