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Community Standard for Domestic-Violence Support in Skamania County

I've been thinking a lot about how much need there is for strong domestic-violence advocacy services in our county. The agency here does critical work for families dealing with dangerous situations, and they operate on very limited funding. we have recently had some tragedies due to DV here in Skamania County and any support to the DV agency would be greatly appreciated their work here is top of the line and goes unnoticed way to often

During election seasons, especially in years when certain offices are running unopposed, a lot of money still gets spent on campaign activity. Personally, I think our community would benefit more if those dollars stayed local and supported people facing real crises.

I'd love to see a community norm — especially among elected officials who aren't facing challengers — where any campaign donations they receive are voluntarily redirected to the domestic-violence advocacy agency. It would show leadership, integrity, and a commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in Skamania County.

Just sharing a thought about how we can strengthen our community and support the people who need it most.

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"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

**For years, we have exercised our constitutional rights to speak out, file complaints, and
demand open, accountable government."**

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, from "Oldtown Folks"