



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Rave website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.theraveproject.org/stained_glass_story.php". The website's header includes the Rave logo and navigation tabs for HOME, ABOUT US, RESOURCES, FAQs, NEWS, ONLINE TRAINING, and HELP NOW. The main content area is titled "WOMEN'S RESOURCES" and features a section for "The Stained Glass Story of Domestic Violence". This section includes a horizontal carousel of small stained glass images and a large central image of a stained glass window. Below the large image is a caption that reads "The beginning". A "Feedback" button is located at the bottom right of the content area. The footer contains copyright information: "Copyright © 2006-2007 Rave. All Rights Reserved" and a link to the "Privacy Policy".

Stained Glass Story



The beginning



Like a created work of stained glass, no two families look alike.
The individual pieces of glass reflect diversity—*family members are different from one another.*
The stained glass window represents connection—*the web of relationships we call family bring women, men and children into contact with each other.*
In the beginning, there is peace.

The chaos



When violence strikes within the home, peace and harmony evaporate.
Chaos is created.
The glass is shattered into many pieces.
Life will never be the same again.

The aftermath



Pain and brokenness abound.
There is disconnection and isolation.
Shame and secrecy rule.
The impact is felt by young and old alike.

Rebuilding



New portraits can be created from broken shards of glass. Jagged pieces, rough to the touch, and piercing to the skin, can be: reshaped; reconfigured; reset.

Renewal



Beauty can be borne out of brokenness.
There is the dawn of a new day.
The white dove, with wings outstretched, represents spiritual strength to overcome even the greatest of challenges.
The language of the spirit brings hope.

New beginnings



Another family portrait of stained glass emerges, sometimes bearing a resemblance to the one before, sometimes not.
The individual pieces of glass reflect diversity.
The stained glass window represents connection.
Celebrate the beauty of new beginnings!

