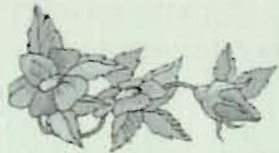


## INSIDE THE CENTER IS FOUND:

- ◆ A person who welcomes and treats every individual with dignity and respect.
- ◆ Someone who can offer emotional support by listening.
- ◆ A person who can provide information about services and resources available to the citizens of Wise County and the City of Norton.
- ◆ Someone who will take the time to read and help the individual understand form letters.
- ◆ A person who will help with the filling out of forms and applications.
- ◆ Someone who can help write letters, resumes, etc.
- ◆ Above all else, **a person who CARES!**



*"If you do not find God in the very next person you meet there is no need to look any further."*

—Gandhi

## *If You Want To Help The Advocate Center . . .*

- ◆ Donate sheets, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, diapers, shampoos, pots and pans.
- ◆ Donate used furniture in good condition.
- ◆ Donate monies to help the Center purchase medications, fuel, clothing and general costs.



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*The Advocate Center welcomes everyone  
regardless of age, sex, religion or race.  
All services are free.*

# ADVOCATE CENTER

*A place of WELCOME,  
TRUST, and HOPE*



## *Service To All!*

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## **ADVOCATE means:**

- ◆ *a vocal supporter*
- ◆ *one who speaks for another*
- ◆ *an aide*
- ◆ *supporter*
- ◆ *a friend*
- ◆ *neighbor*
- ◆ *pleader*
- ◆ *counselor*
- ◆ *advisor*
- ◆ *listener*



## ***The Advocate Center is a place that provides help:***

1. By connecting the individual or family with the appropriate service agencies within our community.
2. By offering help to the individual or family that will begin to meet their need and give them the emotional support needed for a better life.

If you or someone you know is in need please call or stop by.

The Dominican Sisters, Margaret Flynn and Beth Jaspers made Wise County their home in 1977. The Sisters offered home health care and outreach services to families and individuals on a fixed or limited income. From this work, the Sisters came to recognize the unique attributes and concerns of those who were born, raised or have chosen to relocate to the Appalachian area. Recognizing the lack of a number of needed resources within the region, the Sisters chose to remain and to open the Advocate Center.

The Advocate Center opened its doors in 1990 so that the Sisters and Volunteers could be more available to the whole community. The Center serves Wise County and the City of Norton, Virginia. The Center provides a place for anyone to walk in or call for services. Individual and families are welcomed by staff members with whom they can share their concerns and questions. Referrals are made to the agency that can best serve the needs of the family.

Staff of the Advocate Center continue to visit individuals and families in their homes, providing health care and emotional support for those on a fixed or low income.



## ***The major focus of the Advocate Center is:***

1. Serving the HEALTH needs of those with limited access to medical care.
2. Providing INFORMATION on services available to families and REFERRALS to agencies as needed.
3. Collaborate with other agencies to provide some home repairs.
4. Providing WOMEN, the opportunity to build self-esteem and enrich their lives by meeting with other women.
5. Attempting to bring needed change to our social service systems by educating people regarding their right to services and by working with agencies to provide better delivery of service.

The Advocate Center is a nonprofit organization, overseen by a Board of Directors composed of business people, ministers, representatives of various local agencies and by clients.