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.**

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