

Monmouthshire Housing Association

## **Media Release**

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### **Supporting Womens Aid**

Monmouthshire Housing is committed to supporting local charities and organisations and has proudly assisted Women's Aid Monmouthshire (WAIMON) throughout 2009/2010.

WAIMON provides support for victims by offering 24 hour emergency support and refuge for women and children and further provides therapy for those affected by domestic abuse, all of which MHA has helped to fund. Supporting this programme is beneficial to both the women involved and the wider community in Monmouthshire. The occurrence of domestic abuse can have a profound, detrimental effect on entire families, which is part of the reason why MHA has selected this charity. The beneficiaries of this charity are not just tenants of MHA but the wider community as we are not only dedicated to providing high quality housing for tenants, but also to build sustainable communities that make a strong foundation for the future of Monmouthshire.

At the beginning of this year MHA sponsored the WAIMON Freedom Programme. This is a nationally recognised programme which helps women to understand domestic abuse; it fosters a sense of awareness for victims of domestic abuse and empowers them to change the destructive relationships they may find themselves in.

Staff have also taken further steps to raise money for the charity through golf events, raffles, competitions and St David's Day bake sales. All of these events raised a respectable £420 which was presented to Ann Parry from Womens Aid, Abergavenny last week. We are confident that our money will be well spent!

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