

**Family Violence**  
**Elder Abuse**

An elderly couple moved here from another country to live with their son and daughter in-law. The mother looked after the grandchildren and the father went to work with his son who is a private contractor. The father became ill and did not go out to the job site with his son one day.

That evening when he came to the table for dinner the son reached over and squeezed his father's hand that was holding a fork full of food - breaking his fingers - and stated, "until you can earn money to put food on this table you do not eat at it!"

The next day the father went back to the job site and shared his story with a co-worker. Through the same means that we assist women who are fleeing a violent spouse this couple was relocated to a shelter where they have services for elders that are being abused. We look forward to providing those services to elderly couples in our new shelter which we hope to open by the end of 2011.