A Plan for A New Life

“I knew I had to leave,” said Jessica, when asked to share her story, “I just couldn’t leave then.” Her story starts when she met an older man. A society man, he was well established, a pillar in the community and she says she was young, naïve, and trapped.

Her story begins with dating and a marriage that she was forced into. After he raped her, she discovered she was pregnant, further complicating the situation. She left him – for two years – but as is true for so many victims of intimate partner violence, she returned, when he convinced her that he would change and their live would be different. “Research tells us that, on average, a woman will leave 5-7 times before she leaves for good,” said Lisa Nitsch, Director of Training and Education at House of Ruth Maryland. “By the time she is ready to leave for good, she has oftentimes exhausted the support of her friends and family, and is completely isolated, with no help.”

Jessica’s story isn’t much different. His standing in the community and his manipulation of the police – he once scratched himself and accused her of attacking him – kept her living in fear. She feared that the police wouldn’t help and worse, that no one would believe her. Continued on page 2
After the reconciliation, the situation deteriorated and the abuse worsened until he threatened to kill her, while he choked her. At this point, Jessica thought of her son’s safety and started planning. “I wanted to improve my life and my child’s life,” she said, so she went to work. She researched graduate school programs and learned which degrees gave her the best chances of career success. It wasn’t long after that she met with her employer, shared her story with them and created a strategy for setting herself on a career path that would provide financial stability for her and her son.

One fateful night, Jessica confronted her now ex-husband about the affair he was having. Jessica recalls, “He exploded, charged at me, while I had my son in my arms. I said no more, I couldn’t do it, called the police and got a protective order. The worst part was not the physical abuse – it was the emotional abuse. I was isolated from family & friends, I felt so horrible for myself. He wouldn’t let me buy diapers & formula for our child. He would threaten to take our son from me. He threatened to kill me, choked me, and was so good at manipulating me to play on my fears.”

Jessica said the moment her life changed was the moment she had a police officer believe in her. “The moment I had a police officer believe me, was the moment I was able to begin breaking free.” Several years later, Jessica has now has the family home, a thriving career, and her son is currently in counseling to begin to heal from the trauma he endured. When asked how her life is different now, Jessica enthusiastically responded, “I’ve been able to re-engage with my family and friends and I’ve learned that I don’t have to hide. I have protected my son and given him and I a life free of abuse.”

To learn more about programs and services at House of Ruth Maryland that help survivors like Jessica, please visit www.hruth.org.

More Cheer with Your End of Year Shopping!

Double your shopping pleasure - holiday purchases, greeting cards or anything you do online - by enrolling in a program that donates to House of Ruth Maryland every time you shop:

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Please make sure to select the House of Ruth Maryland as your charity of choice through these programs! If you know of other programs you’d like to see included in this list, please contact Cheri Parlaman at cparlaman@hruthmd.org.

Fill The House!

On a bright sunny day in October, WMAR and House of Ruth Maryland came together to Fill The House at White Marsh Mall! All day, donors could make their donations at our drive thru donation stop, help us load up a Von Paris moving truck and get to meet WMAR personalities too! On top of the thousands of items donated, the Scripps Howard Foundation provided a $10,000 matching grant to House of Ruth Maryland – for a total of $20,000 raised for the event in October!

Thanks to WMAR-TV2, Von Paris Moving and Storage, GBMC, Peoples Bank and ManorCare for their support of Fill The House!
Letter from the Executive Director

A special kind of magic happens around House of Ruth Maryland as the leaves change colors and the snow begins to fall (early this year!). The magic is the amazing dedication of volunteers, supporters, donors and friends who do so much for the victims of intimate partner violence. School supplies, uniforms, and bookbags give way to Halloween costumes and crafts, which then give way to turkeys and pies and the culmination is the many holiday gifts that are shared with those who wouldn’t have been able to provide for their families otherwise.

Below, you’ll see just a small sample of individuals, corporations, community groups and more who gave a little of their time this fall to make the lives of our clients happier. You can view a longer list at www.hruth.org/specialthanks.

Together, our services and your support bring that special spirit of the season to families and children who have been through so much. I thank you for joining us in this work of rebuilding the lives of women and children, and helping them to have a life that is safe and free of fear.

Wishing you and our community a safe, joyous holiday season,

Sandi Timmins,
Executive Director

Special Thanks:

• To 18th & 21st Restaurant and to our board member Holly Griffin, and her husband Rand, for hosting a fundraising reception to support House of Ruth Maryland.

• To the Junior League of Baltimore for their continued support for our childcare department during group session and for hosting an extremely successful “Healthy Eating Class” at our shelter.

• To KCW Engineering for cooking an amazing Thanksgiving meal for our shelter residents, bringing crafts for the kids, and beautifully decorating the dining room to make the meal truly special.

• To the amazing One Love group at Hereford High School for cooking a delicious meal at our shelter and hosting a fall craft evening for our shelter residents, it was a wonderful evening!

• To Maxim Healthcare for not only organizing a donation drive of crucial items, but also participating in “A Walk In Her Shoes” training, sorting children’s clothes, and hosting a cupcake decorating party at our shelter.

• To The Carlisle Collection for their very generous donation of clothing to House of Ruth Maryland and to Kelly Ricks, Coleman Hooper, and longtime supporter Joan Schochor, for their coordination of this donation.

To view more of our Special Thanks, please visit www.hruth.org/specialthanks.

Volunteers from KCW Engineering
We Honor All Those Who Stand With Us To 
Shine A Light on Intimate Partner Violence

House of Ruth Maryland greatly appreciates the support of those who share our vision of dignity, respect and safety for women and children. We also appreciate those who donate and choose to remain anonymous. Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

These gifts were made from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. If you donate through the United Way and do not see your name listed, we may not have received notification of your gift before this went to print. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our list. Please call the Development Office at (410) 554-8443 with any changes, corrections or comments.

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Each year, the House of Ruth Maryland’s Legal Clinic is fortunate to receive funding from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC). A portion of funding for the MLSC comes from the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA). On behalf of the Maryland State Bar Association and Maryland Legal Services Corporation, we would like to acknowledge with special appreciation Honor Roll Members (listed below). These financial institutions pay premium interest rates on IOLTA in support of civil legal services for low-income Marylanders.

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40 Years and Counting!

On Sunday October 14th, House of Ruth hosted a 40th Anniversary celebration at its brand new community engagement center. Under the direction of the Anniversary Committee chaired by Mary Miller, Kappie Bogart and Terri Wurmser, House of Ruth Maryland (HRM) welcomed back the Founding Mothers for a special intimate gathering. The event served not only as a reunion for the people whose vision made HRM possible, but also as a look forward at the work that will be occurring at the new community engagement center. “The work that we do today, and the vision for what will come tomorrow are because we are standing on the shoulders of all of you that came before us”, said Sandi Timmins, HRM Executive Director, while addressing the group. Tours of the new center as well as a luncheon was held in the new Training Facility. A formal dedication and grand engagement center will follow in the Spring of 2019.

For more information about the Community Engagement Center, please contact Andrew Primrose, at 410-261-3027 or by email at aprimrose@hruthmd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **B-More Bags Trunk Show and Sale**
  December 8, Ruth’s Closet

- **Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Month**
  February 2019

- **Spring Luncheon**
  April 25

- **Crabaret**
  July 11

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.hruth.org/events.

Treasures Abound!

On November 7, Ruth’s Closet held a Grand Re-Opening! A vacancy next door, gave us the opportunity to maintain our current space and grow – by taking out some walls – Ruth’s Closet now has more merchandise available with more deals to be found! We hope you’ll come visit our newly renovated store soon! And December 8th would be a great time to stop by for the B-More Bags Annual Trunk Show & Sale!

For more information about Ruth’s Closet, please contact Jen Talbert, Social Enterprise Manager at House of Ruth Maryland, at jtalbert@hruthmd.org.
Join us at the Baltimore Hilton on Thursday, April 25th for House of Ruth Maryland’s 18th Annual Spring Luncheon, featuring this year’s special guest, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Megan Twohey. Ms. Twohey was one of the author’s of the New York Times investigative articles that toppled Harvey Weinstein, led to the rise of the #MeToo movement and inspired long-suffering victims of sexual assault to speak-out.

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

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Megan Twohey