



The mission of Laurel House is to provide safe haven for abused women and their children, to raise public awareness about domestic violence and to advocate for social change against domestic violence.

Laurel House recognizes that men can be victims of domestic violence. Laurel House services are available to male and female victims of domestic abuse.



NOW is the time...

If you are a victim of domestic violence, now is the time to start thinking about protecting yourself and your children who depend on you for safety.



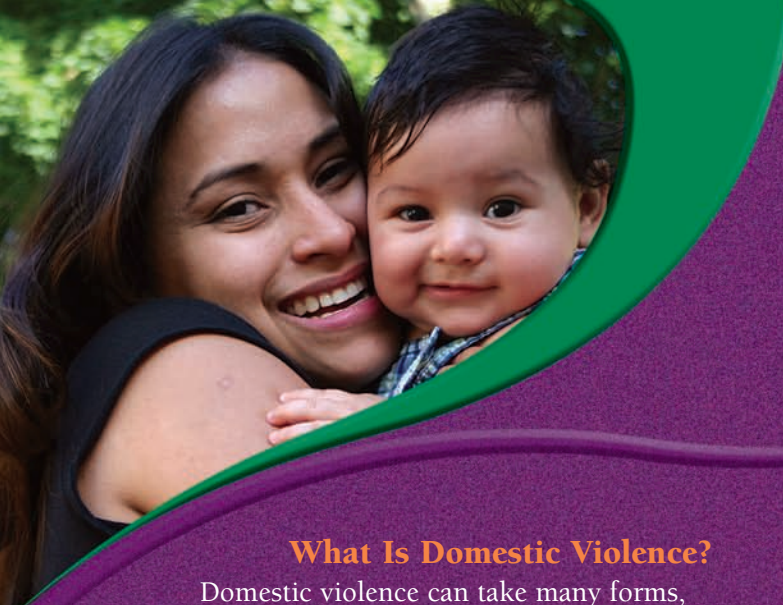
Laurel House is dedicated to the vision of ending domestic violence in each life, home, and community.

24/7 Hotline 800.642.3150
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 Norristown, PA 19404
 Office 610.277.1860
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www.laurel-house.org



Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services

24/7 Hotline 800.642.3150



What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence can take many forms, including physical abuse, psychological, emotional, verbal and financial abuse, sexual violence and isolation. Laurel House staff members and volunteers are trained to help victims of all types of domestic violence.

Who Are Its Victims?

They are our neighbors, family members and friends. They come from all social, economic, cultural, racial and educational backgrounds.

How You Can Help

- Become a Volunteer
- Make a financial contribution or planned gift
- Learn how to educate others about domestic violence
- Participate in fundraising
- Donate "wish list" items
- Advocate for policies which support victims and their families
- Mobilize others to support Laurel House

Please call 610-277-1860,
or visit us online at www.laurel-house.org.

Emergency Shelter

The shelter is a safe haven for victims of domestic violence and their children. With nine bedrooms, the shelter can accommodate up to 27 people at a time.

Community Counseling

Laurel House offers group and individual counseling for victims of domestic violence and their children, as well as for teens in violent dating relationships. Additionally, this department offers follow up services and a mentoring program for individuals and families.

24-Hour Confidential Hotline

Laurel House's hotline is available 24 hours a day by calling 800-642-3150. The hotline is answered by highly-trained staff and volunteers who will listen and provide support and resources.

Children's Program

Children's Advocates in our Shelter and Transitional Housing programs provide structured recreational time, as well as individual and group services which are designed to help children heal from the trauma of living with, and witnessing, abuse. Parenting support is also provided as needed.

Transitional Housing

The goal of this "Bridge" Housing program is to empower families to become self-sufficient. Services provided include support groups, life skills development, counseling, children's services, casework, and connections to community resources.

Legal Advocacy

Legal options counseling, court accompaniment, and advocacy are provided to residents of Laurel House's shelter and transitional housing programs.

Nehemiah's Way Outreach Office

Laurel House serves North Penn area residents through our Nehemiah's Way office in North Wales. Counseling, transitional housing, advocacy, and community education are among the services provided.

Medical Advocacy Project

Through the Medical Advocacy Project and the DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team) program, trained advocates provide assistance to domestic violence victims in hospital emergency rooms throughout Montgomery County. Laurel House also offers customized training to healthcare professionals upon request.

Domestic Abuse Response Team for Law Enforcement (DART II)

Trained advocates are available to provide immediate on-site support to victims of domestic violence and their children, whenever law enforcement personnel respond to a domestic abuse incident. Laurel House also offers customized training for police officers and other law enforcement personnel.

Community Education

Laurel House offers age-appropriate training about relationship violence for elementary, middle and high school students and staff, as well as for college and university students. Members of our Speakers Bureau are also available to present at corporate events, and for communities of faith, civic groups, and community organizations.

Marian's Attic

Located in King of Prussia, our "upscale resale shop" welcomes donations of gently-used clothing, household items, collectibles, jewelry, accessories, books and DVDs. All proceeds benefit the programs of Laurel House. Information about domestic violence and about how to seek help is also available at the shop.

