



Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength

December 2025

A Season of New Beginnings

Christmas is the season of light and hope, when the world pauses to remember that even in the darkest times, God is doing something new. It's the season that reminds us that the end of one chapter is often the beginning of another. Through the birth of Jesus Christ, we are shown that new life can emerge from humble places and that God's love can transform every story.

At the Women's Refuge, we see that truth lived out every day. Women come to us carrying the heavy burdens of the past—loss, fear, trauma, disappointment, or despair. Many arrive believing their story is over, but as they encounter God's Word and the loving support of our counselors and community, something begins to change. Healing takes root. Faith is restored. Hope is reborn.

Philippians 3:13–14 says, *"Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* That is the journey our residents take, learning to let go of the pain behind them so they can reach for the future God has prepared.

Christmas beautifully reflects that message. It's a time when endings give way to beginnings, when night gives way to dawn, and when hearts once closed in sorrow open again to joy. It reminds us that no matter how far we have drifted, God made a way to redeem us through the birth of His Son Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate this holy season, we give thanks for the new beginnings happening every day within our ministry—and for friends like you who make this transformation possible through your prayers and generosity. Because of you, women are discovering that every ending can be the doorway to a beautiful new life in Jesus Christ.



Judy Graziosi
Director of Development

From all of us at the Women's Refuge, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year filled with peace, promise, and renewal.

Message from the Executive Director



Diane A. Ludwig
Executive Director

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, may we be reminded of God's unfailing promise in Isaiah 9:6–7 to provide a Savior to give us peace, hope and the promise of new beginnings. Christmas marks the dawn of salvation—God's greatest gift—reminding us that through Christ, every heart is invited into renewal and grace.

Amongst the trappings of the season, may God bring you awareness of the real reason to rejoice; through the miracle of Christ's birth, we can embrace a newness of life, a revitalization of our faith through His Holy Spirit and be refreshed in the simple knowledge of God's love, warmth and care for us.

This Christmas, we pray you and your loved ones cherish traditions you hold dear as well as embrace new beginnings that will inspire you in every new journey ahead.




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Conquering Codependency Weekend

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

April 9-11, 2026




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Renewal Weekend

God is our Refuge and Strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

February 5-7, 2026

The Renewal Weekend has been a life changing experience for me. I arrived here an anxious and troubled woman. I left here full of hope and peace, which I desperately needed. Through solid Biblical teaching, I discovered some very deeply ingrained lies that lived in me for nearly 70 years. I finally see who I really am in Christ and have been provided the tools to see the truths that will set me free to be who He intended me to be.

- Carol

I liked the unity and love of the counselors and the well-explained information that was biblical but with specific application to our lives.

- Babette

I was accepted into a group of women without judgement and received kindness, friendship, understanding and love without "strings."

- Tina



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Christmas Banquet

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Lori Stanwood

Christian and Vicky Borghini

Stephany Wagner

Autumn Carlson

Revelation 12:11
"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony . . ."

Saturday, December 13th | 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Oak Harbor Club, 4755 S. Harbor Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32967

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Call Judy at **772-236-6659** or email Judy.Graziosi@womensrefugevb.org to make a Donation



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