



Committed to Ending
Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault
and Human Trafficking

Dear Friend,

As you may know, 2021 marks Sojourner House's 45th anniversary. Founded in 1976 by a group of dedicated volunteers, Sojourner House has grown into a community staple and a place of hope and refuge for victims of abuse. For the past ten years, we have brought together over 3,000 total supporters to recognize the work that Sojourner House does. Our largest fundraiser, our Masquerade Ball, brings in critical unrestricted funds, which allow us to pay for expenses that many of our grants can't, such as food for clients and their children and financial assistance for victims who are struggling. We are hopeful you will join us by partnering with us for our **11th Annual Masquerade Ball!** Being held on **Friday, November 5, 2021**, this year's event is going to be **IN PERSON** at the **Graduate Hotel (formerly the 'Biltmore')**.

With **close to 100 virtual guests in 2020 and 500 guests** in attendance during our last in-person Ball in 2019, this nearly sold-out event has become one of the most anticipated events in Providence - and continues to grow in popularity every year! Our partnerships in the private sector are extremely important to make a lasting impact on the lives of the families we serve. **I'm inviting you to support the anti-violence work we are doing here in the Ocean State by making a donation in any of the following forms:**

- Donating an in-kind item or gift card to our silent auction
- Donating a percentage of your businesses or organizations sales to Sojourner House
- Sponsor the Ball
- Or any other ways you would like to contribute to Sojourner House and our Ball!

With the help of our community, we were able to assist **over 1,200 victims** in 2020, and we provided **over 60,000 supportive housing bed nights** and **over 6,000 shelter bed nights**. Last year, we saw an **over 40% increase in calls to our crisis hotline** *and* **in requests for clinical therapy**. We also saw an **over 125% increase in requests for basic necessities**, such as food and rent, and we were able to meet those increased requests for services by enhancing what we were doing to ensure that victims could stay safe during the pandemic.

Without these services, many of our clients would be homeless and living in fear of their abuser. **The number of clients who receive our support and are seeking our services is higher than ever**, and your support is needed now to keep this work going.

We hope you can join the Ball this year and contribute to our mission to end abuse in our Rhode Island communities. Please feel free to contact us directly at events@sojournerri.org or reach out to the committee member that sent you this letter.

Best wishes,

Vanessa Volz, J.D. | Executive Director

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Silent Auction and Raffle Donation Form

[Click here to fill out the online form](#)

Please fill out completely

Organization/Company Name: _____
(as listed on materials)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Contact Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Description of the item(s) donated:
(to be used in auction materials)

Value: _____

Delivery of item (please select one):

- I will **mail** my donation to Sojourner House
- I will **drop-off** my donation to Sojourner House
- Please contact me to arrange pick up

We cannot guarantee inclusion in the auction of any items received after this date: October 26, 2021

Please send completed form to:

Sojourner House
386 Smith Street
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Contact events@sojournerri.org with any questions.

Thank you for supporting Sojourner House!

The mission of Sojourner House is to promote healthy relationships by providing culturally sensitive support, advocacy, housing, and education for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; and to effect systems change.

Sojourner House is a 501c3 organization, EIN 05-0370419

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