



WHAT IS FOCUS MINISTRIES?

FOCUS Ministries is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization devoted to offering hope, encouragement, support, education, spiritual direction, and assistance to teens, women, and families who experience domestic violence, destructive relationships, separation, or divorce.

FOCUS Ministries has received thousands of phone calls, emails, and letters from women all over the world who have been subjected to horrific physical and emotional trauma from their husbands or boyfriends. This is often the first step in their journey toward restoration. It's a powerful ministry bringing hope and healing through Christ.

Assistance for Teens, Women, Families & Pastors' Wives

- Counseling by phone, email or in person
- Support groups
- Educational resources
- Spiritual direction
- Assist with physical needs
- Referrals



Advocacy & Training

- Domestic violence educational workshops and seminars for churches and organizations
- Training for support group leaders
- Development of domestic violence ministry
- Consultation services



OUR HISTORY:

In September 1995, a group of women in the western suburbs of Chicago, Illinois, began meeting once a month to encourage each other and provide a forum for sharing personal needs regarding relationships. Soon afterward, FOCUS Ministries was birthed with a vision to reach out to hurting women through distribution of a newsletter containing hope and encouragement; establishment of support groups nationwide, a forum for pastors' wives; training of support group leaders; education of pastors, churches, and organizations about domestic violence;

speaking engagements (workshops, seminars, personal testimonies, etc.); and a lending library to provide educational and inspirational books and videos.



HOW CAN I HELP?

Become a prayer warrior to intercede for women in crisis and for the needs of FOCUS Ministries.

You will receive a regular update of prayer requests from women worldwide who need to know someone is praying for them, and a list of specific needs relating to the operation of FOCUS Ministries.

Start a FOCUS Support Group in your area.

Our Train the Trainer seminar will help you with the tools you need and a leader's manual is available for purchase. Leaders are able to connect with FOCUS representatives to assist them in this process.

Help educate your church or women's group.

Invite the FOCUS team to give a seminar or workshop on domestic violence—what it is and how the church, friends, and family can help.

Volunteer to represent FOCUS Ministries in your area.

Partner with us in distributing information about the newsletter, support groups, and seminars. Help us with creative fundraising through garage sales, walkathons, etc.

Partner with us financially.

We depend on the Lord's provision to carry our work forward and are supported by individual and church donations. Funding is needed to help us meet the physical needs of families, to continue free counseling and support groups, and to provide Homes of Refuge. As we are a 501c3 organization, your gifts are tax-deductible.

What if I need help?

Visit us on the web at www.focusministries1.org or call 630-595-7023. We can offer you counsel, encouragement, education, help finding a safe place, and contact information for our support groups nationwide. Remember, you are not alone!

