

## What does your money buy?

**RM200** will provide one woman with a five - day of stay away from the abuse at the *Refuge*.

The WAO Refuge shelters an average of 100 women and 100 children per year (the children come with their mothers). The women are mainly battered wives, unwed mothers, abused foreign domestic workers and trafficked women who come to ask for shelter for a period of one to three months.



During their stay at the Refuge these women receive counselling, legal advice and help in restarting their lives. The WAO social workers also organize weekly programmes and sessions that will impart to the residents not only legal advice but self-confidence, self-worth and job skills to help them to live independently.

**RM100** will provide 4 telephone counselling sessions by professional social workers for 4 women in one day

Telephone counselling is available to women who seek information or counselling on issues such as domestic violence, rape, incest, child sexual abuse, marriage and divorce, and very basic legal queries. In 2007 social workers attended to 1,200 calls and 158 e-mail enquiries of which 61 % were related to violence.

**RM 100** will provide two days of child care by a child social worker for children at the *Child Care Centre*

The WAO Child Care Centre (CCC) heals, supports and cares for 30 ex-residents' children annually. The women (ex-residents of the WAO refuge) place their children at the WAO CCC whilst they start building their new lives free from violence. The children are sent to school and every opportunity is given to them to realize that they can live a life free from violence.



**RM50** will provide 5 women with two meals per day at the *Refuge*

During their stay at the children are provided Groceries are purchased both wet and dry goods, for groceries and



Refuge, the women and food, toiletries and lodging. from a local supplier for there is always a demand sundries. Basic food such

as rice, dry condiments, Milo, milk, sugar, meat, and fish are always a necessity at both centres. We ensure that proper and nutritious meals are provided for the residents at the Refuge and Child Care Centre

**RM 50** will provide school transport per month per child at the *Child Care Centre*



The WAO Child Care Centre (CCC) has an average of 15 children per month, of which 80% of them are of school going age including kindergarten. During their stay, their schooling needs are taken care of by the organisation. Besides providing them with books, stationery and such, WAO provides them with transport to kindergarten and school. The mothers are unable to afford these costs.

**RM20** will pay for water and electricity usage per day at the *Refuge*

Like every household, water and electricity remains one of the major factors of our costs. Though simple saving measures such as collecting rain water to water the plants are in force, this does not help much when it comes to water and electricity usage at the centres. On average, both centres consume **RM11,000** worth of water and electricity per year.

