

USED CELL PHONES STILL HAVE VALUE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

St. Jude House is requesting donations of used cellular phones as a way of raising needed funds for shelter services and programs. The used phones also serve another useful purpose – they can be re-programmed to allow victims of domestic violence to place 911 calls in an emergency situation. The phones are distributed to clients of St. Jude House who are in threatening or dangerous situations. Having access to emergency services provides peace of mind to individuals who have experienced trauma in their lives.

The public is invited to participate in this fundraiser by dropping off used cellular phones anytime at St. Jude House, 12490 Marshall Street, Crown Point. In addition, phones may be dropped off at the Lake County Fair from August 5 through August 14 at the booth that St. Jude House sponsors at the fair. The booth, number 76, is located in the Industrial Building at the fairgrounds.

St. Jude House offers safe, emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. All services, including food, clothing, advocacy, and support groups are provided at no charge. Programming is also available to children of all ages, from infants to teen-agers.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or a donor, please call St. Jude House at (219) 662-7066.