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CRISIS CENTER

Michael had long known his marriage was unhealthy, but the stigma surrounding male survivors kept him feeling trapped by his wife's tactics. He downplayed her drunken outbursts and physical aggression, believing a "real man" would tough it out. As their financial struggles grew due to his wife's refusal to work, Michael shouldered more work to keep her comfortable. When he discovered she endangered their children by driving under the influence, however, he knew it was time to get help.

A friend referred him to Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center. With their support, he realized the true extent of the abuse. They helped him understand his wife's manipulation, and a therapist aided in handling the guilt and shame he felt from his wife's accusations of "breaking up the family." He also enrolled his children in a therapy group which taught them that abusive behavior is never acceptable, regardless of the gender of the person who uses violence. Your donation will help Michael give his children a peaceful, happy holiday amidst these difficult times.