

# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY



Beth

Help,  
Inc.

The first time Help, Inc. encountered \*Beth was at the courthouse filling out a 50B DVPO paperwork. She overheard our court advocate speaking to another client and asked about the agency services. Staff encouraged her to still come by our agency and try to ensure her safety from her abusive husband. Beth confessed about the physical abuse he suffered on a regular basis and daily verbal/emotional abuse. Anytime she mentioned her husband, Jane would become nervous and anxious. She was totally under his control. Beth finally agreed to stop by Help, but never showed up in the office.

When Beth's court hearing came up, she was not present. Her husband merely said he did not know where she was. The judge had ordered the Sheriff's Office to check the house to see if she was there, and no one answered the door. Beth finally came into the office after dodging court hearing for about 2 years and filling out empty 50B DVPOs. She said her husband would abuse her the night before the hearing and threaten her if she showed up to court the next day. ***Help, Inc. helped Beth with a safety plan and getting employment at the local hospital.*** This program services is made possible through North Carolina state funding and its Council for Women. Learn more by visiting the website [www.councilforwomen.nc.gov](http://www.councilforwomen.nc.gov).

\*name changed to protect her identity

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