



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOANIE WINBERG

**BEFORE:** The decorators repositioned the bed to create more space in the room and make the bed the focal point.

## *Room makeovers designed as special morale booster*

MIDDLEBORO — Making a difference is what it is all about for Mishelle Almeida, the founder of the “Room for You” Foundation and Joanie Winberg, founder of both the “Happy Wednesday” Foundation and the National Association of Divorce for Women and Children.

Everyone has to deal with many challenges in life and divorce is one of those challenges. The goal of Ms. Almeida and Ms. Winberg through their foundation is to empower women during and after divorce to regain their confidence, build self-esteem and create a foundation of life skills to enhance and improve the quality of life for themselves and their children.

Both women just completed a room makeover for a woman in Middleboro who recently

**“We hoped by making over her bedroom would give her a fresh start for her new life; be a stronger person, woman and mom.”**

MISHELLE ALMEIDA

went through a divorce and financially could not afford to do anything special for herself.

It is their hope that by making over her bedroom will provide a fresh start for her new life and help her be the best

she can be for her children, her community and especially for herself.

“We hoped by making over her bedroom would give her a fresh start for her new life; be a stronger person, woman and mom,” said Ms. Almeida.

“When she opened the door to her ‘new’ room, it felt as if we were on the ‘Extreme Makeover Show.’ To see her joy and excitement was an emotional experience,” said Ms. Winberg.

The two women expressed their appreciation to local companies for supporting the project with funds or materials, including Craig Textiles of Rockland, seamstress Kathy Powers of Dighton, and Raynham businesses Sherwin-Williams Company, Lowe’s, Target, Wal-Mart, and Century 21 Best Choice.

