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To whom it may concern:

Time has a way of creeping up on us. This is particularly true in the light of current calls for relevance in today's treatment of women with regards to Domestic Violence. Indeed, we must educate and support our women for a place in today's world free of violence and low self-esteem. Consequently, we must begin to take a closer look at our methods of treatment and ask ourselves if what is being taught is pertinent and relevant to eliminating victims of Domestic Violence now - today.

With this in mind, the **Fresh Start for Women, Inc.** program here in metro Atlanta has made a tremendous impact on our community by developing positive social skills, self confidence, promoting self esteem, character development, and learning to make good decisions for lifelong skills here in the city, and in their community.

The **Fresh Start** curriculum has become an integral part of the educational learning process for survivors of domestic abuse due to the fact that the program really speaks for itself.

For example, the **Fresh Start Retreat** program has reduced the number of women who are not informed about the cycle of abuse and the Battered Women Syndrome, increased the number of women who have access to mentors, provided for a smooth transition from seminar based to real life successes, allowed session leaders to provide for a more meaningful way of teaching social interaction in a group situation, as well as broadening the educational and cultural background for all women to get a good education with respect to their home, family, and community.

In conclusion, the **Fresh Start For Women, Inc.** program has truly been a Partner in Education for the women of metro Atlanta because it is making a difference, and ALL women want to be free from Domestic Violence. Why not start here?

Sincerely,



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