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In Memoriam
Shirley Coelho
(1935-2014)

In loving memory of our
longtime friend and
supporter. You will be
missed.

Did you Know?

New Hope operates
two (2) residential
shelters in
Massachusetts?

We offer 12 sessions
of individual counseling
- free of charge - to
anyone impacted by
domestic/sexual

Welcome!

Welcome to our first issue of *New Hope News* - an e-newsletter we're launching to keep our "Friends of New Hope" up-to-date on the latest and greatest at our agency. It's been a year of transition, but I'm so happy to announce that we have a new management team in place and a staff filled with renewed energy! I am thrilled to announce that I have accepted the permanent position as Executive Director of New Hope working alongside me are:

- Wendy Allmendinger as Vice President of Operations. A licensed lawyer, Wendy brings years of sexual assault advocacy experience to our team;
- Trisha Glover as Vice President of Clinical Services. Trish is a licensed mental health counselor and long-time New Hope employee;
- Lori Sousa as Vice President of Marketing and Development. A Georgetown University grad and returned Peace Corps volunteer (Ukraine);
- And last but certainly not least, our rock, Chief Financial Officer Benjamin Furman, who has tirelessly served New Hope for over 22 years.

Below you will find updates from each corner of our agency. Our intention in creating this newsletter is to spark dialogue, so if there's something on your mind, please let us know!

I look forward to embarking on this journey with you!

To a violence free tomorrow,
Marcia

Marcia Szymanski
Executive Director
New Hope, Inc.

Program Scan

- New Hope's **RESPECT Batterer's Intervention** program continues to see an increase in referrals as a result of new Domestic Violence laws. Numbers for first six months of FY15 are up 25% over the first six months of FY14.
- Similarly, our **Supervised Visitation** program - operating out of the MJ Leadenham Center in Worcester - reports a 24% increase in demand for services over year-to-date FY14.

violence?

Help is a phone call away

800.323.4673

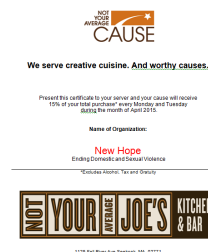
- Our **Counseling** is currently training with the Institute of Health and Recovery on a Parenting curriculum - "The Nurturing Program" - which we hope to offer to our community-based and shelter clients soon!
- **Counseling** and **Outreach** staff are collaborating with a local Teen Living Program and Blackstone Valley Regional High School in Upton, MA to deliver New Hope's Healthy Relationships workshops, designed to help prevent teen interpersonal violence.
- New Hope is busy planning for **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and **Child Abuse Prevention Month** (April). Upcoming awareness events will include: Movie Night at Milford Library (in partnership with Wayside) and Mayoral Proclamations in Attleboro and Taunton (in partnership with the Bristol County Child Advocacy Center).

Upcoming Events

Every Monday & Tuesday in April Not Your Average Joe's (Seekonk)

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