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*Family Crisis Center
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GWENDOLYN BRITT MEMORIAL FUND

*Emergency Assistance to Survivors &
Victims of Domestic Violence*



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Honoring the Life & Legacy of Senator Gwendolyn Britt

On New Year's Eve 2007, Senator Gwendolyn Britt spent all day at the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County, Inc. facilities — touring its administrative offices and the Safe Passage Program Emergency Shelter Expansion Project, funded in part by her sponsorship through the Maryland State Bond Bill. In addition to emergency shelter for victims fleeing violence in the home, Senator Britt pledged her continuing official and unofficial support during the upcoming session — to garner resources to help families impacted by domestic violence. Sadly, a few weeks later Senator Britt passed away.

In her honor, and to continue her life legacy "... to make a difference in the lives of others," **The Gwendolyn Britt Memorial Fund** was established in May 2008

by the Family Crisis Center to accept funds that will be used to provide emergency assistance to Survivors/Victims of domestic violence and their children, as they seek to re-establish a safe and healthy quality of life. The Fund will be administered by the Family Crisis Center and all donations will be 100% tax deductible as a charitable contribution.



"The commitment to social justice has continued to dominate my life. Forty-three years later, as a state senator in Maryland, I still feel the responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others.

There is much to do."

Gwendolyn Britt, Maryland State Senator

"Hear My Voice" Spirit of Giving Guide 2004-2005

The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region

What Can You Do?

Domestic violence is a horrendous crime that affects all aspects of the victim's life. The effects of abuse trauma can render an usually capable person unable to work and unable to continue with their normal daily activities.

Many times the reaction in our community to domestic violence is further traumatizing—society tends to reiterate and perpetuate myths surrounding the issue, disempowering victims and their loved ones and making it difficult for those affected by domestic violence to live the life they once thrived upon.

As a donor, you have the power to give victims the support and care that they deserve without compromising their request for anonymity.



It is a chance for you to show that you will not stand for domestic violence in your community and you are now willing to financially contribute to those who have been affected by domestic violence to prevent any further traumatization to victims or their children.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

To be eligible to apply for assistance through the Gwendolyn Britt Memorial Fund, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a survivor/victim of domestic violence (i.e. physical assault, stalking by an intimate partner, marital rape or sexual assault, etc.) receiving services from the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County, Inc.
- The applicant must have exhausted all other community and social service means or resources available before seeking assistance from the Memorial Fund. Evidence or proof of those efforts are not a requirement for the application, though they may be requested by the Fund Review Committee.

SPECIFICATIONS OF DISTRIBUTION

Funds will be allocated in the following manner:

- Only the Family Crisis Center will have access to survivor/victim information. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with donors, other agencies, organizations or individuals.
- Funds **cannot and will not** be distributed directly to the survivor/victim. If the applicant is approved to receive funding, assistance will be mailed directly to the company or agency where money is owed.
- This fund provides for immediate crisis needs that arise as a direct result of experiencing domestic violence. Assistance provided by this fund is not long-term or ongoing.

AREAS OF RELIEF

The fund is designed to provide relief in the areas of survivor/victim support and services.

• *Survivor/Victim Support* would include, but is not limited to:

- assistance with transportation
- moving or relocation expenses
- assistance with bills that the survivor/victim cannot pay due to loss of employment as a result of violence
- other hardship related to the assault

• *Survivor/Victim Services* would include, but are not limited to:

- care, such as advanced counseling/therapy
- immediate medical needs
- safe housing needs that cannot be met by the existing shelter program
- providing a retainer for legal assistance for the survivor/victim

Contributions to the fund cannot be made for a specific survivor/victim; all funds will be made equally available to Fund recipients.



Donor Response Form

Use the form below to make your contribution to provide support to Survivors & Victims of domestic violence.

Donation Amount

- \$50
 \$125
 \$200

- \$500
 \$1,000
 Other: _____

How often would you like to give?

- Monthly
 Quarterly
 Yearly

May we display your name or comments on our website?

- Yes, name & comments.
 Comments only please.
 Neither, thank you.

Comments:

Name _____

Organization (Optional) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

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