When The Saved Alanna's Mom

Dear <First Name> <Last Name>,

Remember springtime when you were a kid? When you spent hours playing outside with friends until it was time to run home for dinner? When, as the days got longer, you climbed trees and dodged lovebugs and played in the sprinklers to cool off?

On a warm, sunny afternoon in April, six-year-old Alanna was playing outside in the yard with her mom. Just as they were about to go inside to start making dinner, Alanna's dad came home from work.

Alanna's mom whispered to her to run inside. Alanna knew what that meant. They had played outside a little too long and her dad would be angry that dinner wasn't ready yet.

Just as Alanna started walking to the front door to go inside, she heard her parents' voices getting louder and louder. As she glanced over her shoulder, she watched as her dad struck her mom. Then she watched as her mom fell to the ground.

Terrified, she quickly ran inside to find her mom's phone. She dialed 9-1-1 and help arrived within minutes. Her mom was rushed to the hospital. Her dad was taken into custody. Alanna stayed overnight with her grandmother.

The next day at school, Alanna told the guidance counselor what had happened. Her counselor told her how brave she was and asked Alanna how she knew to call 9-1-1.

See reverse to continue your impact

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Would it surprise you to learn that YOU played a role in Alanna's quick thinking?

You see, brought to Alanna's school that week. They talked about anger and safe spaces. They also talked about what to do when things feel unsafe at home.

Alanna saved her mom's life that spring afternoon because YOU gave her the tools to make that lifechanging call.

It's because of YOU that, after Alanna's mom was released from the hospital, she was able to get legal help from Injunction for Protection Attorneys to file a retraining order to keep her family safe.

It's because of YOU that Alanna and her mom got the counseling services and ongoing support services they so desperately needed after years of escalating abuse.

With your support last year....



Alanna is too young to realize it, but that brave six-year-old girl used her voice to stand up to silence. What if she had never called 9-1-1 on that fateful day? What if the had never come to her school? What if she had never learned that home is supposed to be a safe place?

Alanna is just one of hundreds of children in County who grow up in abusive homes. Don't they all deserve better?

If you're receiving this letter, we know you're a friend of _____ We know you've made a commitment to help protect those who need it most and you've agreed to stand up to silence. This back-to-school season, join us in helping more families like Alanna and her mom.

Thank you,





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