Thank you so much for all your support during the past year. Women In Distress was able to help so many families and make life better for thousands of survivors with your support. Now, 2017 is shaping up to be just as memorable and I want to tell you why.

We recently received grants through the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV)/Office of Attorney General’s Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to implement two important programs for the survivors of domestic violence who our agency assists.

The new Injunctions for Protection (IFP) Program will provide up to six Florida-licensed attorneys to be based at Women In Distress specifically to provide legal advice for those survivors seeking civil injunctions for protection or legal assistance with violations of civil injunctions for protection.

A number of other certified domestic violence centers in Florida also will begin similar programs this year through the VOCA funding.

With another new grant from FCADV and the state of Florida, Women In Distress will add an Economic Empowerment Advocate to our staff -- providing financial literacy training, economic advocacy, assistance with securing affordable housing and other skills that will help survivors attain financial security.

Much of this training will take place in our new Ultimate Training Center, completed last fall through a generous contribution from Ultimate Software. It will add to sessions already being offered on topics such as resume writing, computer and financial literacy, interviewing and presentation skills.

New and innovative programs happen only because of supporters like you, who are willing to step up and help survivors and their children. A beautiful example of this was our Holiday Drive. During December, we were able to help a record of more than 300 families with toys, clothes, gift cards, bikes and sports equipment to make these holidays ones filled with good memories. From all of us at Women In Distress and the families we serve, we send a huge thank you your way! During December, we were able to help a record of more than 300 families with toys, clothes, gift cards, bikes and sports equipment to make these holidays ones filled with good memories.

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With many thanks,

Mary Riedel, President/CEO
We would like to recognize Ultimate Software, Inc. as our 2017 Presenting Sponsor. Thank You for leading us in taking steps to end domestic violence.

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Join over 500 community and business leaders at this special celebration as we honor a survivor of domestic violence and two of our community leaders that are Making A Difference.
The holidays are a special time of year overflowing with friendship, love and support. Over the years, our South Florida community has gone above and beyond donating toys, clothes and gifts to our families in need. This year was no exception, as we received an outpouring of donations. With your support, we were able to provide more than 300 families with 1,500 special gifts for the holidays.

Looking Forward – “Communities Who Cares”

We want to recognize so many who have given their time by volunteering during the holidays at Women In Distress, such as the Valencia Palms Women’s Club of Delray Beach. Through their support of Ira and Sara Jane Drescher, who established Donnah’s Fund at Women In Distress, they give their time and support to survivors who come to WID for critical services. Throughout the year, they help by knitting afghans as a special gift for our families as they leave the shelter, as well as raising money for Donnah’s Fund. They also volunteer their time by coming to WID on special occasions such as wrapping holiday gifts for the children and parents.

To learn more about Donnah’s Fund click here.

Looking Forward – Donors and Volunteers

A special THANK YOU goes out to you - all our donors and volunteers who helped with this year’s toy drive. We are so grateful for your support and dedication during this holiday season and throughout the year.

For a list of donors, click here.
Enter 2017 with exciting new deals at the Women In Distress Thrift Store. If you are looking for clothes for the New Year, picture frames for your family photos, or furniture to spruce up your home, we have what you need.

Take advantage of the following deals throughout the month of January.

25% OFF Furniture
$2 OFF Women’s Pants (excludes jeans & capris)
50% OFF Picture Frames

*No other discounts apply

Women In Distress Thrift Store
1372 North State Road 7, Margate, FL 33063
Drop Off Hours: Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Store Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Stop by to see our great prices, and don’t forget to bring a friend.

All net proceeds at the Thrift Store support survivors of domestic violence and the services needed to keep families and children safe.

To donate items or schedule a furniture pick-up call 954-975-7425 or click here for more information.
If you are interested in hosting a third party event to help support Women In Distress, please contact Eileen Trower at etrower@womenindistress.org or 954-760-9800 ext. 1245.

For more event details, please click here

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