How can the faith community get involved?

Religious communities can provide a safe and nurturing environment for women and their families. Your community can take action by:

- Speaking out against domestic violence
- Volunteering to help those in need
- Providing places for educational meetings and support groups
- Intervening, if violence is suspected, by talking individually to each partner
- Providing financial support to train clergy, lay people, and seminary students in order to increase awareness
- Ensuring religious leaders are themselves non-abusers and are a safe resource for the victim

Five things you can do to help a victim:

- Believe her.
- Tell her it is not her fault.
- Tell her she is not alone.
- Help her develop a safety plan.
- Provide her with resources, phone numbers, and directions to agencies that can help.

Resources:

National Hotline: 800-799-7233
YWCA - Harrisburg: 800-654-1211
http://www.pcadv.org/find-help/