

Investing in the Financial Futures of Victims + Survivors of Sexual Assault + Domestic Violence and their Communities

*Dandelion representing emotional healing



Planning for a Better Life:

Despite abuse and chronic health conditions exacerbated by trauma, this survivor had a thriving business that had to be put on hold as they navigated the safety, financial, and legal challenges of leaving their abusive partner. Now healthier in every way, this survivor will be able to use their economic empowerment grant to purchase materials needed to get their business up and running again.



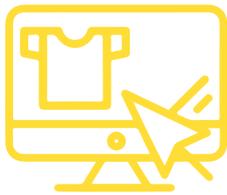
Immigrants, We Get the Job Done:

After surviving horrific abuse in their home country, this survivor made a new life in the United States, where they unfortunately experienced abuse again. They persevered, however, gaining the strength and courage to leave, despite severe medical problems caused by the abuse. This immigrant and survivor will be able to take ESL classes and begin their education in Child Development, where they hope to make a difference in children's lives. Becoming financially independent and achieving stability will help this survivor continue to thrive without the spectre of abuse over them.



Cutting Ties with Abuse:

After escaping forced illegal work, this survivor has discovered her own resolve to become self-sufficient and stand on her own two feet doing what they love: cutting hair. This grant will help realize her dream of owning an all-female barbershop, empowering other women to thrive and survive. With the funds provided by this grant, the survivor will become a certified barber and learn how to run her own business, earning stability and financial freedom.



Fashion Forward Freedom:

After fleeing abuse, this trans survivor worked hard to establish themselves as a fashion and jewelry designer, with a talent for in-person sales. Now, selling online is more important than ever, so they need a little help setting up an Etsy shop. The funding from the grant will help them procure the supplies they need and improve the look and feel of their e-commerce site. The survivor has already done so much work that shows their resilience; this grant allows them to continue achieving their goals of independence and self-sustainability.



Conquering ESL Hurdles:

In their home country, this survivor has both a degree and professional experience. But after immigrating to the United States and overcoming an abusive relationship, the survivor's lack of English and traumatic journey has been difficult to overcome. This grant will enable the survivor to gain the skills they need to apply their degree and office skills in the US, becoming reliably self-sufficient and able to support their family.



Child Care Dreams:

Resilient in the face of adversity and abuse, this survivor has worked incredibly hard to support their children after leaving their partner. After years of trying to make a traumatic relationship work, they gained the strength to leave and support their children on their own. They have gained valuable experience working as in a daycare environment, and this grant will give them the opportunity to gain the licensure now required to work in pre-schools. Their dream of financial stability and working with children can be realized after years of hard work.”



Picture Independence:

A single parent with goals of self-sufficiency, this survivor has worked to make ends meet while dreaming of a career in photography. With this grant, they have the opportunity to create affordable photos of their clients, as well as headshots, family portraits, and events. The funding will purchase the equipment they need to continue their career as a professional photographer and empower them towards independence.



Sewing Success, One Stitch at a time:

This determined survivor first discovered their passion for sewing as a hobby. When they became more stabilized with the support of the YWCA Of Central Massachusetts, they began sewing cloth masks, scarfs, and hats. As their talent and ability became more pronounced, the projects expanded to curtains and bedding and continue to grow past the point where sewing by hand meets the rising demands. With this grant, the survivor will be able to acquire a sewing machine and expand their business with better materials, supplies, and sew a path of self-reliance and financial stability for themselves.



Achieving Education as a Family:

Since becoming independent, this survivor has struggled to help her children attend virtual school and connect to the right educational resources without a computer. Using only a cell phone for virtual sessions has made education and telehealth appointments taxing on this family of four. This grant will get the family the computer and connection they need to continue their education, including GED and ESL classes, as well as continuing therapy and other medical appointments.

Jane Doe Inc. awarded the 2020 Economic Empowerment Grants totaling \$10,000 to ten sexual and domestic violence programs on behalf of ten survivors from across the Commonwealth. The recipients will seek education, certification, and training as well as pursue entrepreneurial dreams and higher paying jobs. Funding for these grants was made possible with support from The Allstate Foundation. Since 2012, Jane Doe Inc. has partnered with the Allstate Foundation to distribute 85 grants totaling \$80,000 to demonstrate how even a small investment of cash can result in enormous positive change in the lives of survivors and their families. Our gratitude goes out to the advocates and to the survivors: your creativity, dedication and motivation are an inspiration.



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