

Into the Light



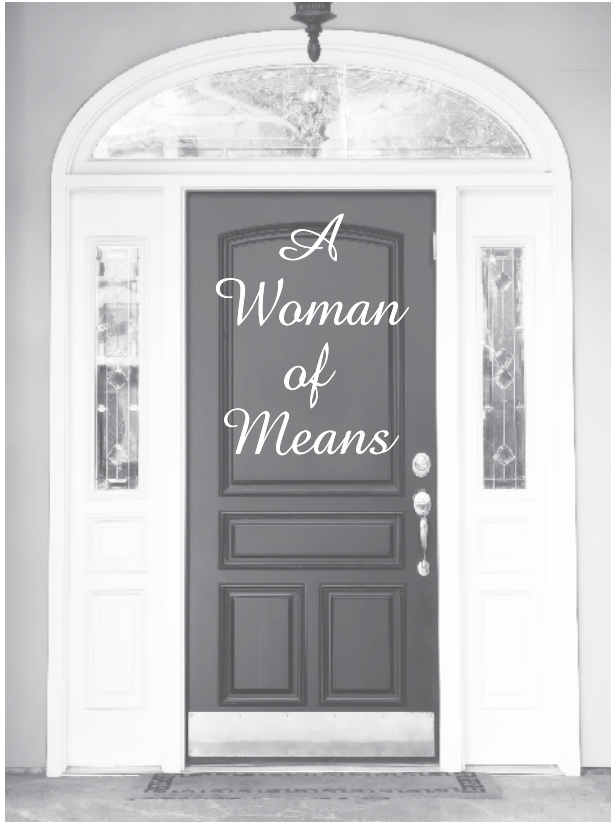
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The recent alleged assaults by actors Mel Gibson and Charlie Sheen on their intimate partners have shined a new light on domestic violence and how we perceive victims and abusers. Although a 2004 study conducted by The National Center for Victims of Crime found that women living in disadvantaged neighborhoods are more than twice as likely to be the victims of intimate partner violence than women in more affluent neighborhoods, we are learning more and more that abuse can affect anyone in any social class—even in Oklahoma.

For all intents and purposes, 40-year-old Diane Dye lived an idyllic life. Blonde and

attractive, she and her husband of 20 years, Raymond, age 42, were well-liked professionals in the community of Elgin, Okla., a burg of approximately 1,400 that sits just outside of Lawton.

Diane worked as a popular seventh grade teacher at Elgin Public Schools where she also coached basketball, softball and golf. Raymond served as a lieutenant for the Lawton Fire Department where he'd risen through the ranks as a firefighter for 17 years. Together, the couple owned a strip center in Elgin which also housed their sandwich shop and a successful fitness center. They'd raised two children—Dustin and Morgan—and recently welcomed their first grandchild, Khloe. Raymond's

mother, Jackie Hendrick, would later tell police that the Dyes were looking forward to selling their businesses and moving to Florida after daughter Morgan graduated.

But those plans never came to fruition. A little more than 24 hours after receiving a phone call that her son and daughter-in-law were dead, Jackie Hendrick was still looking for answers. "Something went wrong. I don't know what," Hendrick said.

Court records show that Diane Dye filed for a divorce and a protective order against her husband on July 8, 2010. In the order, Diane wrote that Raymond had threatened to kill her. She ended her statement with

the prophetic line, "I fear that he will have a violent reaction when he receives divorce papers." Raymond's peers in the fire department were not surprised to learn this. He was often described as having a volatile temper.

Ten days later, as Diane drove her late-model yellow Camaro to the Bank of the Wichitas at 9:55 a.m. to open a new checking account, Raymond was close behind her in his pickup. He lied in wait as she finished her business and stepped out of the bank. In the parking lot, Raymond moved quickly, blocking Diane's car with his truck. He leaped out and the two began arguing. Then, Raymond grabbed Diane and put her in a headlock, trying to pull her out of the Camaro. Diane fought back. That's when Raymond brandished a gun.

Fire Chief Mike Baker was at the Elgin fire station just a few blocks from the bank when he heard what sounded like fireworks. Police Chief Carl Bremenkamp was also nearby. "I looked over there and saw Ray's truck and I thought, *Oh my God*," said Bremenkamp. "He shot her, she fell down, and then he shot her three more times."

Upon their arrival, first responders found two deceased bodies. Diane had been shot multiple times in the chest. Raymond had turned the gun upon himself, shooting himself in the chest.

"I knew them and everyone in the community knew them," Mike Baker later told police. "As a community, we're going to feel the effects of this for awhile."

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The murder of Diane Dye characterizes a more secretive demographic of domestic violence—those who are professionals, highly visible in their communities, wealthy or affluent. But abuse in well-healed circles also brings its own set of unique legal problems and financial complications. Dr. Jeanne King, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist and nationally recognized counselor on domestic violence, describes the unique dilemma of wealthy abused women. “When they break their silence, a roar breaks out shoving them right back into hiding,” King writes. “People doubt that they are actually abused. ‘How can that be?’ they hear. ‘Your husband is a pillar in the community.’”

King goes on to explain that victims of domestic violence in high-profile, professional and wealthy families face

five challenges usually not experienced with victims of lower economic status. Among them are disbelief, a withholding of empathy, re-victimization, an empty financial war chest, and loss of minor children. “The implication here is that you should just turn the other cheek with respect to being slapped around and enjoy your wealth,” King writes. “It says that the lifestyle is the price for putting up with being battered.”

DaySpring Villa Executive Director Wilma Lively agrees with that assessment, saying that the stigma placed on professional women and those in upper economic classes can be even more difficult to overcome. “We’ve had a number of guests over the years whose husbands are considered affluent or come from wealthy families,” Lively says. “In these situations, money

and influence become weapons used by the abuser, so it’s important that we help these women rebuild their strength and self-esteem.”

Since 1995, DSV has sheltered, fed and clothed more than 5,800 abused women and their children across every socio-economic level. The organization also provides referrals to Legal Aid for guests faced with a divorce or child custody battle. “No matter how many zeroes are behind an abusive situation, the best thing a woman can do for herself and her children is to get out and get help,” Lively says. “That’s why we’re here.”

If you or someone you know is involved in a domestic violence situation, do something about it. Call DaySpring Villa at 918.245.4075 in confidence 24 hours a day.



Volunteer Profile: Sam Clammer

When Sam Clammer and wife Cissy relocated in 2002 from the Gainesville/Lake Kiowa area of north Texas to Tulsa, they looked forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren who live here.

Sam, a retired gas utility executive and petroleum engineer, had always been a “hands-on” guy who liked to stay busy. So when he and Cissy joined Southern Hills Baptist Church and began learning more about DaySpring Villa, he figured there might be an opportunity to apply his own handiwork. “Our Sunday school classes came here on various service days,” Sam recalls. “So one day I asked Wilma if I could volunteer some time to work with Jim.” Jim Tincher is DSV’s resident maintenance supervisor.

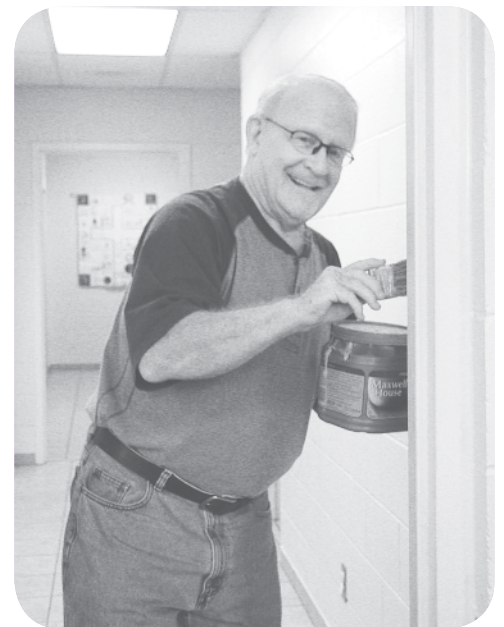
Now, one day a week, Sam assists Jim with touch-up painting, and picking up and bringing in donated furniture and other items. His permanent smile and jovial manner say all that needs to be said about his love for

volunteering at DSV. His new-found passion came unexpectedly though. “I watched the documentary *Into the Light*,” Sam says. “It was so eye-opening for me since I had nothing like that happen in my own family. Then I got to know some of the other volunteers here and asked them their reasons for choosing DaySpring Villa. What I heard made up my mind.”

So, what does he enjoy most about volunteering at DaySpring Villa?

“I think it’s the happy faces I see on the staff here, the hearts they have to serve, and their passion to do the Lord’s work,” Sam says. “You know, I’m not in that large financial bracket that allows me to give a lot of money but volunteering helps me give just that much more.”

If you’d like to learn more about DaySpring Villa’s numerous volunteer opportunities, visit our website at DaySpringVilla.com.



Sam Clammer

Part II: Buy, Sell or Trade: The Invisible Industry of Human Trafficking

In Part I of this series, we presented an overview of the growing phenomenon of human trafficking inside the United States, and how the classification of “human trafficking” encompasses not only indentured servitude and debt bondage but organized prostitution and child pornography. The State of Oklahoma plays an unwitting role in the transportation of humans for sale due to our three major interstate systems—I-35, I-40 and I-44—which have made us a “pipeline” state for moving human cargo across the nation.

Part II of Buy, Sell or Trade: The Invisible Industry of Human Trafficking was initially intended to focus on the local impact of human trafficking and how DaySpring Villa is working in partnership with the coalition OATH (Oklahomans Against Trafficking Humans) to increase awareness of what has been called the second fastest-growing crime on the planet. However, since the publication of Part I, more and more media outlets are

finally picking up on the subject, and in early November, during a three-day federal sweep called Operation Cross Country V, 69 children were rescued from prostitution rings and 884 people were arrested across 40 states.

The youngest of those rescued was a 12-year-old girl who was regularly sold for sex on the Internet. The story hit home for “Kelly,” an early victim of organized prostitution now turned advocate for domestic violence and human trafficking. Born and raised in Sand Springs, Kelly was a 12-year-old runaway who had been molested by a relative. Back then, she says, no one shared secrets like hers. With no place to go, she found herself working a street corner along with three pimps and several other girls her age north of downtown Tulsa. At the time, the Internet was just in its infancy. There was no Craig’s List, no child porn sites masquerading as adult-only entertainment. Back then, when teenagers got angry with their parents,

they vented to their friends by phone; they didn’t exchange messages with anonymous strangers or predators all too willing to listen.

Mark Elam, coalition director of OATH, is experiencing a busy year. His work with international organizations to rescue girls from sex trafficking in India, South Asia and the Philippines dates back to 2005. Since then he has worked tirelessly to communicate the breadth and depth of the human trafficking problem here in Oklahoma. Last year, OATH was asked to become the statewide coalition to bring awareness, education and training about the subject of human trafficking to Oklahomans, and to assist in networking with law enforcement agencies, service providers, business leaders and the faith community to provide care for trafficking victims.

Shawna Howard, DSV case manager, has joined OATH’s Tulsa task force to represent DaySpring Villa. She attended her first

training conference in May and again in November to learn how DSV can play a vital role in bringing needed attention to the problem of human trafficking on the local level. “Our objective is to not only increase awareness of the problem of child sex trafficking in Oklahoma but to develop the skills needed to assess these situations and learn about specific treatment methodologies to help victims,” Howard says. “Just like the grassroots movement of domestic violence, so now is the movement against human trafficking. We have to be outraged enough to do something about it before it becomes our own children who fall prey.”

Howard adds that putting more preventative measures in place, such as talking to schools, distributing literature, and conducting assessments with children, will assist OATH in providing needed resources for victims and those who may be vulnerable to sex traffickers.

As for “Kelly” who at last escaped her captors, she now splits her time between college where she is on the president’s honor roll and a job she loves helping other women escape abuse. “At that earlier point in my life when I had no morals, no values, I met a woman who led me to Christ and it completely changed my life,” Kelly says. “Helping other women now is how I continue to heal myself. But it’s important that we recognize our kids need to know that they can talk to someone if something bad has happened to them. Being afraid to talk about this is the worst thing we can do.”

To learn more about OATH or to schedule a training session at your office or organization, visit www.oath-coalition.org or call 918.855.1764.



Mark Elam

\$80,000

In 2010, DaySpring Villa’s operations budget fell short by \$80,000 due to the extraordinary needs we experienced during the year.

Unlike 2009, it wasn’t so much that our capacity levels reached new record levels, but more that the women and children we received stayed longer—which was primarily due to the lack of jobs and housing available.

In addition, the funding we solely rely on from churches, businesses and individuals was dramatically reduced due to the economy.

But here’s a simple, affordable solution that can get us back on track before the end of the year: If everyone who receives this

newsletter donates \$20, we can meet DaySpring Villa’s cost overruns.

Just \$20 from each of the 5,000 households on our mailing list can make all the difference in the world and help us move forward into next year without a crippling deficit.

Please take a moment to help. Together, we can make this happen.

To donate by credit card, visit our secure website at www.DaySpringVilla.com, or mail your check to DaySpring Villa, P.O. Box 1588, Sand Springs, Okla. 74063-1588.

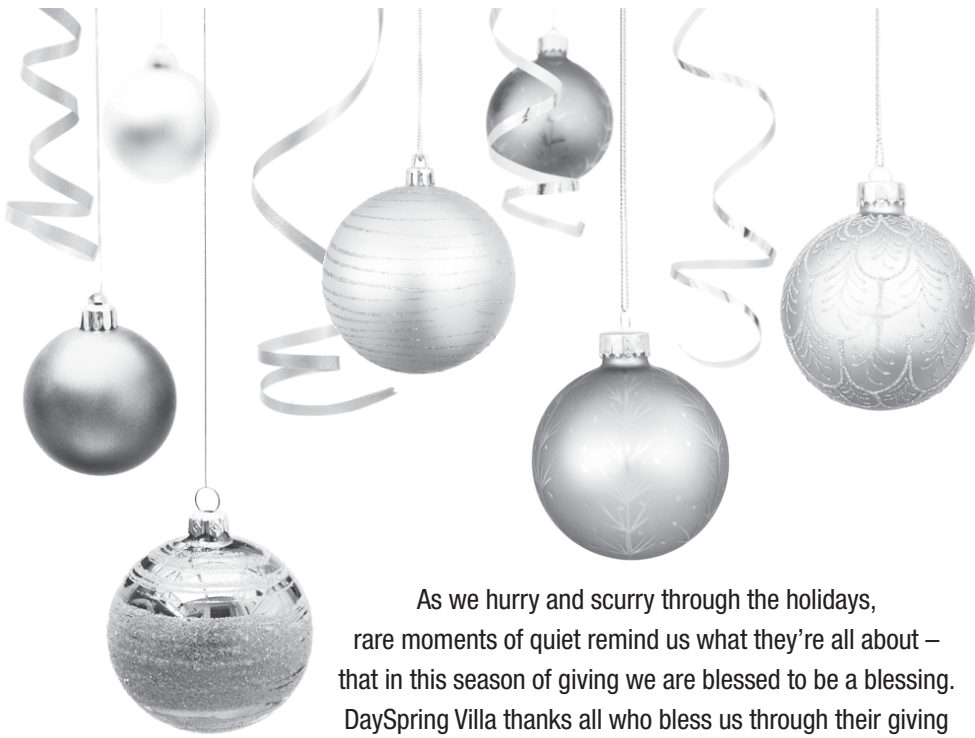
2010 Royal Feast a Night of Music, Merriment and Musing

DaySpring Villa Executive Director Wilma Lively welcomed a warm crowd to DSV’s annual Royal Feast held Oct. 2 at Tulsa’s Crowne Plaza Hotel downtown. Reverend Bob Green, pastor of Arrow Heights Baptist Church, emceed the event.

This year’s program included musical entertainment, a sumptuous menu, silent auction, and the testimony of one special DSV guest who shared her own story of transformation after a lifetime of physical abuse. The Royal Troubadours competition featured local talent Kari Romoser, Betty Taylor, Dana Drummond, and the 2009 winner Bobby Hart. Dana Drummond took home the winning title this year.

Lively reports that \$7,707.50 was raised during the evening from the silent auction and an anonymous donor graciously matched that amount. The total amount raised for the event was \$26,837. All proceeds will benefit the women and children of DaySpring Villa. Thank you to our many table sponsors and in-kind donors who continue to make the Royal Feast a night to remember.





As we hurry and scurry through the holidays, rare moments of quiet remind us what they're all about – that in this season of giving we are blessed to be a blessing. DaySpring Villa thanks all who bless us through their giving and pray that it returns to you in boundless joy and delight.

In the immortal words of Tiny Tim in Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*,
“God bless us, everyone!”

Please visit our Wish List at www.DaySpringVilla.com.

Featured Benefactors

Leann & Russell Huneycutt

For more than 10 years, Leann Huneycutt and her husband, Russell, have faithfully donated a portion of their income every month to DaySpring Villa. As the controller of Grand Bank in Tulsa, Leann is passionate about her belief in an organization that is faith-based, goals-based, and truly transforms the lives of women and children. She reflects on a scripture that best sums up her reason for supporting DSV: Luke 12:48 -- “To whom much is given, much is expected.”

“At some point, we will all experience some misfortune in our lives,” Leann says, “but my husband and I believe that if we can all do just a little we can achieve so much.”

SPECIAL NOTES

Memorials & Honorariums

In Honor of Saeko Battenfield
 Dr. Curtis M. & Nancy Coggins

In Memory of Lee Lair's birth Month
 Marian Rose Lair

In Memory of James Mitchell
 Bonita Deweese

In Memory of Dr. Warren Hultgren
 Edward J. & Rhonda Hicks

In Honor of Leslea Brown
 John R. & Carol Sue Jolly

A Final Farewell

DaySpring Villa bids goodbye to one of our longtime faithful supporters, Mr. Glenn Ernest McKinley, who went to meet his heavenly Father on November 22. Mr. McKinley's daughter would often call us asking if her dad had dropped off coffee for the shelter as he was well known for telling us plain and simple, “You don't want to run out of coffee.” He will be greatly missed.

Follow Us on Facebook for the Latest Information

Can't wait for the next newsletter? Need to know what's happening at DSV every week? Log on to www.facebook.com/DaySpringVilla for the latest details.

Become a fan and help us in our mission to transform the lives of women and children in crisis.

R U Hrtg?

Recognizing the Signs of Dating Violence and What You Can Do About It.

DSV created a brochure covering the growing phenomenon of teen dating violence. The brochure includes useful information to help teens recognize the signs of abusive relationships; where teens can go to receive immediate assistance; and guidelines to safe dating. The brochure was funded from the anonymous grant for our children's program.

R U Hrtg? will be distributed to churches and schools throughout Oklahoma. For copies of the brochure, call DSV at 918.245.4075.

Imagine a Day Without Domestic Violence

Until that day, your legacy gift to DSV will help bring us closer. To learn more about gift planning, call us at 918.245.4075.

The Family Secret

Studies show that three to four million children a year between the ages of 3 and 17 are at risk of exposure to domestic violence, primarily witnessing abuse against their mothers. The Villa Voice takes a closer look at the youngest victims of domestic violence and how it works to combat the long-term effects of an abusive home.

Breaking the Cycle

Tension building. Acute battering. The honeymoon phase. The cycle of violence is just that—a seemingly never-ending pattern that occurs differently in every abusive relationship but always repeats. How can a woman stop the cycle that keeps her captive?

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