

DIRECTIONS MINISTRY

Quarterly Newsletter

Directions for the spirit, soul and body of abused women.



Impact of Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence affects a growing number of people in the United States annually. And that abuse is happening at even younger ages than one might think.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 16 million women and 11 million men who reported some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime said that many of those experiences happened before they became an adult.

Because of the pervasiveness of domestic violence and how early it starts, as well as its impact across multiple generations from children and adults to elders, it's essential to understand that it can occur within a variety of relationships, not just dating and marriage but familial and other close intimate relationships. Plus, it occurs in various forms, not just physical; the abuse can also be economical, verbal, emotional, psychological, and more.

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About Us and How We Help

Directions Ministry is a not-for-profit Christian-based organization that provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support to abused women in the Chicagoland area. As an administrative hub, we facilitate our clients' services with the appropriate Social Service agencies.

Directions Ministry was established in 2002 by a group of people who recognized the need for a compassionate organization that reached out to hurting women. Our vision is to provide abused and hurting women with hope, faith, peace, and love by ministering God's Word and attending to their physical needs.

Services include Biblical Ministering, Childcare, Employment/Job Training Assistance, Shelter, Food Banks/Depositories, Legal Advocacy, Public Health, and Transportation. For more information, visit DirectionsMinistry.org or call 877-999-9935.



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Key facts about domestic violence, according to a 2016/2017 report from The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), include the following:

- Almost 1 in 2 women (47.3%) and more than 2 in 5 men (44.2%) reported experiencing contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking victimization by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime.
- More than 70% of female victims of intimate partner violence reported that they were first victimized before age 25. One in 4 were first victimized before the age of 18.
- More than 60% of intimate partner violence male victims reported that they were first victimized before age 25. One in 5 were first victimized before the age of 18.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, there is help. A list of resources is available at DirectionsMinistry.org.

A Message from the President

Directions Ministry, a desire in my heart for many years, was birthed in 2000 as a new ministry concept for assisting domestic abuse clients. We started at a small, rented facility and obtained our 501(c)3 in 2002. As Directions Ministry grew from 2002-2023, we added additional board and advisory members and volunteers—projects launched to fund activities, including a bowling and skating partnership. We also obtained grants to support Love Month, which featured free hair and beauty makeovers from Mary Kay Beauty Consultants. We took 40 hours of Domestic Abuse Training to learn more about domestic abuse, and we have also partnered with several agencies with similar missions. Additional projects include a prayer conference call each Saturday from 8-9:00 a.m. with various speakers and resources. For 2023, we want to assist shelters with Adopt-A-Shelter & Love Month, provide free makeovers, and more. Additional details will be available at a later date.



Volunteers Needed

Directions Ministry is looking for available, responsible, and committed volunteers.

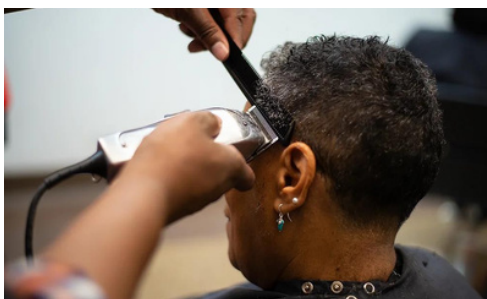
We provide volunteer opportunities to those individuals interested in making a significant difference in the lives of abused and hurting women.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact us at Email: DirectionsMinistry@gmail.com, Facebook: [DirectionsMinistryChicago](https://www.facebook.com/DirectionsMinistryChicago), and Phone: 877-999-9935.

PHOTO GALLERY



Directions Ministry 20th Anniversary
Photo by Terrian Williams



Love Month - hair and beauty makeover
Photo by Terrian Williams



2019 Prayer Breakfast fundraiser
Photo by Terrian Williams



2022 Christmas breakfast fellowship
Photo by Michaelle Bradford



Day of Beauty for Survivors hosted by Paul Chambers Salon
Photo by Terrian Williams

Upcoming Events

- Weekly prayer conference call Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Call 267-808-9495, access code: 103628406
- Free giveaways on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check website for details.
- Christmas Fellowship to Mall of America, Dec. 14-17
- Free crisis management courses at <https://zerosuicidetraining.edc.org>
- Gourmet popcorn fundraiser - visit popculture-directions-ministry-store.company.site

Notes from the Board and Volunteers:

I thank God for the opportunity to serve on this ministry board. It is a pleasure working with these ladies. I have been blessed, and I pray my presence on this team has made a difference. Thank you.

Dr. Sibley, Secretary

Directions Ministry has been helpful by providing empowerment through the speakers who offer information and resources and by using God's Word as a guide and reminder that He has everything we need. It has encouraged me to continue to keep doing the Lord's will. It has also reminded me that I have a positive, supportive network.

Linda Harris, President

Directions Ministry has made an impact on the lives of so many, and I am honored to be able to support its mission. Having worked with the Directions Ministry during the early days of its organization, it's great to be back as a volunteer and see the work that continues to be done in the community.

Michaëlle Bradford, Volunteer



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