

Dream Bigger
Preventing Violence against Women & Children
... Rebuilding Lives

Make Christmas Dreams Come True



Christmas is a magical time.

*Most of us spend a little extra on Gifts, Groceries, Christmas Trees, Stocking Stuffers, Special Dinners, Events & Traditions. *Starting over after abuse makes it impossible for women to provide for their children, let alone do the extras most of us consider holiday season essentials.*

**PLEASE HELP US
MAKE CHRISTMAS DREAMS
COME TRUE
by DONATING CASH & GIFT
CARDS this Holiday Season!**

**If My Friend Just Leaves,
Won't That Solve the Abuse?**

**Making Choices Under Duress Can Be Immensely Difficult:
Let's imagine how a domestic violence victim might feel ...**

Couldn't She Call Police? The Masquerade he'd built was solid & rehearsed. She knew him well: if she called, he'd instantly become Mr. Wonderful when police arrived - she'd be punished when the officers left. If she was believed, He'd spend a night in jail then get out to terrorize her & the kids further & punish her for calling police.

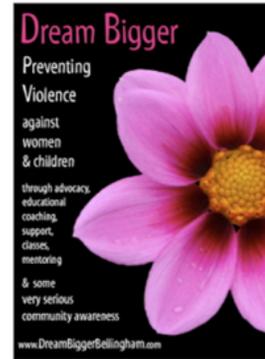
A friend suggested she go to a Shelter. She liked the idea of a few peaceful days free of abuse for she & her kids. It could give her time to think to gain courage to WANT to Escape the Abuse. But ... she quickly realizes she has No Money, No Housing ... So She Goes Back to the Abusive Home - with her children.

Among their list of Cruelties, Abusers use Financial Control to keep their victims trapped & in perpetual poverty while they are most often left financially unscathed & move on without accountability.

The solutions are extremely complicated & unique for abused women. Most often their choices to escape are laced with risks of homelessness, losing custody of their kids & living in poverty.

Survivors Need Long-Term Experienced Advocates to help them brick by brick build their own solid plans to achieve economic, legal, housing, education & career success. Dream Bigger's advocates do just that resulting in self-sufficiency & lasting independence.

Our list of clients is growing: we need your help financially to increase our advocacy hours to meet the demand. Dream Bigger Clients have successfully achieved Self-Supportive Careers in Nursing, Physical Therapy Assistant, Paralegal & Much More.



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How is Her Life Different Than Mine?

Women who are being abused by their husbands have a unique set of circumstances. Along with daily tasks of caring for households, kids & those things we all manage, there is much more on their daily plates than most can even imagine ...

Financial Abuse: Abusive husbands often keep their wives in the dark financially. She may be given an allowance too small to cover all the family's needs, definitely not enough to set aside any for emergencies & certainly not for her own needs or activities.

Dependence: Abused women are often not allowed to work or attend college. It could be threats or simply excuses that wear her down over time putting off bettering her independence. Maybe all their time & money is spent building up his career & education.

Isolation: An abusive man often interferes with her relationships. He may threaten her for spending time with others or charm them so if she confides in them they won't believe her. He may deny her use of a car, create emergencies, excuses or threaten the children so she has to cancel get-togethers with her friends. Eventually she may give up having a life of her own.

The strategies of an abuser are many. Being a friend is what she needs most, one who says, "you can call me anytime, day or night, even if it's just to chat, I'm there for you".

Small businesses & charities are in trouble

DREAM BIGGER NEEDS YOUR HELP. Without you we can't assist the families who need us, provide advocacy hours, meet our various city, state tax & licensing fees & general expenses. Businesses such as Fred Meyer don't support small charities as previously. Donations are now funneled through frequent shopper programs increasing donations to large organizations **reducing donations to small charities like Dream Bigger**.

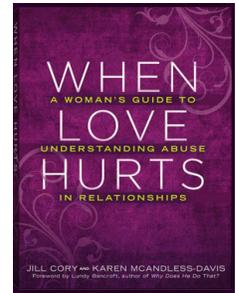
Dream Bigger has been preventing violence against women & children since 2008, with Long-term advocacy securing futures of Economic Health & Self Sufficiency. Hands-on from beginning to end Career, Educational, Scholarship Coaching & Financial Planning are implemented to secure **LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS as opposed to temporary housing a shelter might provide**. Because of you, many families' lives have permanently changed.

We appreciate the generous support you've shown us since 2008, **we need your life-changing support now more than ever**. This Pandemic Has Hit Dream Bigger Hard Financially. The Small Business Administration Covid "Forgivable Loans" were advertised to help small businesses like ours - **what a huge blow to a small Non-Profit Charity like Dream Bigger to discover now that the loans must be paid back**. Your Support is So Appreciated.

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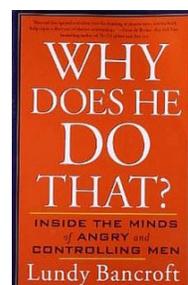
Make this your First Purchase

There are many books on abuse. It's hard to know which one to choose first.

After many years in social services & domestic violence advocacy, never have I seen a book so perfect as a "first book" for the abused woman.

When Love Hurts helps her discern what she's going through & how she feels about it. It encourages her to trust her instincts & find the truth of her experience.

Even the title, **WHEN LOVE HURTS** is a soft spoken easy-to-pick-up intro to Domestic Violence.



One of the very best ways to help an abused friend, family member or co-worker is to buy

Why Does He Do That?

One copy for her & one for you. Lundy Bancroft helps women & their friends & family understand domestic violence & how to help.

Understanding & knowledge are the very best things you can possibly do for her & her children, they're worth the investment.