



The Family Room

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Shelter Stories from

Bethany House
Bethany House Abuse Shelter has provided help for victims of domestic violence for many years. Many women (and men) have been helped. The following stories are true but identities have been disguised to protect privacy.

1. Martha, a former resident, called Bethany House from Vermont. She was on a three-week trip with her truck-driver husband. She had been a resident of the shelter until a few weeks ago when she went back to be with her husband. He had promised that he had quit doing drugs and said he had been clean on two drug screens at work. He also promised to get counseling help for his problems. He had been physically abusive to Martha when he was on drugs. "I was stupid to believe him," Martha told the staff member who talked with her. "He has hit me again. I have twenty stitches in my face, and we are on the road for another week. After discussing her options, the staff member reminded her that she could return to Bethany House. "Oh, I'll be there just as soon as we get home," Martha promised. "I just wanted to call and talk to you, but I'll be back."

2. Daria was the victim of physical and verbal abuse by her husband when she came to Bethany House. She was the youngest of two children. Her father had died when she was young and her older brother and mother had taken care of her. She had left her husband several times when he was abusive and would always go home to Mom and Brother. They would take care of her and her two daughters until she decided to return to her husband. This was her first stay in an abuse shelter.

During her several months at Bethany House the staff could see changes in Daria. She took more re-

sponsibility for herself and her children. She found a job and soon found an apartment. She cried the day she moved out, but it was important for her to get out on her own. She was becoming on her own with Mom and Brother could never create, a fully functioning adult.

3. Karen and her husband were well-known and liked in their community. He was a respected professional, and she was a homemaker who raised their two children. Friends who saw them at church thought they had a good marriage.

The truth began to come out only after Karen came to Bethany House Abuse Shelter.

John was a rage-aholic who verbally and physically abused her. In his rages he would destroy furniture and threaten to kill her. He had pointed a gun at her and had once put several bullet holes in their walls. As the rages worsened, Karen became afraid for her life. Finally, she left and came to Bethany House.

John was obsessed with Karen. She had a very difficult time getting him out of her life. This was partly because she felt sorry for him and wanted him to get help. Counseling at Bethany House helped her to see how enmeshed she was in her relationship with John.

After she moved to an apartment, he continued to stalk her. He would show up at her door late at night, "just to talk," he said. These encounters usually ended with him threatening to hurt her unless she came back home. She continued in counseling at Bethany House to help her deal with John.

It took more than a year before John would leave her alone, but finally the encounters stopped. Because of her determination and the help she received, Karen was able to resume a normal life.



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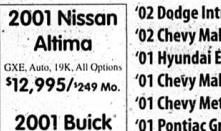
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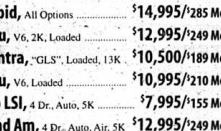
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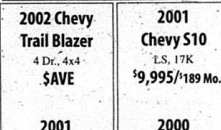


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