

## Dear Friend:

I have been asked repeatedly over the years, "How do you do what you do? Don't you get depressed? How do you deal with the stress?

My answer is this, "I do it for the children". I see their little faces filled with fear when they are rescued and witness a softness return to their eyes and smiles to their faces when they realize that they are safe. Peace...such a rare gift. I am so fortunate to have that experience in my life.

The cycle of domestic violence must be stopped by providing our children the opportunity to learn that violence is not power but that love and respect for themselves and others will make this world a safer place to live. We cannot expect to live in a peaceful world if we cannot live in peace under our own roofs.

Delamano, Inc. operates a bilingual (Spanish/English) helpline providing emergency crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence in the Greater Lawrence area. The need is great, the number of deaths due to domestic violence is rising and many families are in danger.

We need your help. Delamano means "holding hands". We reach out our hands to offer support to victims. Join your hands with ours to insure that these children and their families live peaceful, safe and happy lives. I promise you that it will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

Sincerely,

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