



# WomenSV

## A Closer Look at Services

### *Our focus at WomenSV*

Domestic violence crosses every profession, culture, country, religion and walk-of-life. Our clients range from stay-at-home parents to doctors, lawyers, engineers, religious leaders, celebrities, and CEO's. Their abusive partners fall into the same categories. Domestic abuse is not just physical: it's can also be emotional, financial, sexual, and technological. Despite diverse ethnic, professional and religious backgrounds, our clients are united by their shared experience of being involved with individuals who use their credentials, social status, power, money and influence to coerce and control their intimate partners, and often their children as well.

### *Our goal*

At WomenSV, we work to help women free themselves from abuse at their own pace, so they can build healthier, safer lives. Clients often tell us we are the first ones to "get it" when it comes to understanding and validating their experiences. Our goal is to support, educate, and empower each client and connect them with trauma-informed and domestic-violence-informed services such as vocational mentoring, financial planning, personal counseling, attorneys, therapists, and cybersecurity experts.

### *Our services*

#### *Individual client support*

The WomenSV helpline is often the first point of contact for women seeking information and support. We work to help create an individual exit strategy, updating it as needed to respond to new threats as clients face the most dangerous period in an abusive relationship: leaving their abuser. As hard as it is to live with an abuser, it is almost impossible to leave without outside support. We suggest individualized counter-measures, placing the highest priority on safety planning. We accompany clients to court, the police station and attorney appointments to provide emotional support and so they don't have to face their abuser alone.

#### *Group support*

The WomenSV weekly support group covers topics such as red flags for potentially abusive behavior and the power and control dynamics of abusive relationships, particularly the tactics of affluent abusers. Women share their experiences and receive informal support. Many have gone to work for each other, provided childcare, done house-sitting for one another, become best friends in a sorority made up of courageous survivors from all around the world.

### *Public presentations and professional trainings*

In our public presentations, we raise awareness about the specific risks and challenges of domestic violence in affluent areas. Our trainings address the gap in domestic violence education amongst providers. Therapists, religious leaders, family law attorneys, medical staff and teachers receive limited training in domestic violence (usually not more than 15 hours). Through our workshops and seminars, we help educate providers about the dynamics of power and control, and suggest strategies to help provide more effective care for those they serve.

### *Our values and mission*

We work with our clients for as long as they desire. We invite donations but understand that financial abuse often renders many women homeless, living out of their cars, dependent upon the generosity of friends and relatives. So there is never any charge for our services.

**We are creating more than a program at [WomenSV](#). We are building a social movement promoting every woman and child's right to personal freedom, peace and safety in their own home.**