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# The Haven Wolverhampton

## Women's Emergency Fund Appeal

**The Women's Emergency Fund has been set up by The Haven to provide women affected by Domestic Violence and financial abuse with access to small grants.**

Many women affected by financial abuse find themselves in situations where they have very little to no control over their own finances. Some women have access to their funds restricted, some are not given any financial support by their partners and others are forced to take out credit cards and loans thus building up large amounts of debt.

"My husband refused to pay any rent or contribute to bills, he even refused to give me any money for our kids. I had no money for food and the bailiffs had started knocking the door"

The Women's Emergency Fund was set up in conjunction with The Haven Financial Inclusion Project in April 2010. The fund has supported a number of women accessing The Haven's services with financial support to purchase essential items and help alleviate debt. Funding through the Women's Emergency Fund is available to clients who have limited access to other external funding support. Since 2010 the Women's Emergency fund has provided;

- Maternity items for a heavily pregnant client with no support from family or friends
- New school uniforms for children who have had to move to a new school for their safety
- Clothing for a client who had to flee her home in the middle of the night

- Household items including fridges, freezers, beds etc for women setting up a new home after leaving refuge
- Travel expenses for clients needing to attend appointments safely and securely
- Applications to utility trusts to help clear arrears

On average, grants are awarded for £300 per application. The Haven receives an average of 10 applications to the fund per month which means a minimum of £3000 needs to be available at any one time. For The Haven to be able to continue to provide financial support to women and children affected by Domestic Violence we need your help to ensure this fund is topped up at all times.

By making a donation you will be supporting The Haven to provide quality support services to women and children who have been affected by Domestic Violence and financial abuse.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to the Women's Emergency Fund please call **01902 572123** or write to **kiranl@havenrefuge.org.uk**



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