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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background. Violence against women is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior, and thus is part of a systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and truly last a lifetime.

CHILDREN WHO WITNESS

- Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.
- Children exposed to wife abuse suffer low self esteem, depression, poor health, sleep difficulties, post traumatic stress disorder, poor impulse control, and are at higher risk for problems in school, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual acting out, running away, isolation, loneliness, fear and suicide.
- Boys who witness domestic violence are *twice as likely* to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.
- 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

- One in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape.
- Nearly 7.8 million women have been raped by an intimate partner at some point in their lives.
- Sexual assault or forced sex occurs in approximately 40-45% of battering relationships.
- 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men have been stalked in their lifetime.
- 81% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner; 31% are also sexually assaulted by that partner.

HOMICIDE AND INJURY

- Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.
- In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder.
- Less than one-fifth of victims reporting an injury from intimate partner violence sought medical treatment following the injury.
- Intimate partner violence results in more than *18.5 million mental health care visits* each year.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Victims of intimate partner violence *lost almost 8 million days of paid work* because of the violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, boyfriends and dates. This loss is the equivalent of more than *32,000 full-time jobs* and almost *5.6 million days of household productivity* as a result of violence.
- There are 16,800 homicides and 2.2 million (medically treated) injuries due to intimate partner violence annually, which costs \$37 billion.

If you are a victim of domestic violence or know someone who is a victim, please call and get help. You can contact your local law enforcement office or contact an advocate with Friends For Hope at 325-884-9804 / 325-884-2281. You will be treated with dignity and respect and all information is kept confidential. We are here to help in any way we can.



**I regret that I have but one life
too give for my country.**

Nathan Hale

Thank those who serve our country!!!

God Bless America




<u>June Memorials and Honorariums</u>	
<p>Memorials and Honorariums can be made to Friends For Hope at any time throughout the year.</p>	
<p><u>In Memory of:</u></p> <p>Jimmy Hardy Jimmy Hardy Jimmy Hardy</p>	<p><u>Given By:</u></p> <p>Dale & Vicky Fisher Mary Peddycoart West Greene Baptist Church</p>

Our counselor has appointments open for the summer months. If you are in need of Christian counseling, please contact the office and let us schedule you an appointment with Leslie. Counseling hours are 9-5 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Children and adults are always welcome.

Our Mission.... Friends For Hope provides safety, security, and restoration of hope for people in crisis.





June Donations

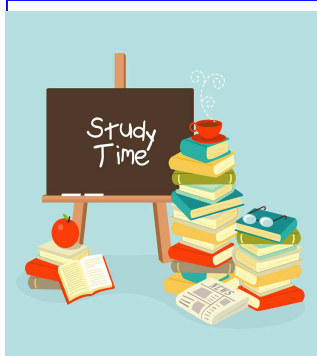
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Remember all donations are tax deductible.

The Hope Chest

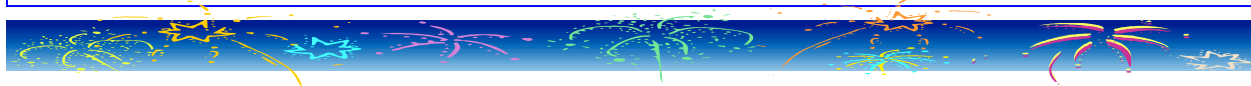
The Hope Chest has great gift ideas. We have summer things in stock now. There are many treasures in the thrift store just waiting to be taken home. Please stop in and see what all we have today.

New Lower Prices on Circle E Candles
Hours: Monday through Friday 12:00 to 6:00



School Supply Drive

It is once again time to start thinking about our annual school supply drive. This is an annual event sponsored by Friends For Hope to help those less fortunate children of Big Lake and Reagan County. We ask that you please start purchasing items each time you go to the store to help us make this project a success. You can drop off any school supplies that you would like to donate to the office at 1001 2nd street. There will be a drop off box also located at Dollar General within the next couple of weeks. We welcome all donations no matter how great or small. We thank you in advance for all your help to make this event a great success and to start to the school year off right for our youth in Reagan County. For more information please contact our office at 884-9804.



Friends For Hope is trying to cut down on some of the cost of mailing out the newsletter. We are asking those of you who receive the newsletter by mail and have an email account to contact us with your email address. Not only will you receive it sooner but you can enjoy the newsletter in all its vivid color and detail. Contact the office at 325-884-9804 or 325-884-2281 or by email at friend9804@verizon.net.

We will be happy to send you the newsletter by e-mail



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