

WHY FOCUS NEEDS YOU!

Some women are hiding battered bodies behind the beauty. Others are dying to speak, but allowed no voice. Some have been crushed by criticism and controlled by coercion and threats. And for some, the love of their lives has nearly taken their life away.

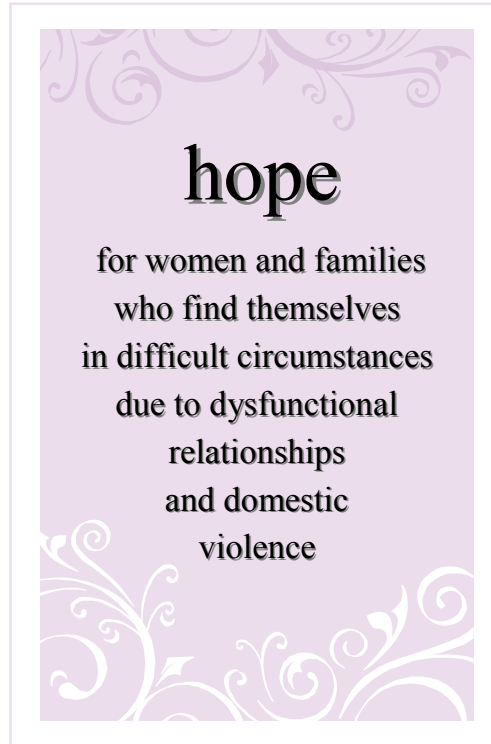
Statistics are startling: on average, a woman in the United States is battered by a partner every 12 to 15 seconds. Up to 6 million women are believed to be beaten in their homes each year. And at least 30 percent of all murders of women in America are committed by intimate partners.

Begun in 1995, FOCUS Ministries is dedicated to **helping women and families** through challenging circumstances, particularly those of dysfunctional relationships and domestic violence. FOCUS has given counsel, support, prayer, and tangible assistance to thousands internationally. It's a powerful ministry that brings **hope** and **healing**.

Unfortunately, many women are reluctant to reveal the magnitude of their pain. Some are worried for their safety. Others fear rejection and blame. Perhaps they have reached out for help and been hurt again. In some cases, even their church has failed them.

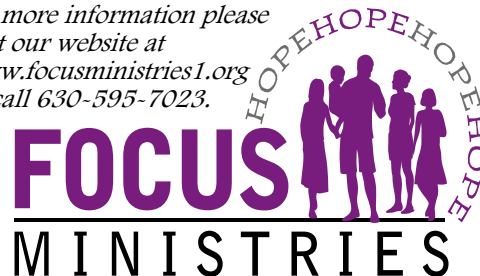
To that end, FOCUS Ministries also offers **training for churches and support group leaders** or those considering starting a group. With annual workshops, conferences, books and manuals, and a leaders' network, FOCUS is dedicated to equipping those passionate about helping these women find healing.

FOCUS is committed to this crucial, expansive ministry but the needs are greater than the resources. ***That's why we need you.*** We need prayer partners. We need donations of tangible goods. We need monthly supporters and generous one-time givers. We invite your attendance at our inaugural fundraiser as you learn just what is "Behind the Mask" and how you can help.



FOCUS Ministries is a not-for-profit organization devoted to offer hope, encouragement, education and assistance to women who are struggling in difficult circumstances, especially dysfunctional marriages, spousal abuse, separation or divorce.

For more information please visit our website at www.focusministries1.org or call 630-595-7023.



Join us to support FOCUS Ministries at the

1st Annual Fundraiser Luncheon and Silent Auction



**Saturday
October 17, 2009**

10:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Diplomat West
681 W. North Avenue
Elmhurst, Illinois

BEHIND THE MASK

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Diplomat West in Elmhurst, Illinois
Tickets—\$40/person or \$350/table of 10
Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.

Silent Auction

Sit-Down Luncheon

Program

Featured Guests Include:



Leslie Vernick, author of *The Emotionally Destructive Relationship*, is this year's featured speaker. As a licensed counselor with over 25 years of experience, Leslie focuses on Enriching Relationships That Matter Most. She is the author of five books and many articles, as well as featured guest on the American Association of Christian Counselors' video series on Marriage, Teens and Women. Leslie is a regular radio guest on Moody's *Midday Connection* and a columnist for *Today's Christian Woman* magazine. Find her online at www.leslievernick.com.

Behind the Mask's emcee is **Anita Lustrea**, well-loved co-host of the award-winning *Midday Connection* radio broadcast. Anita is the co-author of *Come to Our Table: A Midday Connection Cookbook* and *Daily Seeds from Women Who Walk in Faith*, a devotional for women. Visit www.anitalustrea.com for a look at her ministry.



Bringing a powerful, encouraging message through music is Christian singer/songwriter **Marie Barlow Martin**. An international singer who has performed in more than thirty countries, Marie uses her expertise in both classical and modern styles in concerts of praise. Hear songs from her latest album, *Shelter—Worship Through the Ages*, at www.mariebarlow.com.

Knowing both laughter and tears are found on the journey to healing, **Rachel Mohn** will use the dramatic arts to share the hope and redemption found in Jesus Christ. Learn more about her speaking and performing ministry at www.panicdotes.net.



FOCUS CAN COUNT ON ME!

Please purchase your tickets by October 1, 2009 on-line at www.FocusMinistries1.org or you may complete this form and mail it with a check to the address below.

Seating is limited so get your tickets today!

Unable to attend but wish to support the ministry? We are looking for continuous support with monthly pledges as well as one-time gifts. Simply indicate your preference and mail a check to the address below or visit our website. We take Visa, MasterCard and Discover for on-line payment and convenience.

Name _____

Address _____

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NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ at \$40/ticket or a table of 10 for \$350. Enclosed is a check for \$_____.

I would like to make a monthly donation in the amount of \$_____.

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Make checks payable to Focus Ministries.

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