

Wanaque women's group tackles age-old problem

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WANAQUE — Violence against women is an age-old problem. It is a problem that until a few years ago was not talked about very much. However, that is changing now.

In recent years, efforts have been made to bring this issue to light and help those women who are being abused by their spouses. One way to do this is by opening a store where the proceeds go toward assisting such women.

The Haskell section of Wanaque is the location for that type of store. The store is called "Another Woman's Treasure" and has been open since the first of this month.

"Another Woman's Treasure is a thrift store in the Valentine Beauty Supply Building on Ringwood Avenue," explained Sandra Ramos of Ringwood, who was involved in the shop's inception.

The store features as its inventory such items as clothing, costumes, skirts, sneakers, tires, blinds and drapes. "Basically, we have almost everything you could possibly want," Ramos said, adding, "We have many new items which were donated to our store."

The store is managed by Roberta Stokes, a "volunteer manager," who donates her time to the cause. Stokes is joined in the shop by her twins, Edwian and Nabowire.

Ramos is hopeful that the area's shoppers will patronize Another Woman's Treasure. "The shop features good bargains, and also,

purchases made there are tax deductible."

Ramos is an activist for abused women and often lectures on the subject. She is an educator at William Paterson College in Wayne.

She reports that volunteers are needed for help in the shop. "I really want to publicize this store, so people will come in and look around. I'm happy to say that we have already gotten a lot of community support. There is a great

community feeling for the store and we hope it will continue."

Another Woman's Treasure is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. To volunteer to help out or for further information, call 831-0898.



A VARIED INVENTORY — Roberta Stokes, a "volunteer manager," checks out some of the many items stocked in a new store, entitled, Another Woman's Treasure. The shop, whose proceeds go toward helping battered and abused women, is located in the Haskell section of Wanaque.

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