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To all of our donors, community partners, and supportive community members -

Thank you
for everything you do
to show up for survivors.

We could not do this work if it weren't for all
of your contributions, assistance,
and encouragement.





Income

Federal & State Grants	\$1,194,558.63
Local & Foundation Grants	\$217,584.26
Contributions & Fundraising	\$528,732.83
Other	\$15,001.55
Total Income	\$1,955,877.27

Expenses

Staff	\$1,540,565.50
Fundraising Events	\$15,719.63
General Operating	\$527,931.46
Total Expenses	\$2,084,216.59

Our expenses in 2023 exceeded our income by 128K. These variances are normal and expected for a non-profit our size. In 2022, our income exceeded our expenses by 140K.

Safety in Numbers

- 3700 Hotline Calls
- 16,826 Nights of Safe Rest
- 17,095 Individual Services
- 3,822 Youth, adults, and professionals reached through prevention, education, and training efforts.

Hotline

Our hotline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to listen, help create a safety plan, and more.

Shelters 1 & 2

The Willow now has two shelters and offers 48 beds when at total capacity. With two spaces, we can offer 90-day stays so survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking have the opportunity to begin lives free from abuse. Advocates are on hand to provide empowerment-based case management to survivors. Additionally, there are Children's Services, Art, and Health & Wellness programs based in shelter. Both shelters are located in confidential locations and open to anyone regardless of gender identity. We are proud to offer safe spaces for Trans and non-binary survivors.

Court & Systems Advocacy

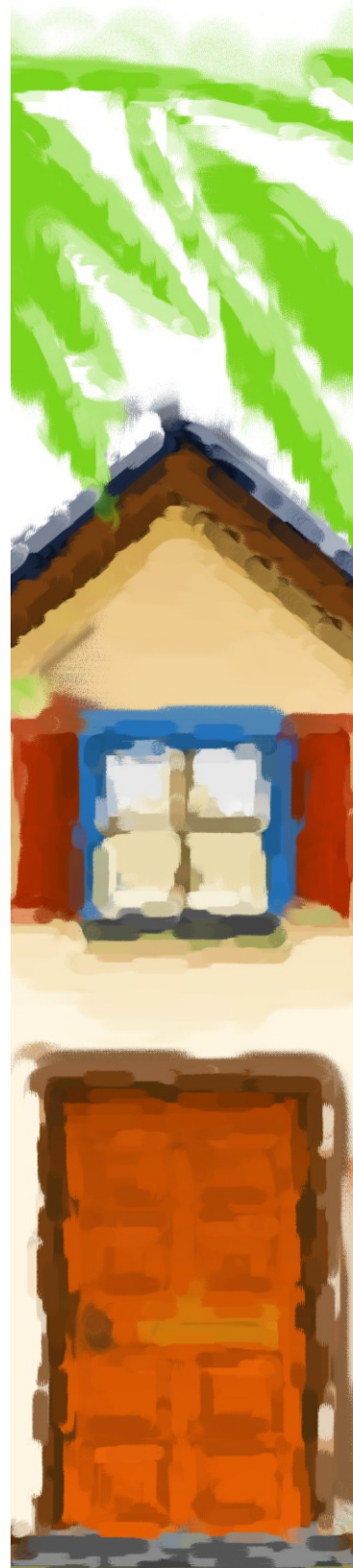
We provide assistance with navigating court processes, including filing protection orders, attending civil court proceedings, and making legal referrals. Our Systems Advocate works with partner agencies to develop and maintain a localized Blueprint for Safety to enhance victim safety and offender accountability in domestic violence cases across the Douglas County legal systems.


Community Advocacy Program

Our CAP advocates in Douglas County work with survivors in a community-based setting. They assist with making safety plans, attending court hearings, and providing community outreach, prevention, and education. They are able to connect our clients with appropriate referrals and resources as well as be an emotional support during difficult times.

Rural Advocacy

In addition to serving rural Douglas County,





we also serve Franklin and Jefferson Counties. Our rural advocates provide all of the same services that our advocates in Douglas County provide. In addition, they provide court advocacy and can help people fill out PFA/PFS. Assisting clients to navigate all of the different systems, our rural advocates can help them feel safe and empowered. They offer presentations and tablings for the community, schools, and local universities to bring awareness to domestic violence, human trafficking, and all of the services available to them through the Willow.

Human Trafficking

The Willow provides confidential advice, information, and advocacy for survivors of human trafficking in Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, Miami, Brown, Leavenworth, Nemaha, Doniphan, Atchison, Wyandotte, and Osage counties in Kansas. Human Trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against their will. We have advocates based in shelter as well as the community.

Restoration House

Along with Tenants to Homeowners, the Willow provides one group home and several single-family homes for 2-3 years leases at affordable rates for survivors.

Phoenix House

Phoenix House is a collaborative program of the Willow and Tenants to Homeowners. It is a 1-2 year transitional living program that offers a supportive environment for youth aged 18-24 who have aged out of the foster care system, identify as LGBT+, or are currently homeless. We offer low-cost housing with an on-site case manager to offer support and direction to make sure youth are prepared to live on their own once they have exited the program.

External Affairs

The Willow's External Affairs team does prevention and education work within the community by providing training and presentations to community partners such as school districts, health care providers, civic involvement organizations, local businesses, and anyone who wants to learn more about domestic violence, human trafficking, and Willow's services. This team is also responsible for all fundraisers and community events.

Supportive Housing Initiatives and Community Collaborations

Why don't they just leave? This is the number one question that people ask us as a domestic violence agency. There are many reasons, but one of the most common, especially recently, is the lack of supportive housing. With the current state of housing and homelessness, survivors are often trapped in an abusive situation to avoid homelessness. They are also more likely to experience homelessness due to an abusive partner getting them evicted.

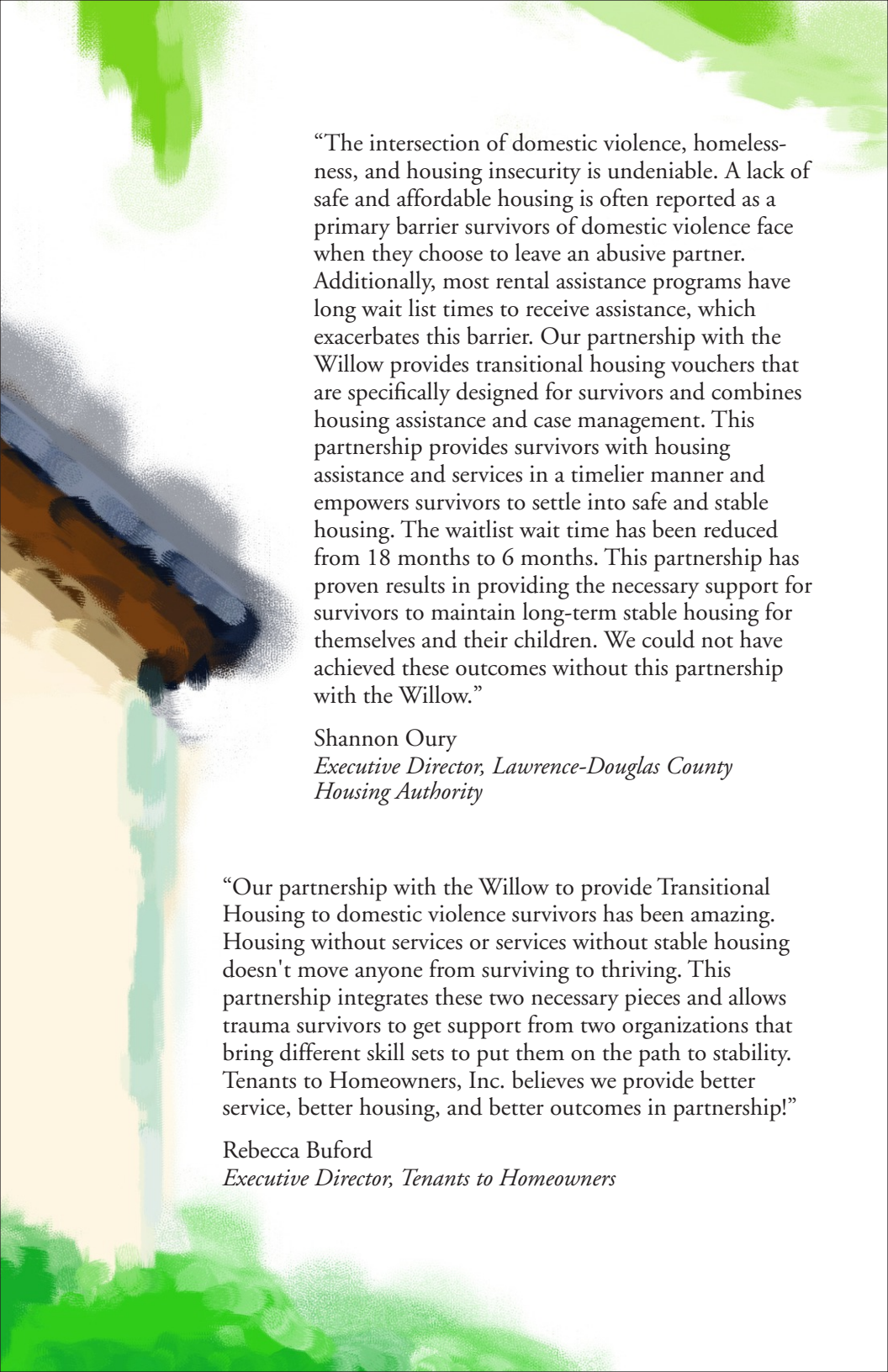
The Willow works closely with Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (LDCHA) and Tenants to Homeowners (TTH) to prioritize safe and supportive housing for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. For years, the Willow and LDCHA have been working in collaboration to provide housing vouchers and case management specific to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. This allows survivors to get into housing faster as well as have the support they need to maintain their vouchers and assistance. In 2019, we began partnering with TTH to provide long-term transitional housing with both congregate living sites and single-family homes. The support and case management provided by Willow advocates helps foster successful transitions to safe and secure housing.

The Willow is grateful to LDCHA and TTH for their continued collaboration in our mutual goal to provide safe and supportive housing for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors. These are genuinely remarkable programs.

Jessica Beeson

Interim Executive Director, Willow Domestic Violence Center

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“The intersection of domestic violence, homelessness, and housing insecurity is undeniable. A lack of safe and affordable housing is often reported as a primary barrier survivors of domestic violence face when they choose to leave an abusive partner. Additionally, most rental assistance programs have long wait list times to receive assistance, which exacerbates this barrier. Our partnership with the Willow provides transitional housing vouchers that are specifically designed for survivors and combines housing assistance and case management. This partnership provides survivors with housing assistance and services in a timelier manner and empowers survivors to settle into safe and stable housing. The waitlist wait time has been reduced from 18 months to 6 months. This partnership has proven results in providing the necessary support for survivors to maintain long-term stable housing for themselves and their children. We could not have achieved these outcomes without this partnership with the Willow.”

Shannon Oury
*Executive Director, Lawrence-Douglas County
Housing Authority*

“Our partnership with the Willow to provide Transitional Housing to domestic violence survivors has been amazing. Housing without services or services without stable housing doesn't move anyone from surviving to thriving. This partnership integrates these two necessary pieces and allows trauma survivors to get support from two organizations that bring different skill sets to put them on the path to stability. Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. believes we provide better service, better housing, and better outcomes in partnership!”

Rebecca Buford
Executive Director, Tenants to Homeowners

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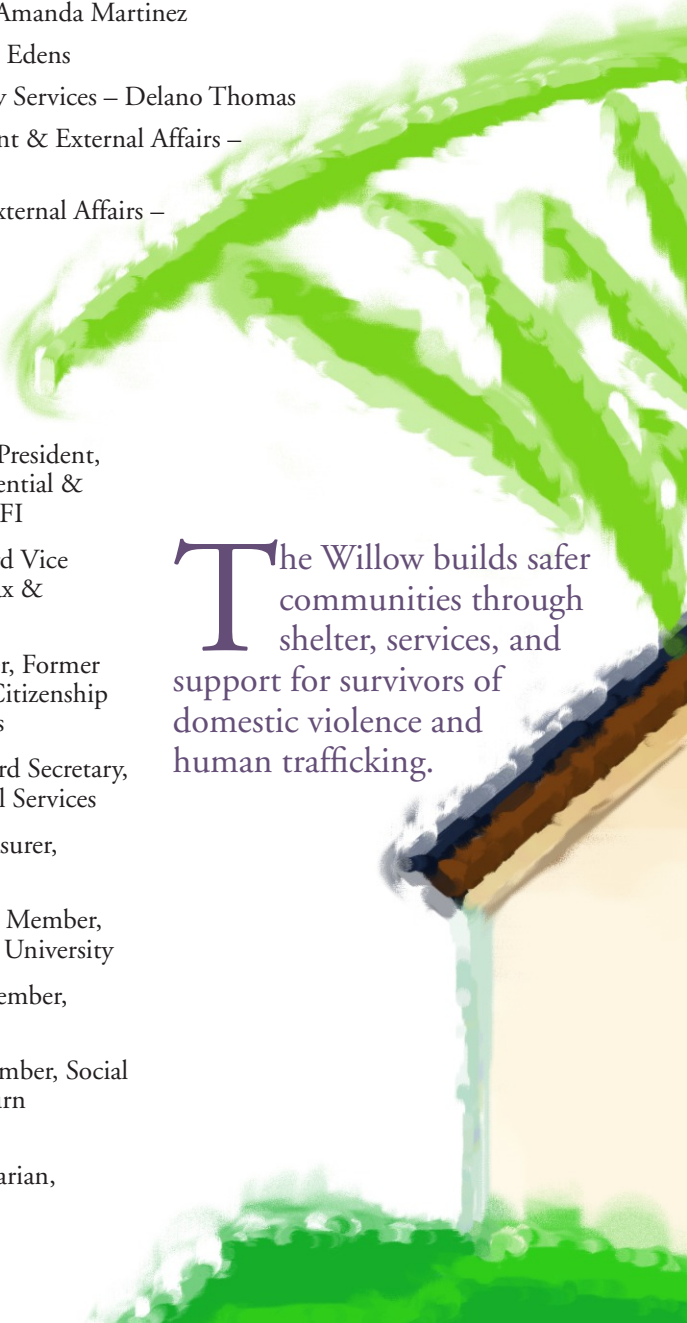
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shelter, services, and
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