

## Mission Statement

To give voice to the pain and victimization of women across America through the medium of their unique and personal stories.

Domestic violence, partner violence, and spousal abuse are each terms with broad definitions. The focus of the Breaking Silences Project (BSP) is where those terms intersect regarding violence toward women who are:

- married or unmarried
- heterosexual, bi-sexual, or lesbian
- living together, separated from, or dating their partner

These women are partnered with individuals who use abusive and manipulative behaviors - physical, sexual, mental, financial, emotional, and/or verbal - in order to control the relationship.

For more information, please visit our website at:

[www.breakingsilencesproject.com](http://www.breakingsilencesproject.com)

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My name is Goldie (pseudonym), founder of the Breaking Silences Project. Thank you for stopping by. Our mission is to give voice to the pain and victimization of women across America through the medium of their unique and personal stories.

On behalf of BSP, I encourage you to join us and others who have lived or are still living through partner violence by sharing your own experiences, feelings, regrets, doubts, and hopes. We implore you to open up your hearts and minds as you are by no means limited in what you are willing to share.

Your voices will be heard via the written word in a published manuscript. Proceeds will be applied toward partner violence research and donated to charities dedicated to aiding women and children affected by partner violence.

Silence is the sustenance of power and oppression. Let us remain silent no more.

In solidarity,

*Goldie*



*If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it.*

**Toni Morrison**

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## Join the Manuscript

We are grateful for your submission in whichever way you wish to express it: a sentence, short story, poem, letter, or diary/journal entry.

Names and minor details, such as occupations and locations, may be changed as necessary to ensure anonymity.

We offer three different options for submitting your input:

**1. By clicking on the "Submit Your Story" link on our website:**

[www.breakingsilencesproject.com](http://www.breakingsilencesproject.com)

**2. You may email it to us at:**

[submit@breakingsilencesproject.com](mailto:submit@breakingsilencesproject.com)

**3. You may also mail your input to the following address:**

Breaking Silences Project  
P.O. Box 8443  
Emeryville, CA 94662

The Breaking Silences Project is committed to shattering the walls of silence around partner violence toward women; we firmly believe that Silence is the sustenance of power and oppression.

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*No person is your friend who demands your  
silence, or denies your right to grow.*  
Alice Walker

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