

## SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS

*All clubs can be pro-actively involved by sensitising their members to women and child abuse issues through arranging for appropriate speakers and empowering themselves.*

- SAPS trauma rooms - provision of care packages for victims / decorating / soft toys
- Crèche's in lower income communities - equipment / training for caregivers / first aid supplies
- Support for local child and women abuse NGO's - they usually have a list of needs
- HIV & Aids - provision of care packages / support for volunteers / training materials
- Local Community Police Forums - send a representative and find out the needs
- Local social worker - identify who services your area as they are often short of resources like clothing etc
- Children's homes and foster care projects
- Education and training initiatives

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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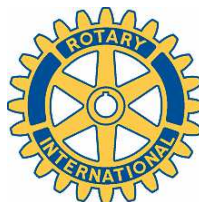
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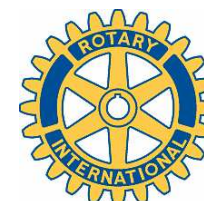
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## ROTARY DISTRICT 9350 WOMAN AND CHILD ABUSE COMMITTEE



## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an “information highway” connecting the Rotary family in District 9350 to relevant issues, needs and resources relating to the abuse of women and children.



## OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To create awareness of the social pandemic of abuse of women and children
- ❖ To provide a data base of club projects that could be used as a guideline by other clubs in the District
- ❖ To provide information and contact details of relevant Organisations in the field of women and child abuse
- ❖ To refer and liaise with relevant Rotary committees already established where there is common ground relating to the issue of women and child abuse
- ❖ To act as an advisory structure for complaints and issues relating to women and child abuse within Rotary and to refer appropriately



## TYPES OF ABUSE

*Abuse is ongoing violence and operates as a power control mechanism. Fear is used to keep that control.*

### Physical abuse:

This is any activity that violates a person physically. It includes any type of threatening, behavior, endangerment and refusal of help when injured, sick or pregnant.

### Sexual abuse:

Any activity that forces someone to perform any type of sexual act that they are not willing to participate in, or threatening them with such an act.

### Emotional abuse:

This covers any type of action that makes a person feel stupid or worthless, including threats of any kind. Intimidation and harassment are also included in emotional abuse.

### Financial or Material abuse:

Any deliberate action that deprives a person of the right to their own personal financial freedom.

## REFERRAL PROCESS

- Verbal complaints by any parties concerned should be taken seriously and responded to immediately
- The complaint should be dealt with at the level at which it arises, with those in charge
- A competent person with appropriate experience should be identified to handle the issue
- The complaint should be recorded accurately, preferably in writing
- At the first meeting the parties concerned should be asked to sign a declaration of confidentiality
- At the first meeting the complainant should be advised that he/she has recourse to the W&CA committee should there not be satisfaction with the manner in which the issue has been handled internally
- If district/club unable to handle the issue, the W&CA committee should be asked to participate and possibly drive the process
- District/clubs/Rotarians to be made aware that the W&CA committee is available to provide guidance and support to them at all times should this be required.