

THE CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION

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Dear Friend,

Our annual Chick Ball in the works for July 28, 2012. This is the EIGHTH year the Jackson Free Press has charitably and skillfully organized this wonderful event to benefit our domestic violence shelter in the Metro-Area. **Thank you for your past support, and please watch for volunteers who will be enlisting sponsorships and silent auction items.**

As I'm sure you are aware, domestic violence occurrences continue to rise in the Central Mississippi area, as we are hearing almost daily about another woman or child whose life has been negatively impacted by it. The Center for Violence Prevention offers hope and a chance for a new life for these victims, as we offer a 24-hour crisis line and an open door to those in need.

After becoming a part of our program, these clients can take advantage of a full-service organization and staff, which assists them as they start a new life free from violence and fear. It is our privilege to stand beside these ladies and their children as they weave their way through the legal process and seek other forms of assistance. Our case managers and social workers help them improve job skills, find jobs, and even teach them how to be a better parent. In addition, our therapist works with the ladies and their children both individually and on the group level to sort through issues and problems.

Past Chick Ball events have resulted in the purchase of a new mini-van for client transportation, the launch of the Batterer's Intervention Program, and legal assistance for victims. **This year's focus will be on launching a new Rape Crisis Center to serve the Metro area as well as the rural counties surrounding the Metro.** Unfortunately, rape victims often find themselves with NO choices due to a lack of advocacy and victim services. The Center has pledged to change that, and with continued help from the JFP and community, we can reach out to these victims as they face this traumatic occurrence.

Since you agreed to give or contribute in some way last year, we are asking you to agree to sponsor or contribute again this year. We are enclosing a flyer with the pertinent information concerning the event. Please give us a call for any further information.

Sincerely,

Sandy Middleton
Executive Director