



# SPONSOR A SILENT WITNESS

In 1990, a group of Minnesota women, distressed by the number of women being murdered by their male partners, created a display of free-standing, life-sized wooden figures, each bearing the name of a woman whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband or other intimate partner. Organizers called the figures "Silent Witnesses." There now are dozens of chapters of the Silent Witness Project around the country.

The Northwest Ohio chapter of the Silent Witness Project was founded in 2001 by the Bowling Green State University Women's Center and is now a program of Bethany House. The collection represents more than **50** girls and women from Northwest Ohio, all of whom were murdered by current or estranged husbands, boyfriends, other intimate partners or stalkers. Each victim is represented by a life-sized wooden figure that bears her name and recounts her story. The figures symbolically bear witness to the lethality of domestic violence in the lives of individual women, as well as our community's collective loss of so many mothers, daughters, sister, friends, employees, neighbors and citizens.

## *Will you sponsor a Silent Witness?*

Sponsorship can be done by individuals or groups. A sponsor can select a specific Silent Witness figure or Bethany House staff can select one on the sponsor's behalf. The cost of each figure is \$75. Sponsors' names appear on gold plates on the back of the figures.

Thank you for your support and for honoring the memories of girls and women who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Silent Witness figures at \$75.00 each.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Make checks payable to Bethany House Toledo (with a memo to Silent Witness) and return this form to:

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P.O. Box 5930  
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