



WOMEN'S REFUGE
OF VERO BEACH

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength



Celebrating the Gift of Christ

As we embrace the joyous Christmas season, we turn our hearts and minds to the incredible gift given to us through the birth of Jesus Christ. His arrival heralds a message of hope, love, and unity, inviting us all into His divine family.

At the Women's Refuge of Vero Beach, we see the transformative power of this message daily. As a sanctuary for women seeking to rekindle their faith and lives, we nurture emotional, mental, and spiritual healing by applying Christ's teachings. Our mission is deeply rooted in providing hope and help, reflecting His unwavering love for humanity.

Christ is the foundation of our faith—His life a testament to God's love. This precious gift compels us to remember that in Christ, we find our truest sense of belonging. This mirrors our vision at the Refuge, where women are guided to live enriched, fruitful lives with renewed faith in themselves and God.

Christmas is a time to deepen our relationship with Jesus and celebrate the peace and joy His presence brings. It is a moment to reflect on His Word, which guides us to live with compassion and grace, reaching out to others with the same love He gives to us. Through our counseling office, live-in program and support groups, we strive to spread this message of help, hope, and healing, encouraging men, women, and families to overcome and thrive.

This season, as we gather in worship and fellowship, let us be reminded that the story of Christmas is not only about a miraculous birth but also about the enduring connection we have with Christ. At the Women's Refuge, we feel blessed to play a part in His divine plan, as our community receives the healing and discipleship He inspires.

Let us rejoice this Christmas with hearts full of gratitude, celebrating the birth of our Savior who draws us into His embrace. May the presence of Christ bring peace, joy, and love to you and your loved ones, and may His guidance lead us in spreading the message of love throughout our community and beyond.

Merry Christmas to each of you. May the blessings of our everlasting connection with Christ enrich your life this season and always.



Denice Ketcherside
Director of Development

Luke 2:10-11 And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Monthly Message from the Executive Director

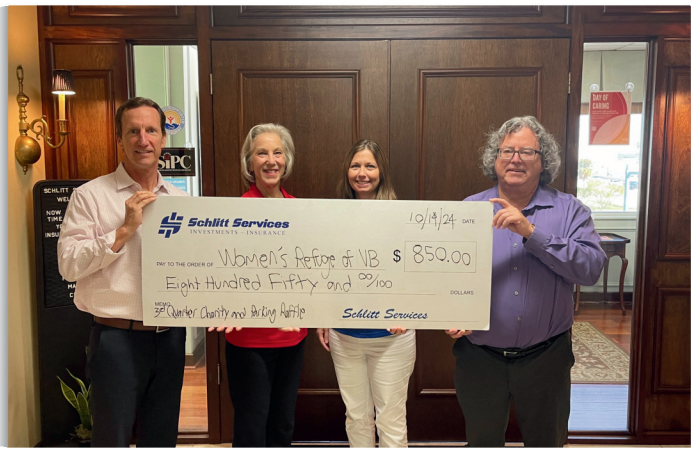


Diane Ludwig
Executive Director

May we grasp the profoundness of this season: God's gift to all and for all eternity, His Son. Nothing on earth can compare to the gift of Jesus. We are humbled and amazed at God's plan for humankind; that Jesus would come as a lowly babe, to grow and experience every human emotion, work miracles, and ultimately give His life for our spiritual freedom. So come, let us adore Him, our Savior Jesus Christ who came to give us life – life everlasting.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the Refuge, we are grateful for the seeds sown into this ministry, helping us to provide help, hope and healing for those who long for and need the good news of His saving grace. Praying God's peace to rule in your heart this Christmas.

*O sing, "Glory in the highest,
O come let us adore Him."*



Pictured: Jeff Schlitt, Diane Ludwig, Denice Ketcherside, Bob Schlitt

Schlitt Services: Supporting Our Mission

We are deeply grateful for the tremendous generosity and community support demonstrated by Schlitt Services. We are honored to have received a generous donation of \$850 as their charity of the third quarter. This contribution is not just a monetary gift; it is a validation of the mission of Women's Refuge of Vero Beach to offer help, hope, and healing to those we serve. We had the pleasure of visiting their office to receive the donation, where we were warmly welcomed by Bob and Jeff Schlitt.

The incredible impact of their clients' referrals fueled this generosity from Schlitt Services, allowing us to continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. We encourage everyone to join us in championing Schlitt Services' philanthropic endeavors, keeping the spirit of giving vibrant and strong. Together, let's strive to broaden our community impact supporting their next initiative to benefit the Veterans Council of Indian River County in the upcoming quarter.


7th Annual Christmas Banquet
 Saturday, December 14th
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Oak Harbor Club
 4755 S. Harbor Dr.
 Vero Beach, FL 32967


Leah Simpson
 2024 Keynote Speaker

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Letting Go and Trusting God

"My life has been impacted by everything the Lord has shown me here and I know my family will also be impacted with the new me. God has been showing me His love for me, my identity is in Christ, and that my future is in His hands. Today I have less fear of letting go everything I was holding onto. I trust His purpose and plans for my life are far better than mine."


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