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Ulster County Legislature Allows For Much Needed Funding to the Washbourne House

The Ulster County Legislature put forth a resolution to grant funding for the Washbourne House, which has a 30-year-history of providing services to women and children who have been abused. The resolution was approved in a bipartisan effort at the September 21, 2010 monthly Legislative Meeting.

The Washbourne House, a program of the Family of Woodstock, Inc, a United Way Agency, provides an alternative to living in a violent situation, while offering education and resources necessary for victims to make healthier choices for themselves and their families. The Washbourne House was facing 100% funding cut for its Children's Program, and County Government responded with legislation securing much needed funds.

County Executive Michael Hein and his administration worked with Legislator Walter Frey, Jr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, to find the funding. Legislator Frey said, "With a faltering economy there is usually a rise in domestic violence. We will work together to support our residents who need assistance now more than ever."

Legislator Don Gregorius who has advocated for the funding said, "I am grateful we were all able to work together in addressing a serious problem. Children need our help, especially under these very difficult circumstances."