



Bolton Refuge House, Inc

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



We are getting ready for the Holidays! The annual MisFit Toy drive is accepting unopened toys/gifts for all genders and ages (babies, teens, and adults!) Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. If you would like to provide us with wrapping paper and tape that would be best.

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## Volunteer With Bolton

- Snow removal
- Cleaning and shelter support
- Activity groups
- Meal donation
- Vehicle service
- Recycling
- Children's groups
- Court watch program

Please direct questions on Volunteering services to Nathan at [nathan.b@boltonrefuge.org](mailto:nathan.b@boltonrefuge.org).

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## November LAP Calls

- Total Calls: 11
- High Danger: 9
- Not High Danger: 2

\*The Lethality Assessment Protocol, or LAP, is a tool that helps police officers and other crisis responders to put victims in contact with us almost immediately after a domestic violence incident. Officers or responders use the lethality assessment to determine how much danger the victim is in in their current situation. If they conclude that the risk of lethality is high, the responder will call us and an advocate will speak with the victim, inform them of our services, and set up a time to call back for a more in-depth conversation.

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SEXUAL ABUSE TO PRISON PIPELINE

A child's behavior is like a puzzle piece to the bigger picture. Girls who are being abused at home are more likely to: run away, abuse illegal substances, and commit truancy. These are also the most common ways a girl can be arrested in the United States. 40% of all girls will be a victim of sexual abuse before the age of 18. The Sexual abuse to prison pipeline is a phrase used to discuss the mistreatment of sexual abuse victims entering the justice system. The violence these girls have endured should not lead to the result of being detained. It is important to support these girls as victims and not offenders.

## Challenge to take down the Pipeline:

- reduce the rate of traumatized girls' arrest and incarceration
- provide reproductive care and education in juvenile centers
- include trauma related health treatment upon entry and aftercare
- implement rehabilitation services for youth prostitutes

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## Donation suggestions:

- disposable gloves
- floor steamers
- floor cleaner
- toilet bowl cleaner
- durable office size shredder
- antibacterial wipes
- AAA Batteries

Questions? Call us 715-834-9578

24/7 Crisis Line: 855-5BOLTON 855-526-5866