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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence is always a serious issue, but during a pandemic, when people are trapped at home, away from work or school, and have little ability to leave, the situation worsens. Domestic violence victims should be aware that there are free resources to help, even during these difficult times.

Below are several resources for victims in the five-county area in need of help:

- **Bucks County:** [A Woman's Place](#)
 - (800) 220-8116
- **Chester County:** [The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County](#)
 - (888) 711-6270
- **Delaware County:** [The Domestic Abuse Project](#)
 - (612) 874-7063 x232
- **Montgomery County:** [Laurel House](#)
 - (800) 642-3150
- **Philadelphia County:** [Women Against Abuse](#)
 - (866) 723-3014

While some of these organizations have "women" in their names, domestic violence works both ways. These organizations also provide aid for men or a person in a same-sex relationship with an abusive partner. Anyone can be a victim of a domestic violence.

These wonderful organizations are here to assist victims in any way they can. Let's take a look at a couple examples. Laurel House in Montgomery County can provide counseling, schedule appointments with doctors, and even find a safe place for you to stay. The Domestic Abuse Project's (DAP) client services include therapy, advocacy, and case management. DAP's case managers offer holistic support services to all members of the family, aiding program participants with basic needs, including referrals to support for food, shelter, transportation, employment services, legal aid, mental and medical health, and chemical dependency, among others. I encourage you to look into the services provided by these organizations because they offer much more than most people realize.

As always, Weber Gallagher's Family Law attorneys are here to assist and discuss your options. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. We're here to help you however we can.