



Dream Bigger ... Beginning Year 5!

It hardly seems possible – since 2008 Dream Bigger has walked with women & children through extremely difficult circumstances to a more hopeful future. As a result of your faithful support many hurting families have received help in repairing their homes, assistance with court appearances, legal paperwork, securing safe housing, educational, occupational & financial planning. Their paths were less difficult because they didn't have to go it alone! Because of you - we're making a difference one family at a time!

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Family violence rarely looks like we'd expect. Many women & children escaping violent homes don't fit the mold of public services, haven't sought rooms at shelters, don't stand in line @ food banks – **you can't tell by outward appearance.** They are neighbors, classmates, friends, co-workers & family. These moms want to feel normal again, to Shop, Wrap Gifts, Bake Christmas Cookies, Buy & Decorate a Tree. We would like to make that possible by presenting them with GIFT CARDS for Christmas – a discreet yet practical way to say “we support you & you are not alone”!



Please help us provide pre-paid GIFT CARDS for these families for Christmas!

*Fred Meyer, *Costco *Haggen *Labels *Target. Please drop off your donation of new pre-paid Gift Cards or mail them to: Dream Bigger, 2221 G St, Bellingham, WA 98225. 360.676.4675

What's different about Dream Bigger?

Larger domestic violence agencies serve large numbers of clients.

Dream Bigger helps less families - we have a unique focus & mission to:

- * Welcome those who've fallen through the cracks of current services
- * Discover what caused them to stay or return to a violent home
- * Create a unique plan for success using community resources & volunteers
- * Secure a safe permanent family home suitable for the long-term
- * Obtain and monitor legal advocacy beyond the immediate needs
- * Establish micro-loans with a realistic plan for repayment then investment
- * Build a solid educational & career based income strategy & follow through
- * Assist in micro-enterprising as a solid career, yet amiable with family life
- * Provide a strong support network committed for the distance



Support Dream Bigger Through Labels

Drop off Gently Used Clothing & Household Goods to the Dream Bigger account @ Labels Consignment & help women obtain much needed school & work clothing.

From A Grateful Mother & Her Children

“Dream Bigger made my children's Christmas dreams come true! Leaving my abusive marriage left me financially and emotionally drained. When my children deserved a special Christmas the most, I was unable to provide it for them. Because of Dream Bigger's generosity and unfailing support during a very difficult time, I was able to give my children a wonderful Christmas I would not otherwise have been able to provide. We are eternally grateful for the love, kindness and normalcy Dream Bigger helped put back into our lives”.

- a grateful Mother & her children



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Why would she go back?

Unless you've experienced this yourself, it's hard to imagine going back to an abusive situation once away. Statistics tell us that each woman who escapes has tried 6 times previous & returned because:

- Lack of finances – no access to and/or no income of her own
- Friendships become estranged - abusive men interfere & gradually destruct her friendships
- Housing - beyond a few nights at a Shelter is impossible to find & she wants her children safe
- She believes his threats - that he will further harm them - She knows what he is capable of
- Professional relationships are stifled – they say, “he doesn't look like the violent type”

The complications are endless – this tragedy requires a community of help. At Dream Bigger we're privileged to gather community members & local businesses to assist. Her fears are - since statistics tell us that once she's tried to escape, her chances of being murdered by her abuser increases by 75%. Of our community's homeless, 75% are women & children trying to escape family violence. Even in the best scenario, these women & their children live in poverty after their final escape from the abusive home. Please join Dream Bigger in ending this pandemic - one family at a time.

I Can't Imagine

“I can't tell you how much Dream Bigger has meant to me. When I was at the lowest place in my life, Dream Bigger gave me a place to call home for a year. They took me in and helped me get back on my feet, and they gave me the confidence I needed to face life again. This ministry was truly a God-send and I can't image where I'd be today without it”. – a Thankful Mom who now helps others

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Your Financial Support is very much appreciated and desperately needed!

The success of Dream Bigger rests solely on your generosity. Without increased giving we're unable to fully commit ourselves to rescue & walk along side families who desperately need help. We need your corroboration as we build our micro loan & entrepreneurial program, expand safe child exchange and visitation, launch groups and trainings to further equip families and advocates to decrease violence



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Preventing Violence Against Women & Children!

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