

# Green Hills Women's Shelter

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## National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, Green Hills Women's Shelter encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our community a better place for families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities.

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," said Tammy Taylor, Program Director "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to promote the five

protective factors, in every interaction with families, is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect."

In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and the Center for the Study of Social Policy/Strengthening Families have created *Strengthening Families and Communities: 2011 Resource Guide*. The guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available online at [www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/guide2011](http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/guide2011)

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April and throughout the rest of the year, contact any one of the three Green Hills Women's Shelter locations, Trenton, Chillicothe, or Cameron or visit our website: [www.greenhillswomensshelter.org](http://www.greenhillswomensshelter.org)

## Five Protective Factors

Research shows that five important factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. These factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents

If you, or someone you love, is living with an abusive situation, please contact the Green Hills Women's Shelter. We are here to help! Call our 24-7 hotline number at 1-800-942-0649. No child should ever have to live with abuse or neglect.

# Fast Facts About Domestic Violence



Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.

Three to four million women in the United States are beaten in their homes each year by their husbands, ex-husbands, or male lovers.

One woman is beaten by her husband or partner every 15 seconds in the United States.

In 1992, the American Medical Association reported that as many as 1 in 3 women will be assaulted by a domestic partner in her lifetime -- 4 million in any given year.

85% of domestic violence victims are women. 25% - 45% of all women who are battered are battered during pregnancy.

Police report that between 40% and 60% of the calls they receive, especially on the night shift, are domestic violence disputes.

Battering occurs among people of all races, ages, socio-economic classes, religious affiliations, occupations, and educational backgrounds.

A battering incident is rarely an isolated event. Battering tends to increase and become more violent over time. Many batterers learned violent behavior growing up in an abusive family.

Domestic violence does not end immediately with separation. Over 70% of the women injured in domestic violence cases are injured after separation.

1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men have been stalked in their lifetime.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

Children who witness violence at home display emotional and behavioral disturbances as diverse as withdrawal, low self-esteem, nightmares, self-blame and aggression against peers, family members and property.

30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.

There are 16,800 homicides and \$2.2 million (medically treated) injuries due to intimate partner violence annually, which costs \$37 billion.

One in ten calls made to alert police of domestic violence is placed by a child in the home. One of every three abused children becomes an adult abuser or victim.

The average prison sentence of men who kill their women partners is 2 to 6 years. Women who kill their partners are, on average, sentenced to 15 years.

Nearly three out of four (74%) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. 30% of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.

These are some alarming statistics, aren't they? GHWS is working to change them - please help the Green Hills Women's Shelter make home a safer place to be. Contact us for more information.

Yes! I would like to help the Green Hills Women's Shelters! Please accept my donation & use it to further your mission.

\$50       \$25

\$10       \$1

Please apply my gift toward the following:

Trenton Shelter

Chillicothe Shelter

Cameron Shelter

ALICE Software

Most Needed Area

Please send donations to:

Green Hills  
Women's Shelter  
1506 Oklahoma Ave  
Trenton, MO 64683

**Thank You!**

# ~ Chillicothe Shelter News ~

## Case Manager/Volunteer Coordinator Joins Shelter Staff

The Chillicothe Women's Shelter recently gained a new Case Manager/Volunteer Coordinator. Alta Thorne, has been employed with Green Hills Community Action Agency for the past four years, a career which began as an internship in the LIHEAP department, soon led to full time employment in 2007 as a Community Coordinator, and by 2008, Thorne was working as both Coordinator and LIHEAP processor/supervisor. In 2009, Alta transferred to the Finance Department. In March of 2011, Alta made the move to the Green Hills Women's Shelter.

Mrs. Thorne holds an Associate's Degree in Information Technology & Accounting, and will begin working toward her Bachelors Degree in Business through Graceland College partnership with North Central Missouri College in August.

In her new position as Case Manager/Volunteer Coordinator, Alta will be in charge of seeking out new

volunteers to help at the shelter, as well as volunteer induction and organization. The Women's Shelter requires someone to be present in the shelter at all times, and this is why the role of shelter volunteer is such an important one. *"Our biggest time conflict seems to be from 7 in the morning till noon, and in the evening from 5pm-9pm. We need good reliable volunteers."* said Thorne.

Tasks given to shelter volunteers are mainly clerical/receptionist in nature. Volunteering offers someone a wonderful opportunity to give back to their community or perhaps even a chance to complete a college internship. Training is provided to all shelter volunteers as each new volunteer must complete 40 hours of basic training before they can begin duties at the women's shelter.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Chillicothe Women's Shelter, please contact Alta Thorne by calling 660-707-0042.

### Shelter Needs List

This month, the Shelter would greatly benefit from these following items:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Size 4 Diapers
- Towels and wash clothes
- Cleaning Supplies
- Deodorant
- Batteries AAA and AA
- Light Bulbs
- Mops and Brooms

**Thank you to all the generous donors who help us continue to help others!**

## Support Group

Our Shelter Women's Support Group meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Chillicothe Shelter by calling 660-707-0042. We hope you will join us.



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**800-942-0649**

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**Chillicothe Shelter:** 660-707-0042  
**Chillicothe FAX:** 660-707-1693

**Cameron Shelter:** 816-632-4900  
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## Shelter Staff

### Trenton

Sylvia Gomez  
Victim Service Advocate

Tonya Willcuts  
Weeknight Coordinator

Kathy Rardon  
Case Manager/ Victim  
Services Advocate

### Chillicothe

Stacy Pope  
Victim Service Advocate

Alta Thorne  
Case Manager/Volunteer  
Coordinator

### Cameron

Sherri Kelsall  
Shelter Support Advocate

### Milan

## Our Shelter

Green Hills Women's Shelter is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing services for victims of domestic violence & sexual assault. This program provides services to residents of the Missouri counties of Caldwell, Clinton, DeKalb, Linn, Carroll, Livingston, Chariton, Mercer, Daviess, Putnam, Grundy, Sullivan, and Harrison.