

Domestic Violence Comes in Many Forms

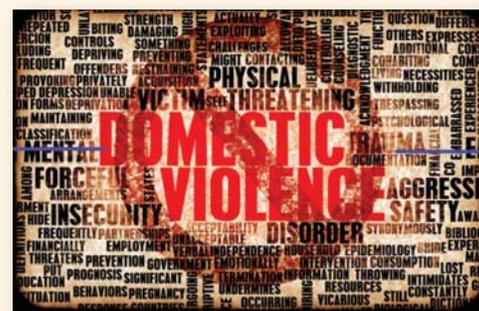
Did you know there are multiple forms of domestic violence? Though physical abuse is a major form of domestic violence (and the one we hear about most often), there are other types of abuse that typically proceed the physical, including: financial, emotional/psychological/verbal, sexual and spiritual.

We encounter women on a weekly basis who are questioning if they are experiencing abuse. They often make the statement, "Well I am not really sure if it is abuse." However, as they go on to explain their situation it becomes very obvious that they are in an abusive relationship.

Being aware of the different forms of domestic violence and understanding the definition can help you spot the signs of abuse quickly and could potentially allow you to be a resource to a friend or family member who is experiencing abuse.

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violence and coercive behavior in an intimate partner relationship. It may consist of repeated, physical assault or threats and manipulation. The primary goal of an abuser is to gain power and control. In spite of its prevalence, blatant impunity for violence against women still exists—too often rooted in a misinterpretation of biblical texts and a patriarchal view of relationships that emphasizes control instead of cooperation and mutuality. We see these ideologies portrayed throughout society, in movies, television shows, song lyrics and even in our treatment of each other.

To learn more about the different types and signs of domestic violence you can visit our website www.thesheepfold.org. You can also take our "Early Warning Signs" quiz. This is a great tool to educate you on the questions to ask and the answers to be cautious of. Be informed, Beware — let's stop domestic violence.



Kelly Ibbitson, Director of Operations

*"Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for I am in distress. . .
I have become like
a broken vessel . . .
But I trust in you, O Lord,
I say, "You are my God."*

—Psalm 31:9-14

Adopting a Family Means So Much

I am writing this thank you letter not only to show my appreciation for your kind donations, but to let you know that you play a part in something far greater than you might imagine.

My family of four children and myself reside at Sheepfold. This is our new beginning and my children have struggled with being in a new environment surrounded by new faces. You are part of their memories of the most wonderful Christmas they could have had and the fact that being in a shelter is not all what it sounds like. Christmas here was amazing!

Aside from the beautiful gifts, we were all content. I was for once not in distress about how we were going to be in a healthy atmosphere or how I was going to afford some gifts out of my small budget. I was able to just sit down with the kids and enjoy the season.

The Lord has rescued us and told me that we have a purpose and it starts with spreading His Word. Your love indeed was a part of this. Thank you so much for giving so generously!

Love, Jennifer and Kids

Elias, Elizabeth, Bella and Nazareth



Would You Like To Adopt A Family for Christmas?



At Christmas we provide a joyous and Christ-filled holiday for the women and children staying at the Sheepfold. We are able to do this with the help of individuals and companies who generously donate gifts or participate in our Adopt A Family (AAF) program.

Adopting a family means providing a portion of the gifts a family receives Christmas morning. When you call or email, you will be provided with information which includes an AAF number (to protect the family's identity), ages, sizes and gift suggestions from a family's Wish List.

The deadline to drop off the **unwrapped** gifts for the AAF program is Friday, December 7th. This allows us enough time to organize, wrap and transport the gifts to the homes for Christmas morning.

Please call (714) 237-1444 or email kathy@thesheepfold.org to participate in the AAF program or for more information. You may also check our website for our Christmas Registry or general Gift List.

Kathy Novak, Services Coordinator

Christmas Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, November 3rd 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.

Email: sarah@thesheepfold.org or Phone: (714) 237-1444 to RSVP or for more information.

If you have helped in the past, there is no need to come to the orientation meeting; just call and let us know you would like to volunteer again.

Shop or Donate New or Gently Used Goods at
Sheepfold Boutique, 810 N Tustin Street, Orange CA 92867

Save
the
Date

Dearest Sheepfold Angels,

I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. You took my kids and I in when we had nowhere else to go. We were welcomed with open arms and big smiles every time we walked through the door. Thank you!

I am especially grateful for all the help I received through my court process and finding a home. Thank you!

The one thing I believe my children and I will always have from our journey with the Sheepfold is getting to know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for guiding and loving us through our baptism.

Because of your love we have been saved. Thank you!

Valerie, Sheepfold Graduate



*"For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous;
you surround them with your favor as with a shield."*

—Psalm 5:12 NIV

Thank You Life Song Community Church

Thank you Life Song Community Church for coming to our shelter and serving the women and children with crafts and a wonderful meal!



To make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope or visit thesheepfold.org/donate.

Thank You for your generosity!!

The Sheepfold



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*"But blessed is the man
who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him."*

—Jeremiah 17:7

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YOUR FIRST GIFT, MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR – CONTINUES!

We are excited to share with you, our faithful reader, that our Board of Directors is extending the Matching Fund opportunity!

All First-Time donations will be matched dollar for dollar. Your gift gives us the ability to continue providing a positive environment of love and acceptance where House Managers can provide Biblical counsel, loving guidance and helpful direction. Most of all it allows us to continue proclaiming the healing name of Jesus!

Every gift we receive helps us provide all of this and more. Thank you to those who already make this possible and thanks to those of you who are going to give for the first time. You are making a difference.

God bless you as you prayerfully consider this opportunity to further His kingdom.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".



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