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ending violence
against women
and children

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a community organization, Beyond Violence has received extensive support from PP&L and its employees since we opened our doors in 1997. Beyond Violence serves battered women, their children and adult and child victims of sexual assault . We provide a 24-hour hotline and emergency shelter, as well as a variety of services to help victims/survivors gain safety, heal from the abuse and take steps to live free of violence. Because our services are free to all who need them and because they entail around-the-clock staffing of a shelter, we depend greatly on community support.

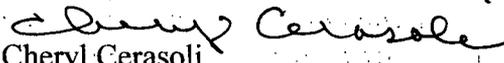
PP&L has supported us consistently, in every way possible. Financially, we receive annual donations from both the company and from many individual employees. PP&L staff contribute significantly to our fundraisers and our membership campaign, as well as designating their United Way donations to our program. In terms of our primary fundraiser, Lock Out Violence, staff not only donate but also actively raise funds for our organization. PP&L has also donated back-packs filled with school supplies for the children we serve.

In addition to donations, PP&L and its employees have shown a remarkable commitment to our work. We have benefited from the presence of a PP&L employee on our board for the past 8 years, and when a PP&L board member has stepped down, a new one has volunteered to serve.

PP&L's in-kind donation of copying services allows us to publish a multi-page newsletter, which we mail to 3000 people twice per year. Our newsletter is essential in educating the community about the complex issues of sexual and domestic violence and in generating support for victims and survivors in our service area. This would not be possible without PP&L's contribution, which we have been able to rely on for many years.

Any efforts on the part of PP&L to expand or to bring new jobs to our area certainly benefit our community. However, given the extent to which PP&L promotes philanthropic goals to its employees, we believe strongly that such an improvement would also benefit organizations such as ours, whose services are critical and whose ongoing operation is deeply dependent on the support of PP&L employees.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Cerasoli
Executive Director

