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The Refuge is so thankful for all of our donors and volunteers. We truly could not serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault without your support. Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of our clients.



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From the Executive Director's Desk Betty Dell Williams

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and time spent with your loved ones. Christmas at The Refuge was very special this year, thanks to you. It began with a wonderful group of volunteers from our community who got together and planned two events for our clients. The first event was held on a Saturday, and it was so special! It was a beautiful tea for the ladies with Christmas china and delicious food. While the ladies sipped their tea and relaxed, they were treated to Christmas music, facials, stories, and makeovers. While they were being pampered, their children were being treated to an amazing Christmas Carnival! The volunteers had a popcorn machine, cotton candy maker, drinks and snacks for the kids to enjoy. The carnival had several stations for the kids to visit including tables where they could make their own stockings, decorate cookies, choose and wrap gifts for their moms, play games, and win prizes. Probably the most popular game was the "prize walk". It was set up like an old-fashioned cake walk, but instead of winning a cake when the music ended and their number was

called, they got to choose a prize from the gift table. It was a wonderful day and our clients were so grateful! The second event was held at The Pal Theatre. When the families arrived, their photos were taken with Santa and the moms were whisked away to a local store where they were able to choose an entire outfit for themselves. While the moms shopped, the kids ate pizza and watched a Christmas movie. Due to your generosity, the families were able to get whatever they wanted from the snack bar, which was such a treat for them. At the end of the evening, they were given their family photo in a beautiful frame as a keepsake. It was truly a magical evening. In addition to this, the moms made lists of a few items their kids would like to receive for Christmas. We then made an Amazon wish list of those items and shared it with you. Every item on the list was purchased and none of our clients' children woke up Christmas morning without gifts to open. Our community is simply the best and we are so very grateful for your support. God bless you all.

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CHRISTMAS 2021



Donors of Goods and Services Nov-Dec-Jan

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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Teen dating violence is a very real problem that is only getting worse. One in eleven female and one in fifteen male high school students report having experienced physical dating violence in the last year (2020 statistic). There are several ways teens can reach out for help. They can text LOVEIS to 22522 or contact The Breaking Silence 24/7 Teen Textline at 706-765-8019. They can also call 1-866-331-9474 to speak with someone who can help them. As always, we are available to assist at any time by calling us at 912-538-9935 with any questions or concerns you or your teen may have. Please don't ignore warning signs that may signal that a teen is in trouble.

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