



*The Dwelling Place*

2021  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



**Transforming Lives Through Christ's Love**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**Thank you is simply not a strong enough phrase to let you know how much your support has meant to all of us here at The Dwelling Place.** 2021 has brought immense blessings to The Dwelling Place! As I reflect on all the year has held, I am also struck by the weight of challenges we faced collectively as a world.

***That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Mark 4:35.*** Many of us know the story. Jesus makes this pronouncement and within hours, they were in a boat, in the middle of a storm of hurricane proportions and Jesus decides to take a nap! He had told the disciples they were going over to the other side and yet the circumstance or "the storm" was all the disciples could see.

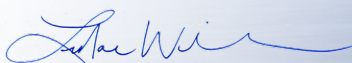
The last two years have definitely felt like we were continuously in the "middle" of something. In such a season, it has been challenging at times to understand what God is up to in our lives. However, this is what I do know: **God is faithful in the middle.** Regardless of what it looks like, **we will** get to the other side of this season or storm. He promised to never leave us or forsake us and to **make all things new.** What an immense privilege it is to be covered in His love and these promises.

### Significant highlights of 2021:

- We remained open, welcomed new families, and continued offering in-person classes with some Covid protocols in place.
- 90% of our mothers improved their parenting skills to break the generational cycle of abuse.
- Five families successfully moved to homes of their own.
- Many of our residents have raised the standards for the level of employment and income they have secured.
- We added play therapy in order to go deeper in healing for our residents' children.
- We successfully relaunched our alumni program in order to offer a longer continuum of care for our families.

### Will you join me in celebrating the growth, freedom, and hope that our women and children experienced at The Dwelling Place in 2021?

As we look ahead to 2022, we have so much to be thankful for! Our trauma-informed programs and staff capacity are growing in order to better assist more women and children than ever before. We are grateful to partner together in sharing the love of Christ with our families and watch as new stories of life and wholeness begin.



LENAE WILLIAMSON

Executive Director





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# MISSION, PURPOSE & PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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## MISSION

*The Dwelling Place is a Christ-centered ministry providing healing and hope to victims of domestic abuse through supportive services and a safe, transitional place to call home.*

## PURPOSE

*The Dwelling Place exists to break the generational cycle of abuse by equipping and empowering women through the love of Jesus Christ so they can experience lasting freedom.*

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Dwelling Place has a 24 year history of providing services to victims of domestic abuse. The first tangible step towards providing strength and dignity to women and their children is to provide the safety and stability of a safe place to sleep, a safe place to live, and a safe place to belong.

The Dwelling Place provides transitional housing and case management to help women transition to lives free of abuse. Our trauma-informed program consists of two primary healing principles: safety

and empowerment. We were founded on the understanding that, in order to help victims of domestic abuse heal from their emotional wounds, our programs must be Christ-centered and comprehensively designed to address the whole person. We work to help residents become empowered through individualized care plans that recognize and build upon their strengths, as well as provide detailed solution-focused strategies to address their areas for growth and future goals.

2021 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# Across Minnesota...

VICTIMS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

LOSE A TOTAL OF **8 MILLION DAYS**  
OF PAID WORK EACH YEAR,  
**THE EQUIVALENT OF 32,000**  
**FULL-TIME JOBS.**

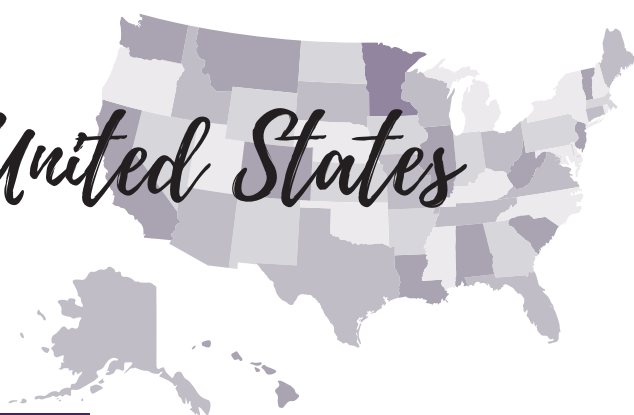


# 19,159

CALLS RECEIVED IN ONE DAY IN MINNESOTA

**13 CALLS** PER MINUTE

# ...and the United States



**1 IN 3 WOMEN**

in the US have  
experienced some  
form of physical  
violence by an intimate partner.

# 10million

ADULTS IN THE US

experience domestic  
violence annually.



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## THE DWELLING PLACE 2021 STATISTICS

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**215** calls received  
FROM VICTIMS OF DV  
**175** HAD CHILDREN

**51**

WOMEN & CHILDREN RECEIVED

**9,994**

NIGHTS OF  
SAFETY



**100%**

CHILDREN, BIRTH TO PRE-K



participated in 6-7 hours per week of children's programming that focuses on socio emotional and spiritual development critical for healing from trauma.

**100%**

WOMEN IN OUR PROGRAM

attended at least 9 hours of classes each week and learned about the dynamics and effects of domestic abuse.



**16.9** months  
AVERAGE STAY FOR  
**2021** GRADUATES





*What I appreciate  
most about  
The Dwelling Place  
are the classes,  
community,  
shared experience  
with other  
residents, and how  
the environment  
helps me get  
closer to God.*

*I'm facing my  
fears everyday.*

LAUREN, *current resident*

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## FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS

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**The Dwelling Place** was truly blessed in 2021 and we could not have accomplished all that we did without the generosity of our supporters.

*Thanks to you*

RESIDENTS LIKE LAUREN CAN EXPERIENCE FREEDOM WHILE PROVIDING HOPE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**575**  
**DONORS**

GAVE  
**GENEROUSLY**

**27**  
**CHURCH**  
PARTNERS

**2,466**  
**HOURS**

BY **98** WONDERFUL  
**VOLUNTEERS**

## BOARD **MEMBERS**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,138,308**

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,195,112**



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