



Displaced Homemakers Network of New Jersey

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ACT TO ADVOCATE: *WHAT CAN I DO?*

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YOU CAN!

- ***Be open*** to self-reflection – Be unafraid to question yourself – Be courageous!
- ***Question*** the impact that society has upon your view of women and of yourself and encourage others to enter this dialogue with you.
- ***Help the other women*** and girls in your life to discover their passion for a career and find pride, value and a sense of identity in their accomplishments.
- ***Visit a Displaced Homemaker Center*** and get to know our staff and the women we serve on a first hand basis.
- ***Mentor*** a displaced homemaker during the employment process.
- ***Initiate*** a campaign to raise funds to support services for Displaced Homemaker programs and emergency assistance for women in need.
- ***Volunteer*** to teach a course or provide a service.
- ***Link*** your website to the Network website at <http://dhnj.org/>.
- ***Analyze*** legislation, like the NJ Alimony bill.
- ***Encourage*** young girls to think critically and to **vote**.
- ***Name*** the Displaced Homemaker Network of NJ, Inc. as your charity of choice and ***Purchase*** items at <https://smile.amazon.com>.
- ***Contribute*** to the Purple Purse Campaign – dedicated to supporting the financial empowerment of women who are victims of abuse.
- ***Celebrate*** Displaced Homemakers Awareness month every May.
- ***Attend*** our annual ***Legislative Awards Reception in May*** and ***Be inspired*** by the stories of courageous women who have overcome great odds to become independent.
- ***Convince*** legislators that it is important to increase funding for Displaced Homemakers programs – these programs have been flat funded for years and ***are the ONLY services in NJ that target ALL women who are displaced***, including those who do not have children or are not in a domestic violence situation.

ASK YOURSELF- What more can I do to challenge societal beliefs, to move myself and others to change – to transform awareness to caring and caring into action?

THE MISSION OF THE DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS NETWORK OF NJ, INC., A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN COALITION, IS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS CENTERS AND THE WOMEN THEY SERVE.