

A Letter From Our Executive Director

What an amazing blessing to share with you once again what the Lord has done in and through The Dwelling Place. There is much to celebrate from this past year! Fifty women and children received 8,740 nights of safety. What a blessing! The need continues to be great with calls coming in every working day of the year. It is difficult to have families on our waiting list needing a temporary home and a program to provide hope amidst their abuse. We have been busy planning and now implementing our expansion project to help meet those needs.

In an effort to deepen the programs offered to our women, we have added two hours of programming each week. We also added a monthly Staff and Resident Chapel Service to worship and learn together while inviting guest speakers to share. Our alumni program has completed its first full year and has been building a solid foundation for growth. With mentoring and monthly events at its core, the program has now expanded to add alumni-led events such as life skills classes, activity nights, and beyond.

We continue to see that the average length of stay for our graduates is nearly two years. We believe it is because we are able to offer them a deeper level of healing support, and they are finding greater appreciation for the education

offered to them during their stay. Our residents are more invested in their healing journey now more than ever before. As we partner with them through case management to help with goal-setting and focus more fully on seeing them thrive, they are also personally investing more in their own healing.

Growing community partnerships has also been a focus where we can share expertise, collaborate, and meet the community needs together. We are blessed to have many churches, businesses, government agencies, and other providers to walk alongside us in this work. Our volunteers are absolutely the most dedicated group I have ever experienced, and we would not have accomplished what we did this year without them.

For all of these things, I thank the Lord and His amazing provision. There are certainly challenges for our ministry to overcome, but His goodness and faithfulness comes through over and above every time. I hope you will stay connected with us to see where we are going next!



Gratefully,

LeNae Williamson

A safe home & loving community



We create a safe home environment and a supportive community. Many of the women and children who come to us have a long history of living in constant fear of abuse, degradation, and humiliation. The children, especially, often express an enormous amount of relief and sense of safety when they realize they are now in a safe home. While living in our homes, the women and children participate in healing, life-changing programming, advocacy to overcome barriers, and life skills development.



In the United States

10 MILLION Adults in the US experience domestic violence annually.

1 IN 3

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



Here in Minnesota

8 MILLION DAYS of paid work are lost EACH YEAR by victims of intimate partner violence.

That's the equivalent of 32,000 FULL-TIME JOBS

19,159

Calls received in one day in Minnesota



Sara

The Dwelling Place has nourished the hope within us and supported us to begin the healing process.

2022 Highlights

- ⇒ We successfully housed and provided services to 23 women and 27 children (17 of the women had children served by our program).
- ⇒ 80% of families came from homeless or emergency domestic violence shelters.
- ⇒ We received approximately 220 calls for help with at least 145 children.
- ⇒ All women left abusive relationships successfully. The women and children found safety and remained safe within our program.
- ⇒ 80% of families came from Minnesota.
- ⇒ 50 total women and children received 8,740 nights of safety.
- ⇒ The average length of stay of those graduating from the program was 21 months.
- ⇒ 100% of program graduates left with a job and/or reliable income.
- ⇒ Children at TDP ranged in age of 2 months to 12 years old.



Our Mission

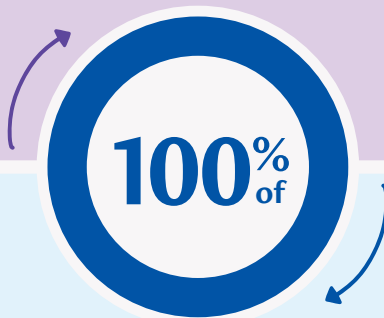
The Dwelling Place is a Christ-centered ministry providing healing and hope to victims of domestic abuse through supportive services and a safe, transitional place to call home.

Our Purpose

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

* Women's Program

- **women** were provided at least 3 hours of classes each week and learned about the dynamics and effects of domestic abuse.
- **women and children** were provided ongoing Christian spiritual discipleship with the intent to grow in their faith, including daily devotions, weekly Bible studies, and monthly chapel services.
- **women** received advocacy and support to help them overcome the impact of domestic violence, including barriers of transportation, job skills, legal, educational, and housing assistance.



✦ Children's Program

- **mothers** were offered classes and case management services that taught skills of parenting and child advocacy.
- **children birth to Pre-K** were offered and provided 6-8 per week of trauma-informed children's programming that focuses on developmental, socio-emotional learning, and spiritual development.
- **school age children** attended school, 60% of children birth to Pre-K received Head Start or other early childhood education services.

👉 Volunteers

227 | 6,045
Total Volunteers | Hours of Service

👉 Key Achievements

Last year we served
23 women and 27 children.

The exciting trend we continue to see is that **women who have graduated have been able to find higher paying career-type jobs** than we have seen in previous years.

★ Alumni Program

Average attendance at our monthly events:

7-10 | 10-15
Women | Children

We find that support groups

continue to hold value for the women and are a place where they build

trust and community.

One of the healing aspects during their times together is to be able to openly share and to offer encouragement to one another. **This program helps us stay in better contact with our graduates to be a source of**

support and encouragement

years beyond their time with us. We anticipate this will increase our percentages of women who are successful in leaving the cycle of abuse behind.

We are grateful that in 2022 we have seen increased participation in our monthly support groups and social gatherings for alumni of our residential program.

Much of 2022 was spent planning, preparing, and renovating our newest

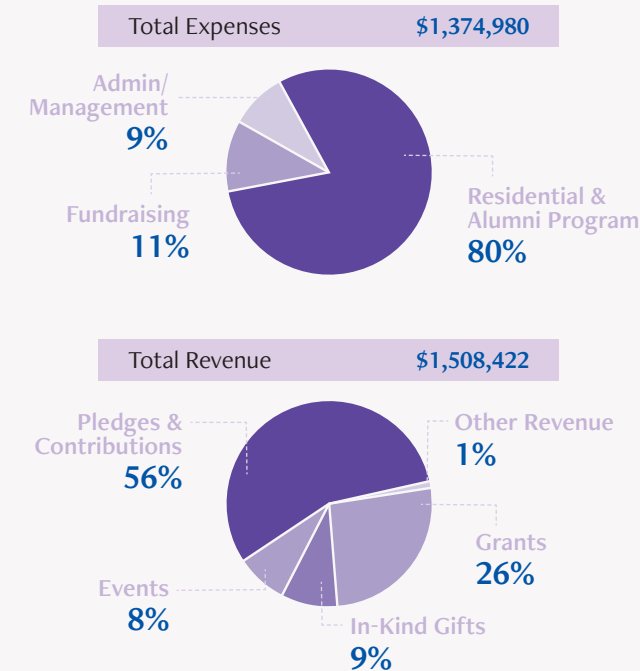
duplex and program center.

Since we are typically at full capacity, we are expanding in order to better meet the needs of our community. As we continue to follow a trauma-informed care model, each family has their own bedroom(s).

72 Potential capacity
10 Bedrooms added
36 Total bedrooms available

The new program center will allow opportunities for large group gatherings, support groups, resident classes, and children's programs.

2022 Financials



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Where abuse ends and healing begins.