

46 Years of Service!



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October 2025 Gala

Join us for the Unmasking Domestic Violence Gala as IRIS Domestic Violence Center marks 46 years of service to survivors in Baton Rouge.

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Crowne Plaza Executive Center – Baton Rouge

Tickets & Sponsorships Available

Every dollar supports emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and healing for survivors.

Tickets

2 Months Until October

To Donate



Give clothes, feminine hygiene products, diapers, toys, etc.

Your donations truly makes a difference and really matters.

Irispect You!

Every mother deserves the peace of knowing her child is safe.

As we move forward, IRIS is excited to announce the development of an **On-site Daycare Center** that is a safe, nurturing space where children can learn, grow, and heal alongside their mothers.

We're currently seeking donations of funding and supplies to bring this vision to life. Every contribution whether monetary or in-kind supports our mission to provide a future rooted in safety, dignity, and hope.

Donate Today!

➡ To donate visit: www.stopdv.org



Support the IRIS Daycare Project today. Together, we're raising more than children, we're raising hope.

NEW SPONSOR OR GRANT

- Excel Modular Scaffold - \$10K
- MMR - \$10K
- The Starbucks Foundation - \$2,000

Thank you to **Hase Gray, Jr. of Gray's Builders, LLC** for the labor, materials, and installation of Patti's new floor in her office that now shines like her hard work!



If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Contact the IRIS Domestic Violence Center 24/7 Crisis Line at (225) 389-3001. All services are confidential and free of charge.

Iris Domestic Violence Center

P.O. Box 52809
Baton Rouge, LA 70892

www.stopdv.org

24-Hour Crisis Phone Numbers
(225) 389-3001 • (800) 541-9706

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Iris Spotlights

Kasie Coleman Synergy Ministry of Mt. Gillion Baptist Church



Kasie Coleman leads outreach efforts through Synergy Ministry Committee at Mt. Gillion Baptist Church, bringing joy, food, and support to survivors at the IRIS Safehouse. She helped launch the Community Cupboard, a weekend pantry stocked through donations to serve women and children with dignity and care.

Kasie also organizes holiday celebrations like Splash Day, and Fun Days, ensuring residents—many without family plans—experience moments of joy and connection in a safe space. Her compassion continues to make IRIS feel like home for those rebuilding their lives.



Projects Hosted by Synergy Ministry Committee of Mt. Gillion Baptist Church

Thank you to Synergy Ministry Committee of Mt. Gillion Baptist Church for consistently showing up with meals, fun, and support. Committee members are Ruth Celestine, Evelyn Lands, Danielle Harris, Ashley Beauchamp, Kasie Coleman, and Rodney Johnson. For more information about this extraordinary organization, visit [Synergy Ministry, Mt. Gillion Baptist Church](https://www.synergymt.com).

To invite Iris to your next event or for information about domestic violence. You can email our new Outreach & Development Coordinator, Deidra Mwalimu at dmwalimu@stopdv.org.

Visit our website for more information about our organization and ways you can help. Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest updates.



**Message from
Patti Joy Freeman,
Executive Director**

Dear Community,

Every day, we are reminded that healing begins with connection—with a kind gesture, a shared resource, or a door opened in love. At IRIS, our work is powered by the strength of community and the belief that everyone deserves safety, dignity, and support. As we grow, so does our impact—and it's because of people like you. Thank you for walking beside us as we continue to uplift, protect, and empower survivors and their families.

With heartfelt thanks,