

# Men's group fights culture of abuse

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Jim Dowd was marching with about 90 other men against domestic violence in the Horribles parade this year, when he saw a woman standing on the side of Railroad Avenue.

She had her arms crossed and looked harried, Dowd said. When she noticed the men passing out

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bumper stickers, pamphlets and flyers, she sent her little daughter over to the float and the girl brought some of the material back.

"She took it, looked at it quickly, then folded it up and put it in her back pocket, and looked off," he said.

Dowd, a Washington Street resident, didn't regret for a minute that he'd taken a late train up from a summer job in New York City for the parade.

"Every guy afterwards had a story like that," he said. "On every street in Gloucester, I think somebody was helped.

"I said, 'Wow, this is worth it.'

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