

Report to the Community 2017-18



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CENTER
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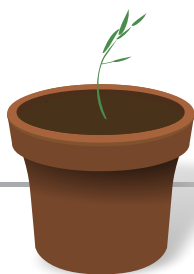
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The Willow Timeline



1976

Women's Transitional Care Center (WTCC) opens, serving women in Douglas County with shelter and advocacy. The first shelter is a 3-bedroom house, governed by a women's collective, and staffed by volunteers.

1980-1990

The shelter moves to a location at 9th St. and Louisiana, a children's program is established, and male volunteers are welcomed as advocates for the first time.



1990-1998

Services start in Franklin County, LGBTQA program started, one of the first in the nation. Non-discrimination policy established.

1998-1999

WTCC establishes board of directors and hires its first Executive Director.

2008-2009

WTCC programming and staff expand, and services are added in Jefferson County. Human Trafficking and Court Advocacy programs are also added.

2010

Women's Transitional Care Center becomes The Willow.

2016

The shelter is opened to all survivors regardless of gender identity, and the first male survivors are served.



2018

The Willow moves towards a low-barrier model.

Court Advocacy

The first time many survivors will face their abusers is when they see them in court. Advocates from the Willow provide support, legal assistance with protection orders, and referrals to legal resources for more in-depth cases. In 2017, advocates provided 400 court service hours and served 220 court clients in Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson counties.

"[In the courtroom] was the first time I'd seen him since I got out. **I was glad I was not alone.** I was glad for my kids that I was not alone."

Children's Services

The Willow has a full-time Children's Program Coordinator helping with a full range of activities including wellness events and support for the children of survivors.

In 2018, the Willow provided 524 services for children, including one-on-one support, educational and developmental activities, transportation to and from school, and trips and events.

The Willow also provided over 32 hours of arts and wellness activities.



Financials

Income


Federal and State Grants:	\$1,050,901.42
Local Grants:	\$75,462.08
Contributions and Fundraising:	<u>\$323,410.23</u>
Total Income:	\$1,449,773.73

Expenses

Staff:	\$950,289.72
Fundraising Events:	\$24,104.71
General Operating:	<u>\$333,840.55</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,308,234.98

Volunteers

3,343 hours of service
60 active volunteers
\$55,159.50



Crisis Hotline

5,036 calls
1,609 clients
171 safety planning sessions
1,313 counseling calls
786 emergency shelter calls

Our hotline is maintained by advocates and volunteers and is answered 24 hours a day.

Hotline staff answer questions, provide safety planning, arrange shelter, and provide referrals to survivors.

This vital service ensures survivors can access our shelter at any time.

“I called at 2a.m.

I didn't have anywhere to go.

I didn't know how I was going to get anywhere. They helped get me somewhere safe, and then to shelter.

I don't know where I'd be without it.”

Shelter

7,939 nights of safe bed rest
314 clients
139 children

Our 30-bed shelter provides up to 60 days for survivors to work towards their goals in a safe environment for both them and their children. The Willow offers shelter to all survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, regardless of gender identity.

Our shelter serves survivors in Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson counties. This year, The Willow provided safe shelter to 6 men and 3 transgender survivors.

“I had been told that they take men by a friend, but I didn’t believe it so I called and they said they did. I said, ‘Well then **I need to get out of here.**’ I did.”



Outreach

We provide presentations, training, and support groups to survivors through our HOPEworks program, and to the communities we serve through our Outreach programs. This year, The Willow staff presented to over 2,000 members of the public, including 23 professional trainings to over 300 first responders, volunteers, and advocates. The goal of these presentations is to teach individuals how to identify and help survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence.



HOPEworks

Hope | Opportunity | Progress | Empowerment

I learned:

“There is more than one type of abuse.”

“The signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships.”

“I learned that DV is **a community problem** and the cause of DV is power and control.”



Our Team

The Willow has thirty employees serving three Kansas counties. This year, Megan Stuke was named The Willow's Executive Director, and the organization also added three new staff in grant and fundraising management. These changes reflect The Willow's commitment to serve more survivors and to continue to create and expand programs and services.

"Growth allows us to increase access and services for all survivors, provide a healthy workplace for staff, and build safer communities."
Megan Stuke, Executive Director

"Vicki – Your name is often mentioned by survivors as being so helpful!"

"Hannah – Amazing listener!"

"Adrienne – Your commitment to advocating for survivors in any way you can is...simply inspiring."

"Felix – Thank you for your support!"

"Renee – Thank you for your hard work and dedication to survivors."



Survivor Stories

“The way she talked about herself and her unborn child changed drastically. She stood in the door way looking down as she was rubbing her tummy and said **“I have so much to live for now.”**”

“...on their own with minimal financial and emotional support... they are now looking for employment as a nurse, and able to renew a nursing license **with the help of The Willow.**”

“This survivor has not only been able to maintain sobriety, but also to develop a program of recovery that includes a **solid support network of friends**, fellow survivors, and mentors.”

“I’m so glad I have you here to talk to about this stuff, it makes me feel like I can actually do this on my own.”



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