



Holding On To Hope – An Update from Women's Center & Shelter

“Thank you so much. You are my lifeline, my family.”

These words are from a former shelter resident currently living on her own after building a new life, free from abuse. Because of your unwavering support, we are able to continue providing clients with resources during this difficult time. And, we have been touched by your generosity. From [monetary donations](#) to food and product donations, our amazing Pittsburgh community has shown up in big ways. As we navigate through these uncertain times, our constant focus is serving survivors of domestic violence and their children in the best way possible – and in some cases this means with new and expanded support. You allow us to do so.

Those staying in the Emergency Shelter have been incredibly grateful for the many individuals and groups dropping off prepared meals. In fact, one resident commented **that she is so thankful that she and her children are in Shelter and not at home right now**. Because of the additional support provided by individuals and groups through product donations of essential items, care packages are being given out to our non-resident clients as many are also facing economic uncertainty. Together, we are holding on to hope to get through this day and the days ahead.

Though abuse will likely increase during this time, so will our resolve to reach survivors in their time of greatest need. We have been working with local media outlets to spread the word that all domestic violence programs ARE HERE and serving. Please visit the [WC&S in the News](#) page of our website to view recent stories and help us to spread the word.

Like many nonprofits, we are being proactively creative in adjusting our programming to meet current needs. We are also working collaboratively to explore new ways to reach and support those experiencing abuse during this unprecedented time. Stay tuned for additional resources to share. Please remember that our hotline is operational 24/7 and can be reached by calling 412-687-8005. The [RUSafe app](#) is another great resource to assess danger or help a friend/family member.

We appreciate your kindness and know we can count on our incredible WC&S community moving forward.

Sincerely,

Nicole

President/CEO

PS – Celebrating Survivors has been postponed until **Friday, June 12th**. If the situation is still precarious as the June 12th date approaches, we will move the event entirely online.