



community impact

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100+ Women Who Care Donates to A New Leaf Domestic Violence Safe Temporary Overflow Program

A worldwide pandemic could not stop the members of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun from coming together. The group couldn't meet in-person due to stay-at-home orders, so they met virtually via Zoom.

"It would have been easy to cancel our giving circles, but we felt called to do our part," stated Kim Tarnopolski, Chief Community Officer. "So many charities had to cancel their main fundraising events due to COVID. We knew our \$10,000-plus would go a long way."

Chapter members Diane Hughes, Darlene Pany, Judy Tapscott, and Zita Johnson nominated A New Leaf. This charity provides resources that include homeless and domestic violence shelters, af-



Joe Dulin, Chief Philanthropy Officer, and Laura Bode, Director of Community and Civic Engagement, A New Leaf

fordable housing solutions, youth services, foster care, counseling, financial literacy, workforce support, and community services.

A New Leaf's Domestic Violence Safe Temporary Overflow Program (DVSTOP) is committed to protecting domestic violence victims and empowering individuals to break the cycle of abuse. With more people working from home during the COVID pandemic, there's concern that many people are in potentially deadly situations with abusers.

In 2018, a New Leaf answered 19,732 of 38,674 calls for help, provided 26,785 nights of shelter, including nearly 500 nights through their overflow shelter program when no other shelter was available, and provided legal help for 570 individuals.

"It's easy to forget that people are suffering in domestic violence situations, but the truth is, it's happening all around us. A New Leaf has developed a continuum of crisis intervention and support services, from our crisis hotline, to emergency shelter, to court advocacy. DVSTOP was established to make sure there is always a safe place and support for someone escaping a domestic violence situation," shared Michael Hughes, CEO of A New Leaf. "Despite how important this program is, we struggle to secure adequate funding to support it. We are so grateful to 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun for choosing to support DVSTOP. This support is truly life changing, if not lifesaving, for people who are desperate for a way out."

100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun donated \$11,150 to A New Leaf. To learn more about A New Leaf, visit TurnANewLeaf.org. 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun meets quarterly and always welcomes guests who have a heart for giving. Register for their August 18 giving circle or learn more at 100WWCValleyoftheSun.org.



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