

# EXTREME MAKEOVER WEEKEND . . .

May 2010

Dear Friend,

In three weeks, NYSUM is sending forth over 75 women to minister God's Love and Compassion to 500 battered and homeless women, living in city shelters throughout New York City.

We call this outreach, "Women of Purpose, EXTREME MAKEOVER WEEKEND". Can you imagine being a mother and raising your children in a city shelter? I can't.

As I am writing to you, our staff is working feverishly to pull together all the resources necessary to reach this growing population of hurting women, who have fallen prey to neglect and domestic violence. NYSUM teams will be ministering in 5 city shelters throughout New York.

Here are some alarming statistics on Domestic Violence according to the Domestic Violence Fact Sheet of New York City:

- There are 2,144 domestic violence emergency shelter beds citywide, a 35% increase since January 2002.
- Police responded to 250,349 domestic violence incidents in 2009; this averages to over 650 incidents per day.
- The NYPD's Domestic Violence Unit conducted 69,188 home visits in 2009, a 79% increase since 2002.
- In 2009, the City's Domestic Violence Hotline advocates answered 140,985 calls, averaging more than 380 calls per day. In 2008, 134,903 calls were answered.
- In 2004, 72,073 restraining orders were issued citywide. In 2008 that number rose to 104,903, a 46 percent increase.



This is UNBELVIABLE - - UNCONSCIONABLE - - UNACCEPTABLE!

No woman - - no mother - - single or married should have to live under the constant fear and threat of violence - - NO One!

In May, all across America, we celebrate Mother's Day. But for some mothers, who live in the city shelter system, this is one of the most dreaded days in the life of a mother - - not being able to provide for the basic needs for her family - - food, clothing and shelter.

However, we have responded to the overwhelming need and cry of these women. At NYSUM, we are pulling out all the stops to honor and bless these precious mothers during this year's Mothers Day Season.

God spoke to my heart four years ago to mobilize a generation of women - - mighty women of God who are the church - - who God wants to unlock their gifts

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## EXTREME MAKEOVER WEEKEND

YES, Peter and Darleen, I will partner with you to reclaim battered and homeless woman in this year's "EXTREME MAKEOVER WEEKEND". Here is my gift of faith towards your \$10,000 Goal:

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