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**CAN YOU HELP**  
**HAVE JUSTICE WILL TRAVEL?**

Growing up not knowing anything but abuse most women who connect with Have Justice—Will Travel (HJWT) find themselves in partnership with an abuser. Studies show that many times it is destiny, but it does not need to be their final destiny (given legal help, mentoring and using Bowen's Family Systems Theory). As I graduated from Vermont Law School, the Vision I had of stopping the generational cycle of abuse by meeting with women where they are both physically (not in a lawyer's office but on their own turf) and mentally comfortable (talking with them about my own growing up in an abusive home, telling them there is a chance for them and their children to change, have hope and a life of independence) has become a realization over the last ten years.

**HJWT should be celebrating.** We have grown to a staff of ten and have served over 10,000 women and children. The number of HJWT clients who return to abusive situations or go on to other abusive relationships is only 10%. That statistic is unheard of anywhere else in this country. Why? Because we nurture, mentor, go to court with, help them become financially and mentally stable, and do not close their case until they are independent and self-reliant.

**Yet, we cannot celebrate now and maybe never.** There has never been enough money to do all we need to do in Vermont even with the wonderful donations, foundation grants, and government grants we have received. As the years have gone by HJWT has covered more and more of Vermont's mountains and valleys. Presently we are located in three fourths of the state and my vision and our mission is to cover all of Vermont. Today, however, I am finding it difficult to bring in enough money to keep HJWT operating at its present capacity, say nothing about expanding.

Yet times dictate more hardships: the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, where many of our young and middle aged in Vermont go off because there is no work in our state. They come home hurt, wounded and some very abusive. The financial meltdown has crippled governments, foundations, and individuals who all gave a helping hand to the women and children we serve. I am proud to say that those we work with and who attain independence and the knowledge of how to heal, do not become burdens on society, instead, like me, they go on to help others.

**If you can, please donate whatever you can to HJWT**, no matter how much, \$1, \$5, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. We are doing our best to not turn anyone away that calls--for this population of mothers and children it is absolutely devastating to have nowhere to turn. To give you can use your credit card on our website at [www.havejusticewilltravel.org](http://www.havejusticewilltravel.org) or send a check to the above address. Anything you can give will be of great help.

Thank you,  
Wynona Ward