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**Fighting abuse:** Denise Brown once was so afraid of public speaking she ditched class if she had an oral report. That all changed in 1994 when the brutal stabbing death of her sister, Nicole Brown Simpson, left Brown with a vital message to spread. O.J. Simpson was found not guilty of his ex-wife's death, while Denise has dedicated her life to domestic violence awareness.

On Wednesday, she'll address San Diego YWCA's "In the Company of Women" luncheon. Despite an increase in calls for help, six state-funded shelters in California have closed in the past two years due to budget cuts, Brown says.

Brown says her work is full time, but the payoff is big. "I've had thousands of emails saying because of what you are doing and because of Nicole, I got help. ... She saved my life."

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