



**ALBION FELLOWS BACON CENTER AND THE YWCA OF EVANSVILLE
EXPERIENCE FIRST-HAND IMPACT OF INCREASING
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREND**

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(Evansville, IN) June 12, 2012 – As part of an alarming national trend, Albion Fellows Bacon Center and the YWCA, both local domestic violence agencies, report that domestic violence continues to increase locally, significantly affecting the safety of women in Evansville and the surrounding area.

Combined, both domestic violence shelters provided 14,614 nights of safe shelter to 1,143 women and children in 2011. A 10% increase from 2010. Erika Taylor, CEO of YWCA says, "The demand for domestic violence services continues to increase significantly. We encourage our community to step up and strongly urge others to do their part to help end domestic violence." Lives are in the balance. Domestic violence shelters across the country can mean the difference between life and death – according to the fourth national "*Mary Kay Truth About Abuse Survey*", **78 percent** of domestic violence shelters nationwide (**nearly eight out of ten**) **report an increase in women seeking assistance** from abuse. **62 percent** reported that **young women (age 12-24) are requesting help in greater numbers.**

Candice Perry, Executive Director of Albion Fellows Bacon Center states, "It is imperative for victims to know where to receive services and find assistance. This crime is a community issue. Individuals and businesses must get involved in efforts to educate, prevent, and eventually end, domestic violence." Together, we continue to work united to provide safe shelter, crisis intervention, prevention education, support groups, community education and legal advocacy throughout southern Indiana.

If you are in need of domestic violence services, contact:

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