



It's no secret, **you've got serious sass** and we think **you're a little bit of fabulous!**

Which is why we are reaching out to invite you to support

**NAPA EMERGENCY WOMEN'S SERVICES (NEWS)**

by playing a special role in our second annual Wine Women & Shoes Napa Valley fundraiser on July 27th at Charles Krug Winery.

Every year, hundreds of women and children living in Napa Valley suffer from horrifying effects due to domestic violence and sexual assault, and we're hoping you will change your shoes to change their lives for the better by volunteering your sass to put a skip in their step.

There are 2 ways to participate. **As a model**, where you would strut your stuff in our spectacular Helen Lyall runway fashion show; or as an exclusive member of our carefully selected **Host Committee**.

In fulfilling either or both roles, you are guaranteed to enjoy a magical afternoon to raise funds for an inspiring cause while kicking up your heels (or loafers for the gentlemen!) and will have a ton of fun!

**THE COMMITMENT IS SIMPLE:**

**As a member of the Host Committee**, we ask you to get a ticket and tap into your personal network and rally your friends to purchase individual tickets or buy a VIP table and encourage your shopping connoisseurs and fashionistas to attend.

**As a Fashion Show model**, we just need you to encourage your friends to attend and cheer you on as you strut to support women and children in need. Get your glam on as we provide a professional team to do our hair and makeup as you sip sensational wines and feel like a queen for a day! Men and women models will just need to visit Helen and Scott Lyall's boutiques in downtown Napa for one fitting and attend a rehearsal the morning of the event.

As a model or host committee member, you will receive special recognition in our event program (and in our hearts).

**LAST YEAR, WE RAISED OVER \$90,000...**

from the first annual Wine Women & Shoes Napa Valley benefiting NEWS and we are hopeful that with support from movers and shakers like you, will exceed this year's goal of \$100,000.

**IN CASE YOU ARE NOT AWARE, NEWS IS...**

the only agency in Napa County solely dedicated to helping women and children who have been affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault. These crimes know no boundaries, and chances are most of us know someone who has been a victim at some point in their life. NEWS provides lifesaving services to over 1000 women and children in Napa County each year. Your support of this event will change at least one woman or child's life, which will sure put a skip in our step and hopefully yours!

**Thank you for considering this opportunity to change your shoes to change lives!**

Cheers,  
The NEWS Team

**To model in the fashion show**, please contact Linda Hamilton at 415-381-9087 or [Linda@lindahamiltondesigns.com](mailto:Linda@lindahamiltondesigns.com)

**To be on our Host Committee** and help us sell tickets please contact Jennie Thayer at [jenniethayer@comcast.net](mailto:jenniethayer@comcast.net).

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Direct Results from Last Year's WW&S and Where the Proceeds Went:

**\$5,000**

The average stay at the emergency shelter last year was 4 months. 35 women found their temporary home at NEWS last year. It is amazing what women, who start with nothing, can accomplish in just four months with emotional support and the resources they need. NEWS is able to help women transform their lives, but the expenses add up. It costs 200.00 per month for electricity, 200.00 per month for phones, and more than 250.00 a month for shelter food, pots and pans and toilet paper, not to mention salaries for counselors on site around the clock. We need your help to keep the lights on and the shelter maintained and to make sure when the call comes for help, NEWS there to answer it. Your \$5,000 donation will help ensure that a woman like Nicole and her children will have all the comforts of home, emotional support, counseling, a path to resources, during her stay at the shelter. There is a way out of an abusive relationship, and you can help her find it.

**\$1,000**

How many of you have a pet you adore? Imagine you had to leave it behind with someone who might abuse it. For \$1,000 you can help cover the cost of the NEWS Survivor Pet Outreach Team-SPOT program. This program is a foster home/safe shelter for the pets of survivors of domestic violence/and or sexual abuse. Having this resource may be the determining factor for a woman who is considering leaving a violent home. Let's make sure the puppies and kitties are safe too!

**\$500**

Research shows that the number one factor in the healing of sexual abuse is having a mother who supports and believes you. \$500 would cover the cost of 8 weeks of support groups for 2 moms of children who have been sexually abused. There they can find support in each other as well as learn ways to help their children heal. Let's pull for our sisters in need and see how many mothers you can help today!

**\$250**

61 children found safety at the NEWS Emergency Shelter last year. They are leaving their homes, and neighborhoods and sometimes even their schools to come to live with us. NEWS aims to ensure these children have what they need to create the best experience possible while they are there. It could mean a new backpack, clothing, special shoes or a uniform for sports. Please consider a donation of \$250.00 to help us meet these needs.

**\$100**

\$100 goes to the "whatever it takes fund". It might mean filling a prescription, helping to pay an old parking ticket so she can drive her car to find work, it might mean a bus ticket to her sister's house in Salinas, or even a hair-cut and some personal items. These things may not seem like a lot, but little things can go a long way to finding the light at the end of the tunnel. Every \$100.00 donation means so much.

**Any donation to NEWS no matter how much is so appreciated. We thank each and every one of you for helping our "Sole Sisters" and their children in need.**