

Why We Give

There comes a time in life when a crisis will touch you or someone close to you and don't know what to do next.

For Craig and Lynne Perry, that time arose more than a decade ago when the employees in Lynne's family's business, The W.E. Bassett Company, faced the tragic death of a coworker to domestic violence.

For years, the Bassett Company hosted an enclave of BHcare clients to assist with light duty assembly projects. During this time, the company celebrated as many clients transitioned to jobs at Stop 'n Shop and some even became full time employees of W.E. Bassett's own workforce, thus becoming part of the "Bassett Family."

Upon hearing the news of the unexpected death of an employee due to intimate partner violence, the Bassett Company leadership sought the assistance of counselors at The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services to speak to their employees about the situation.

After a 30-minute meeting led by a team from The Umbrella Center, a few women disclosed that they, too, were living in abusive relationships. With the support from The Umbrella Center staff, these women received assistance to get help and feel safe, even sending one family to safety out of state.

It all came full circle for Lynne and Craig when over the course of a two-to-three-year period, they witnessed the need for BHcare services to help multiple colleagues, friends and family members.

Through the assistance of BHcare's family of services and approach to a comprehensive, integrated system of care, the Perry's were able to connect their loved ones to the critical resources they needed to survive their crises.

BHcare's wrap-around services for adults, children and families struggling with mental health, substance use, or domestic violence have saved the lives of so many and continue to provide hope to those who need it most.

"We are extremely grateful for the services provided by the compassionate individuals at BHcare, who make a difference everyday in our community" said Lynne. "This is the why we give."

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