



# 2018 Annual Report

## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of The Women's Safe House,

I am pleased to share The Women's Safe House 2018 Annual Report with you. While it is hard to accept that domestic violence affects so many of our neighbors in the St. Louis metropolitan area, we know that there is hope for their futures. This hope is made possible through the dedication of our volunteers, donors, staff, and supporters who believe in a future that is free of abuse. We are a community that believes in the strength of survivors and the idea of a fresh start. For 42 years, this community has come together to empower survivors of domestic abuse as they take their first steps toward a life free of violence. And because domestic violence is a community problem, we know that our community also holds the key to solving this problem. All of us together make a difference.



Last year, we were able to provide over 14,200 nights of emergency shelter, answer more than 3,500 calls through our 24-hour crisis hotline, and benefited from over 3,300 hours of support from 531 volunteers. Through our Community Education initiatives, more than 3,000 people learned how to recognize the signs of domestic abuse to break the cycle of violence.

While women may enter our shelter as a victim of domestic or sexual violence, or having experienced sex trafficking/sexual exploitation, they exit our shelter as a survivor with the tools needed to live independent, abuse-free lives. In 2018, nearly half of the women who sought safety at the shelter came with their children (age 0-18). Our children's program focuses on helping children understand that the violence is not their fault and supports them as they overcome the trauma they experienced.

Moving forward, we remain focused on our mission to empower women to live a life free of abuse and make informed choices about their futures through intervention, education, and advocacy. We will continue to provide comprehensive services for women and children and will expand our partnerships with community groups and funding resources.

On behalf of the women and children who have been given a chance at a better future because of your support - THANK YOU! The impact you're making in the fight against domestic violence can be seen in the faces of the children who are no longer afraid to go to bed at night.

Empowerment Starts Here!

Sylvia J. Jackson  
Executive Director

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Thank You

The Mission of The Women's Safe House is to provide safe and transitional living services to battered women and their dependent children and to empower them to make informed choices about their futures.





# TWSH Financials

## TWSH Community Impact

3,476

Crisis Calls Answered 24/7



285

Women & Children Entered Our Doors



14,401

Nights of Shelter Provided



15,671

Meals & Snacks Served



119

Women & Children Received On-Going Support Through AfterCare

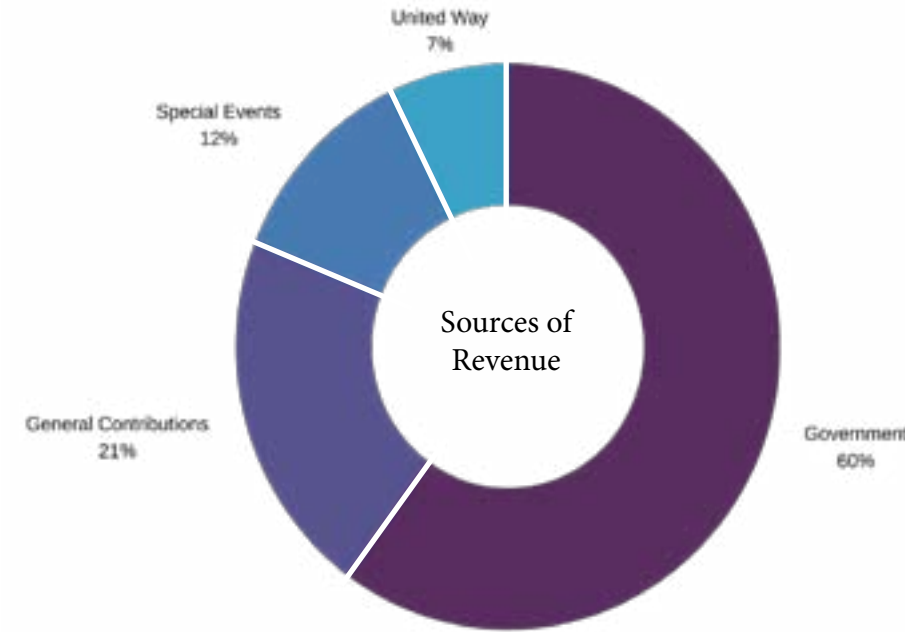


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Volunteers Provided

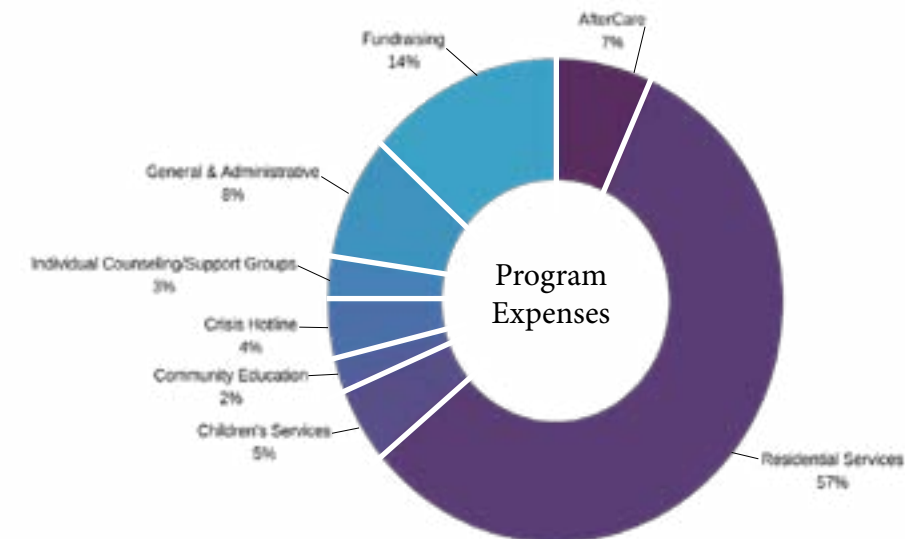


3,349 Hours of Service



### 2018 Revenue Sources

Government	\$1,122,738
General Contribution	\$387,006
Special Events	\$229,586
United Way	\$133,423
Interest/Other	\$1,790
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,874,543</b>



### 2018 Program Expenses

AfterCare	\$126,929
Residents' Services	\$1,106,773
Children's Services	\$97,420
Community Education	\$24,287
Crisis Hotline	\$84,948
Counseling & Support Groups	\$55,442
Volunteer Program	\$34,043
General & Administrative	\$145,747
Fundraising	\$268,063
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,943,652</b>

# TWSH Programs



## Community Partners

### Crisis Intervention Hotline

Answered 24-hours a day with compassion and care; assess a caller's need for shelter, safety, and community referrals.

### Residential Program

Provide emergency safe shelter, advocacy and support to women and children fleeing domestic violence. While enrolled in the Residential Program, women and children attend group and individual support sessions, team up with case managers to develop individual and family goals, receive health screenings and education, legal advocacy, financial literacy workshops, transportation assistance, job placement guidance, assistance in securing new safe housing, and a wide variety of community referrals and linkages to social service resources. The Health Education Assessment and Linkage program provides initial health assessments, immunizations and wellness checks for school enrollment. The onsite RN also provides linkage to community healthcare resources, as well as, coordinates training and ongoing education opportunities for staff. All services are provided free of charge.

### Children's Residential Program

Advocates strive to help each child reach his or her potential by building their self-esteem, developing their character, and instilling respect for themselves and others through various school aged and prevention based curriculum.

### AfterCare Program

Provide women who have completed the terms of the Residential Program with continued advocacy, case management, transportation assistance, and emergency financial assistance for one year. AfterCare is offered to residents to help prevent homelessness and eliminate the woman's return to the abuser while in the process of rebuilding her life and attaining an accomplish-able level of security and independence.

### Volunteer Services

The Women's Safe House values the dedication and commitment of volunteers who help to advocate for and support survivors of domestic violence. Volunteers are essential in the daily operation of The Women's Safe House. Volunteers support all areas of the agency, performing direct and indirect volunteer tasks. One of the major components of the Volunteer Program is community education. Through community education, our staff strives to educate women, men, and children about the dynamics of domestic violence in hopes of changing the community norms that allow violence to occur.

Our work would not be possible without the amazing support that we receive from our community partners. Thank you to all the wonderful organizations that make our mission possible.



Stay up to date with what is happening around the shelter or in the community by following us on social media.

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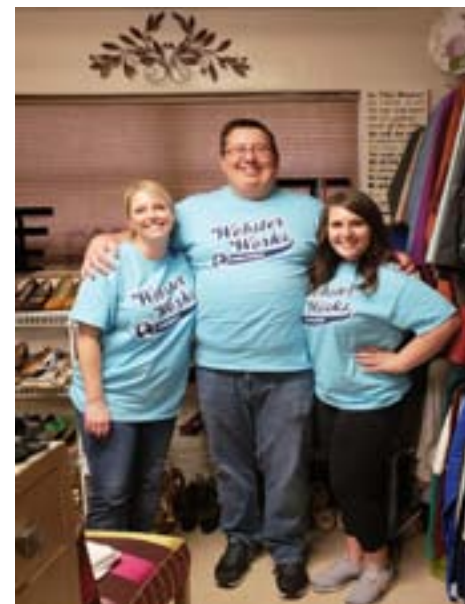
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# Ways to Get Involved at TWSH

There are many ways to get involved that can fit your schedule or level of involvement. No amount of support is too small to make an impact.

- Follow us on social media
- Make a Financial Contribution
- Volunteer
- Join our Board of Directors or Young Professional Board
- Serve on one of our Special Committee's
- Host a Donation Drive
- Request a Speaker
- Attend a Special Event - See website for current events
- Host a Fundraiser benefiting TWSH
- Sign-up for our Newsletter



**We are forever grateful to everyone that supported our mission of providing safe shelter to women and children fleeing abuse. As women and children leave the shelter they sometimes leave thank you notes to show their appreciation for the services provided. These services would not be possible without you. Thank you for providing shelter and hope to those that need it most.**

*"I would like to offer my sincere gratitude for all that you have done for me. This has been one of the most traumatic times in my life and you have sheltered me, fed me, clothed me, and counseled me. Having a court advocate on hand gave me the support I needed to fight my case. In addition, you have offered me hope which is the greatest gift of all."*

*"The motivation TWSH gave me is more than I can put into words phenomenal staff and safe place. TWSH has been a great help to myself and my child."*

*"I can't thank you enough for giving me a safe place to be and support the last few weeks."*



Special shoutout to our volunteers!

*"Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I was lost and came to TWSH and found hope again. You all touched me and helped my change myself and my kids' lives. I thank and love you all."*

\*All names are left off to protect confidentiality

**You are changing lives!**

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