

HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

We are committed to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer community.

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48 Homicides related to Domestic Violence in North Carolina

from January 1-November 26,2018



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North Carolina Coalition
Against Domestic Violence

Bought and Sold: How One Woman Survived Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is often intertwined with domestic violence

Lee* met her trafficker when she was just 18 years old. He was 28. She told him she wanted to get into the escorting business. In her mind, it was a means to an end, with that end being staying away from the childhood home where her abusive mother and stepfather lived.

“My stepfather is an alcoholic. My mother met him when I was 3. He was extremely violent, broke her ribs, dragged her down the stairs. Then my mother became an alcoholic and started abusing me. I went into foster care a few times.”



Her mother told Lee how she herself was a prostitute from age 17 until she had her daughter at 33. She would tell Lee, “If you’re going to be laying on your back, better get up for something. Don’t lay on your back for free.”

“I was 16 at the time,” Lee remembers.

Soon, Lee’s trafficker introduced her to a woman who would “groom” her to get her ready for “the lifestyle.” A naïve Lee was surprised to learn she would have to have sex with her clients; she assumed they were just looking for a girl to take out on the town. But her trafficker echoed her mother’s previous words.

“My trafficker, he said, ‘You’re already having sex for free, right? And did you get anything out of that? It only makes sense to have sex for money,’” Lee recalls.

After Lee started escorting, her trafficker would hold onto the money she earned—anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a week—telling her she was young and would just waste it. He would give her whatever she needed, usually for food or to get her nails done. “You want to keep your product sellable,” she realizes now.

“It seemed like I had some level of control, but it was just his way of keeping me looking proper. He kept everything.”

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The Mary Kay FoundationSM AWARDS Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

\$20,000 GRANT

The Mary Kay Foundation Honors Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Issuing \$3 Million in Grants to 150 Domestic Violence Shelters Across the Country



Engelhard, NC (October 3, 2018) – In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, The Mary Kay FoundationSM announced today it is awarding \$3 million in grants to 150 domestic violence shelters across the country. Hyde County Hotline, Inc. has received a \$20,000 unrestricted grant to support local survivors of domestic violence in Hyde County, North Carolina. This year's grant contribution brings the Foundation's total investment in its shelter grant program to \$50 million.

The Mary Kay Foundation was established in 1996 with the overarching purpose of supporting issues impacting women. In 2000, The Foundation expanded to include ending domestic violence as part of its mission. The Foundation is committed to funding the life-saving work of women's shelters and the annual shelter grant program has helped finance critical needs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and legal aid. All of these resources support women and children as they seek refuge and relief on their journey to an abuse-free life. [This year, more than 1,200 organizations applied for the Mary Kay Foundation shelter grants.](#)

"At Mary Kay, we believe in helping women improve their circumstances and live their best lives. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and it is our responsibility to support the women's shelters that aid these survivors," said President of The Mary Kay Foundation Board of Directors Michael Lunceford. "At the heart of The Foundation's work is the shelter grant program which is actively supported by our independent sales force. We're proud that our commitment makes such a powerful impact in local communities and in the lives of domestic violence survivors across the country."

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, more than 72,000 adult and child victims receive domestic violence services across the United States in just one day. Unfortunately, in the same period of time, more than 11,000 requests for services are unmet due to a lack of resources.

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities. In addition to safe shelter Hyde County Hotline provides crisis intervention, advocacy, safety planning, court advocacy, financial planning, assistance in obtaining further education & referrals to counseling for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The need for shelter services in Hyde County is tremendous! Between January 1, 2018 and November 30, 2018 Hyde County Hotline served 126 victims of domestic violence in person and received 584 domestic violence related crisis calls and served 84 victims of sexual assault in person and received 601 sexual assault related crisis calls. (Total number of crisis calls received may reflect multiple calls from one victim.)

Hyde County Hotline is very blessed to have received this generous grant of \$20,000.00 from the Mary Kay Foundation and we are very grateful. Our agency continues to provide compassionate services to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Hyde County. The challenges we face are unique to the geographical isolation and distressed economy of our area and grants such as the one we have received from the Mary Kay Foundation are critically important to our ability to assist victims. – Kathryn Ballance, Executive Director of Hyde County Hotline

[Applications](#) for the 2019 shelter grant program will be available in January 2019. Please visit marykayfoundation.org for more information. To view the complete list of 2018 shelter grant recipients, click [here](#).

About The Mary Kay FoundationSM

The Mary Kay Foundation was created in 1996 and its two-fold mission includes funding women's cancer research and ending domestic violence. Over the course of more than two decades, The Mary Kay Foundation has awarded more than \$78 million to women's shelters and domestic violence service providers, as well as cancer research programs and related causes throughout the United States. To learn more about The Mary Kay Foundation and its mission, visit marykayfoundation.org or call 1-877-MKCARES (652-2737).

The Barriers that affect Rural Victims of Domestic Violence

You might still think that women in rural environments are less likely to be victims of domestic violence compared to their city-dwelling sisters. Think again. The National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services recently filed a that showed rural women are just as likely, if not more likely, to experience domestic violence than their urban and suburban counterparts. The unique aspects of life in the country often make it easier for a perpetrator to abuse his partner, and make it much more difficult for a woman to seek help and stay safe.

Those with busy city lives often long to escape to a country getaway with little to no internet or cell phone reception. However, it is the lack of these very amenities that can make the difference between life and death for a rural victim of domestic violence. Women in areas that are too remote to have reliable internet or cell phone reception are not able to do online research to find services that could help them, and they also can't call a friend or emergency services for assistance. Even if they are able to call, the police can take a long time to arrive if the victim lives many miles from the nearest town or village. If an abuser has control of the family car, there may also be no public transport to allow the woman to leave on her own.

Another barrier to a woman in a rural area being able to seek help and leave an abusive relationship is the close-knit nature of rural communities where just about everybody knows each other. A woman may be reluctant to call the police because local police officers may very well know and be friendly with her partner. Besides the lack of anonymity in such a situation, service providers might not believe that the same friendly man they interact with could be capable of domestic violence. At best, a woman's accusations might be barely noted; at worst, she might be ostracized for speaking out against a beloved community member.

Women in the countryside also struggle with supporting themselves financially once they leave an abusive relationship. Compared with women living in metropolitan areas, rural women have fewer educational opportunities, fewer employment possibilities, and higher rates of poverty. It can often be difficult for them to find an affordable lawyer or to obtain legal aid. They are also less likely than urban women to have access to employer-based health insurance, and more likely to have higher health insurance costs. These obstacles to obtaining health care help explain why rural women who have experienced intimate partner violence report more severe physical and mental health problems than urban women.

Most poignant of all, a rural woman who leaves an abusive relationship isn't just leaving her partner behind, she's leaving an entire life she's built. In many cases, she will have spent her entire life in the same small community, and have only had friendships with people in that community. If she is forced to flee that community for her own safety, she will have to start a new life away from what she knows and possibly without a support network. The thought of this may be so overwhelming that she might not even contemplate it.

[Source: Breaking the Silence DV.org](https://www.breakingthesilence.org/)



If you or know someone that have experienced domestic violence, please know that we are here to help.

Hyde County Hotline

Crisis Intervention, Advocacy and Prevention

Confidentiality Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Crisis Line 252-925-2500

PO Box 335

Tel: (252-)925-2502

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WHAT WE DO

- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy**
- **Human Trafficking Advocacy**
- **Survivor Services**
- **Safe Shelter**
- **Support Groups**
- **Referrals**
- **Programs Presentations**
- **Participates with DSS Work First Program**

We serve victims of sexual victimization, domestic violence and human trafficking do not discriminate regardless of race, color, sex or sexual orientation.

OUR MISSION

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We love volunteers!

Please help and call
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