



At this time of the year, as we pause to acknowledge what we are thankful for... we want to thank YOU -- for making our work possible.

**Because of you**, we are doing more than ever to stop domestic violence before it starts. We are having conversations in homes, classrooms and offices about the early warning signs of abuse and providing resources, strategies and tools to respond to it -- for individuals, parents and employers.

**Because of you**, we are doing more to provide survivors access to education -- a crucial step in achieving autonomy. One survivor at The Second Step recently compiled a guide to finding scholarships and other educational assistance especially for survivors. She herself is on track to be the first in her family to graduate from college! And thanks to a donor's generosity, we have created the Annabelle Education Fund to help survivors overcome financial barriers to continuing their education.

**Because of you**, our new Steps To Justice program is already making a difference, improving legal outcomes for survivors by forging collaboration among legal services groups throughout New England, advocating for legislation that protects the rights of survivors, and providing direct access to legal counsel.

**Because of you**, our services are robust. The Second Step has emerged from the recession as a vital and growing organization, so when families come to us in need, we are ready and able to help.

Thanksgiving is a time for families to join one another at the table and give thanks. Thanks to you, this year alone, hundreds of survivors and their families have emerged from abuse and isolation to have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. **"Because of The Second Step, I never feel alone. I am part of a community," said one survivor. That is really something to be thankful for.**

Thank you for being part of The Second Step community. Your financial support, your goodwill, your help in



spreading the word about the important work of The Second Step -- all these are crucial elements in our success.

From our homes to yours, we wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Warmly,

Roberta Rosenberg

P.S. We encourage you to help us to spread the word about the work of The Second Step. Please feel free to forward this email to others.

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