

## VICTIM SERVICE CENTER

The Victim Service Center will be a place under one roof for victims of violent crimes to feel safe and get help from people who understand. It will provide assistance to all **Adults** (domestic violence/emotional and physical abuse, sexual assault/rape), **Children** (physical abuse and sexual abuse), and **Senior Citizens** (elderly abuse).

The **full-service facility** will allow victims to come to **one central location** for comprehensive support when they need it most. The victims will be able to speak with a counselor or therapist, talk to the police, consult with an attorney and, if they wish, speak with a minister for guidance. A comfortable, private setting will be available for specially trained nurses to perform sexual assault exams to collect evidence when needed. Limited temporary housing will also be available.

The philosophy in collaborating to provide all available services and resources is to assist the victim in breaking the cycle of violence and moving towards self-sufficiency. A step-by-step healing process can provide the opportunity for women and children to reconnect with their sense of self-worth, to regain their confidence and independence, and to reclaim their goals and dreams in an atmosphere fostering dignity, respect, and personal stability.

