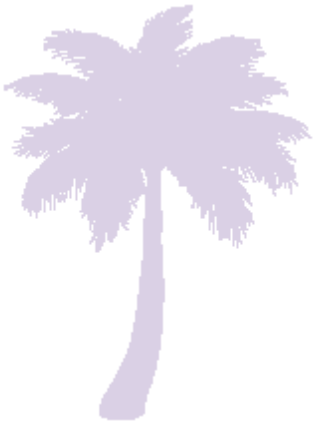




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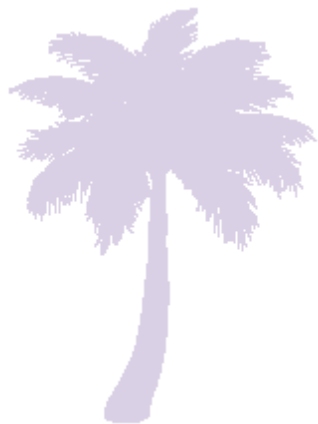
Presentation by:

Sherrie Schwab, Chief Executive Officer



Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. was incorporated in 1981 as a private non-profit to serve victims of domestic violence.

Our mission: DAS provides safety, accountability, justice and education to victims of domestic abuse and their families, donors and the Keys community at large.



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# Slides 4 - 7 discuss DAS Services

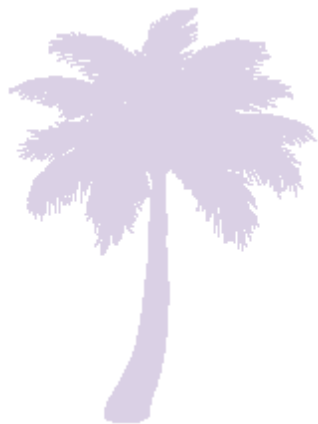
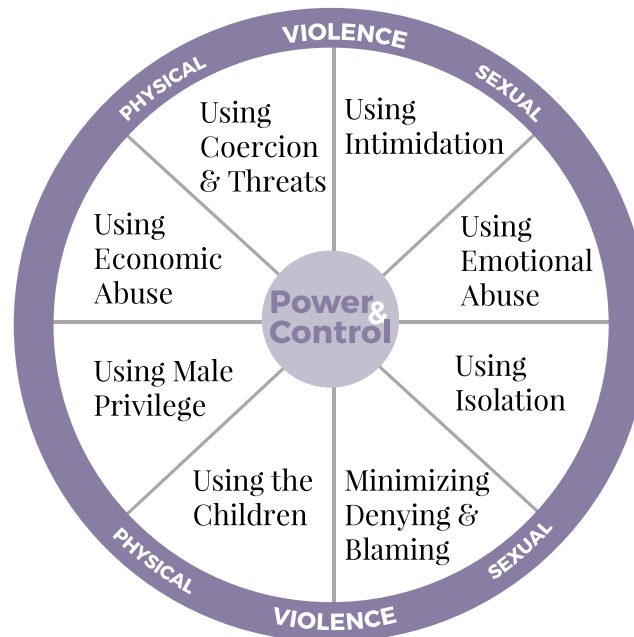
- ▶ I won't be covering them, but have left them in the presentation and handout for your reference.



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# What is Intimate Partner Violence?

IPV is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, psychological and economic abuse that one partner asserts over the other. It is a choice made by the abusive partner to disrespect, demean and hurt their partner in an attempt to manipulate and control what they do or how they behave. It is not a disagreement, a marital spat, or an anger management problem.



# Statistics & Reasons for Staying

- ▶ Statistics
  - ▶ 1 in 3 Women will experience IPV in their lifetime.
  - ▶ 1 in 7 Men will experience IPV in their lifetime.
  - ▶ It may take up to seven times before a survivor leaves for good.
- ▶ Reasons for Staying
  - ▶ Fear
  - ▶ The Children
  - ▶ Financial Stability



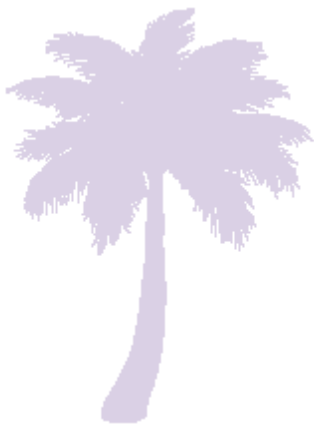
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# What does DAS do?

All of our services are provided from an empowerment based and trauma informed approach.



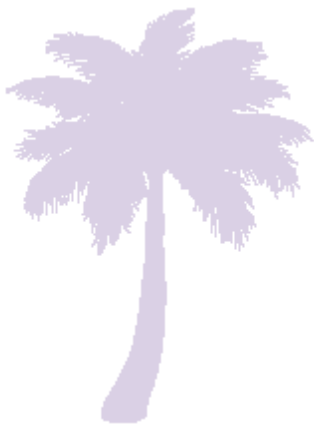
- ▶ Emergency Shelter
- ▶ 24 Hour Hotline
  - ▶ All Services are Free and Accessed Through the Hotline.
- ▶ Outreach
  - ▶ Upper Keys
  - ▶ Middle Keys
  - ▶ Lower Keys
- ▶ Education & Awareness
  - ▶ Primary Prevention
  - ▶ Community Events
  - ▶ Professional Training





DAS provides all services free of charge to the participants and their families. We provide:

- ▶ Safety Planning
- ▶ Risk Assessments
- ▶ Crisis Intervention
- ▶ Supportive Counseling
- ▶ Advocacy Services
- ▶ Support Groups
- ▶ Courthouse Accompaniment
- ▶ Information and Referrals
- ▶ Assistance with Relocation Applications
- ▶ Economic Education for Freedom & Justice Program
- ▶ Child Welfare Advocate



# Services Provided

## Fiscal Year 2022-2023

- ▶ 3055 shelter nights to 109 children (46), women (61) and men (2), unduplicated.
  - ▶ Every night represents a night where a survivor or their child was able to sleep safely without fear of abuse.
- ▶ 257 crisis calls answered
- ▶ 1394 (duplicated) various services by Shelter & Outreach
- ▶ Outreach services to 103 (unduplicated), 98 women & 5 men number of participants in the Upper, Middle and Lower Keys.
- ▶ 11 unmet requests for shelter.



# The Shelter That We Lost During Hurricane Irma



# What We Really Lost

Remember FY 22-23? This represents 15 beds in the Lower Keys only.

- 3,055 shelter nights to 109 individuals, children (46), women (61) and men (2), unduplicated. An average of 28 nights per individual.

Every night represents a night where a survivor, their child or family member was able to sleep safely without fear of abuse.

- Imagine if the Middle Keys Shelter had been open.



- When we project numbers with data from the past, before the shelter was lost during Irma, just the Middle Keys shelter would look like this.
  - 250 individuals with an average of 28 nights per individual equals 7,000 nights of safety from fear of abuse.

**How Can We Allow This Lack of Safety to Continue!**

**THIS IS NOT OKAY!!**

# DAS's Future "Home Sweet Home"



# What Some of Our Spaces Will Include ...

## ❖ Business Center

- ❖ Computers, printers, paper, office supplies and internet will be available for adults to work. They can search for jobs, places to live or create documents necessary for finding jobs. No remote work will be done from here as it would take time away from the needs of others. They are able to connect to the internet from their rooms if they have remote jobs.

## ❖ Dress for Success Center

- ❖ Business attire will be kept here and provided to individuals that need it. Clothing is frequently donated by business women in the area.

## ❖ Play Room

- ❖ The play room will be located adjacent to the kitchen, where children can play and not be in the kitchen where hot food is being prepared and parents can keep an eye on them while preparing meals. It is also located near the dining room and living room, so the children can play near other activities.

## ❖ Kennel Space

- ❖ We will have the ability to house up to six pets in kennels inside the facility. Eventually, after the shelter is complete, we hope to have another single purpose building on the property for a kennel.

## What Some of Our Spaces Will Include (cont.) ...

### ❖ Peace Garden

- ❖ A quiet place in the rear of the yard with benches, plants and possibly a water feature.

### ❖ Tranquility Room

- ❖ Just like it sounds, a quiet place without a TV. It is for adults only. It will have a library and meditation audio, if desired.

Not as “fancy” as the other spaces, but very nice additions.

### ❖ Community Training Room

- ❖ This space will be used by our staff for support groups, training we provide and meetings. It will also be available to the community to use for trainings and meetings. For confidentiality it will be located on the non-shelter side of the facility.

### ❖ Outreach Suite

- ❖ This will also be on the non-shelter side of the facility and will house our Marathon Outreach staff and be “home base” for the Outreach Advocates from the Upper & Lower Keys. They have their own full time offices in those locations.



# How can I help?



- Help us raise the necessary capital to Rebuild-Recover-Restore our Emergency Shelter.
- Become a member of the Domestic Abuse Shelter Board of Directors.
- Become a member of the Domestic Abuse Shelter Advisory Committee, which is a special committee designed for the capital fundraising of this project.





# Cost of the Project

- 2019 - The construction was quoted at \$3,500,000.00
- 2023 - The construction cost was estimated to increase to \$5,000,000.00

## What We Currently Have



- Money Market - \$643,000.00 (approximate)
- Potential good news from the state of FL. We are in the 2024 budget for \$1,000,000.00. It is flagged as a priority project, but still requires approval from the governor.

## Options

1. Wait until we have the full amount and build.
2. Build in Phases.
  - Phase I - estimated at \$3.5M - walls, roof, electric, plumbing, etc.
  - Phase II - estimated at \$1.5M interior finishes, security, etc.

DAS ROOM SPONSORSHIPS  
Sponsorship Includes Room Name Plaque Dedication  
Capital - Building Funds



Individual Counseling Room (2 of 3 acquired)	\$5,000
Group Counseling Room	\$10,000
Advocate Room	\$10,000
Business Center	\$10,000
Dress for Success Center	\$10,000
Laundry Room (sponsorship acquired)	<del>\$15,000</del>
Kitchen Pantry (sponsorship acquired)	<del>\$20,000</del>
Play Room	\$20,000
Kennel Space	\$25,000
Community Training Room	\$50,000
Outreach Suite	\$50,000
Bedroom 1	\$75,000
Bedroom 2	\$75,000
Bedroom 3	\$75,000
Bedroom 4	\$75,000
Bedroom 5	\$75,000
Bedroom 6	\$75,000
ADA Room	\$100,000
Peace Garden	\$100,000
Common Areas	
Kitchen	\$150,000
Tranquility Room	\$150,000
TV Family Room	\$150,000

Full Building Sponsor  
\$250,000 plus \$5000/year for 10-years. Includes Building  
Naming Rights





# Questions?

Contact:

Administration - 305-743-5452

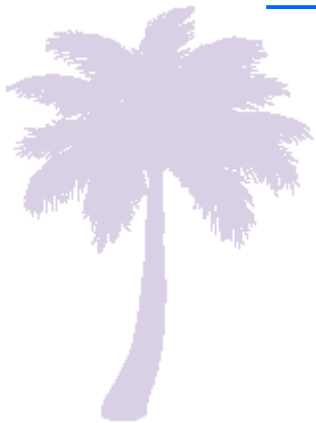
Sherrie Schwab, CEO - 305-240-0073

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## 24/7 Hotline

305-743-4440 (phone)

305-240-0105 (text)

305-296-6245 TDD

An open white door stands on the left side of the image, leading to a vast field of green grass. The sun is setting in the distance, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the field. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The overall scene is peaceful and hopeful.

*Give Hope  
a Home*



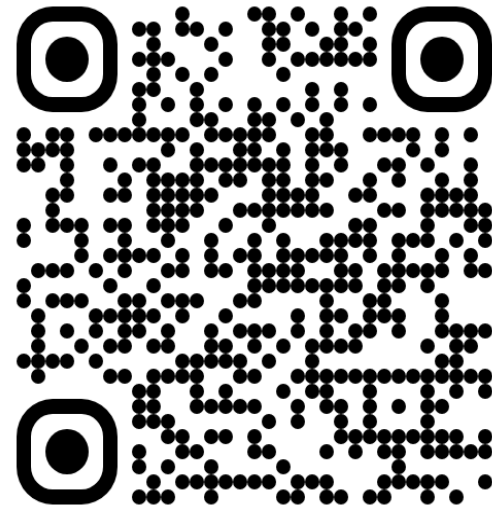
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## “Give Hope a Home” Campaign

- BPW will raise **\$10,000** to sponsor the Business Center at the new DAS shelter
- Sponsorship comes with a permanent plaque to be displayed at the Business Center
- Supports our mission of achieving equity for working women so they can reach their full potential
- Goal: Do it in 12 months or less



## DONATE ONLINE



[UpperKeysBPW.org/donate](https://UpperKeysBPW.org/donate)

**OR: Make checks payable to  
“Upper Keys BPW”**

Memo line: “DAS Campaign”