

# Madeline's House

Southside Center for Violence Prevention  
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## Madeline's Story

Madeline lived in Farmville, Virginia with two young girls and an abusive husband. One day she finally had enough and left with her two daughters. After she left, the husband stalked her even though Madeline did everything possible to stop him. On September 6, 1998, Madeline's husband shot and killed her and then himself.



## Their Mission

“Madeline’s House is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse.” ([madelineshouse.org](http://madelineshouse.org))

## Facts:

- “1 in 3 young people experience some form of physical or sexual violence” ([breakthecycle.org](http://breakthecycle.org))
- “23% of females and 14% of males who ever experienced rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner first experienced some form of partner violence between ages 11 and 17” ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov))
- “43% of dating college women report experiencing some violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, tech, verbal or controlling abuse” ([breakthecycle.org](http://breakthecycle.org))

## Red Flags:

- Monitors phone
- Cuts you off from friends
- “They pressure or guilt you into doing things you may not want to do” (loveisrespect.org)
- “They make you feel like you “owe” them — because you’re dating, or they gave you a gift, etc.” (loveisrespect.org)
- “They react negatively (with sadness, anger or resentment) if you say “no” to something, or don’t immediately consent.” (loveisrespect.org)
- “They ignore your wishes and don’t pay attention to nonverbal cues that could show you’re not consenting (ex: pulling/pushing away).” (loveisrespect.org)

## Tips:

- “Document the abuse by taking photos of injuries, get copies of your medical records, threatening voicemails or e-mails and keep in a journal. This will be helpful if you decide to take legal action in the future.” (madelineshouse.org)
- “If there is immediate danger, call 911 or arrange a signal with a neighbor or a friend to call 911.” (madelineshouse.org)

## Make a donation:

Madeline’s House runs on donations, and grants. Most of the contributions go to program costs and maintaining the operation of the shelter.

Please send any donations (tampons, toothpaste, diapers, etc.) to the address below:

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