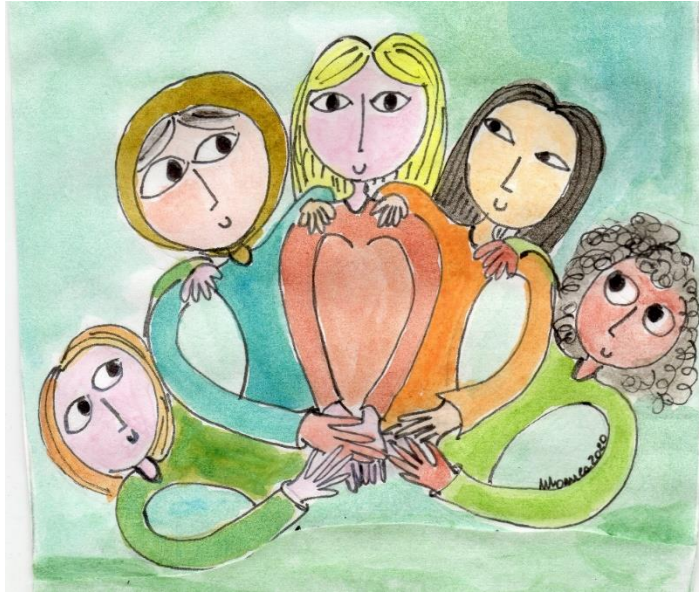


A WOMEN MALTREATMENT AREA

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MALTREATED WOMEN



Caritas
Ambrosiana



HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE AREA

In 1994, Caritas Ambrosiana opened the Maltreatment and Serious Discomfort of Women Center with the aim of preventing violence against women, working on the cultural context that generates it, and at the same time offering women protection and accompaniment in a path of autonomy. The intervention is carried out in synergy with the Farsi Prossimo ONLUS.

Purpose

- Increase attention for violence against women by actively involving the ecclesial and civil community
- - Support the defense of women's citizenship rights
- - Promote awareness and prevention activities
- - Offer training
- - Listen to and accompany women who suffer abuse and violence

“... although there have been significant improvements in the recognition of women's rights and their participation in the public space, there is still much to grow in some countries. Unacceptable customs have not yet been eradicated. First and foremost, there is the shameful violence that is sometimes used against women, family mistreatment, and various forms of slavery that do not constitute a demonstration of masculine strength, but a cowardly degradation. The verbal, physical, and sexual violence that is exercised against women in some married couples contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union”.
(Papa Francesco in Amoris Laetitia n°54)

Activities

- Study and research
- Information and awareness
- Training
- Promotion of new services
- Relations with institutions and law enforcement agencies
- Counseling, guidance, and support for parish communities, listening centers, and public and private services
- Direct intervention with women such as listening, welcoming, and hospitality

INTERVENTION WITH WOMEN

Anti-Violence Center Se.D. - Women's Hardship Service Il Se.D – The Se.D. - Women's Discomfort Service is recognized by the Lombardy Region as the Anti-Violence Center and is part of the anti-violence network of the Municipality of Milan.

The Se.D. offers listening and welcoming to accompany women "through the relationship of help between woman and woman" for conscious choices to build a path of autonomy, safeguarding her right and that of her children to get out of the sphere of domestic violence to rediscover well-being and serenity.

Actions

- Listen to women who are in an abusive situation
- Take charge and develop individual projects with women
- Structure individualized paths for single women or women with children through territorial care or in protected structures, in collaboration with the social services of the territory
- Offer legal and psychological advice
- Collaborate with the police
- Filter, report, and accompany women for possible inclusion in network shelters

Hospitality in Protected Structures

The hospitality offered takes place in secret structures to safeguard the protection of women. The path of each woman is accompanied by the anti-violence center in close collaboration with the operators of the hospitality structures.

There are places of First Aid in case of emergency, First Reception where the woman is accompanied to develop, start, and implement her own autonomy project, and finally Second Reception places in apartments to consolidate the path towards autonomy.

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