Love your neighbor as yourself.

GALATIANS 5:14

Sheltering Wings 2016 Annual Report
When was the last time you exclaimed, “I can’t wait to read an annual report!” If you’re like me, the answer will be, “never!” But I can’t wait to share three things that caught my eye as we prepared this year’s report.

First, I want you to meet Donika. Her story appears on page four. Donika and her six children lived at Sheltering Wings for more than two years. She is one of the bravest, most driven, most beautiful women I’ve met. While living under our roof, she passed her high school equivalency test, completed a phlebotomy certificate, held a job, and raised her kids. She is a remarkable woman who achieved great things with your help. Her story is a touching example of the more than 100 families we housed in 2016. Like Donika, they worked toward their own goals of safety, stability, and independence.

Page three features a brief recap of our programs and services. I’m so proud of the work we’ve been able to accomplish together. This year, more than 68 percent of our families moved from Sheltering Wings to safe housing!

Finally, I want to introduce you to the company you keep as a Sheltering Wings supporter. I find the list of individuals and organizations who make our work possible astounding. Like them, your heart is big and your support is generous. Your stories, motivations, and commitments are unique, but you’ve joined together with a common purpose that brings a smile to my face and hope to so many people.

In His Service,

CASSIE MARTIN, Executive Director

Imagine a domestic violence victim. Now, who just came to mind? Is it your favorite barista? Is it someone that sits in the next pew at church? A teacher? Your neighbor with the nice yard? A local business leader? Someone wearing a uniform? Someone educated? Someone who’s poor? A working professional? Someone of a particular ethnicity or gender? If you answered “yes” to any of these, you are correct. That’s not because any one of these categories represents most victims of domestic abuse, but because victims fall into all of these categories and many more. Domestic abuse does not discriminate.

You’ve possibly heard us share that one in four women and one in seven men will be affected by domestic abuse in their lifetimes. Those numbers are entirely too high. This means that 25 percent of the women in your life know firsthand (or have witnessed through a friend or family member) the fear instilled through an intimate partner’s words, threats, or fists. And nearly 15 percent of the men you know have experienced or witnessed control exerted to intimidate, coerce, or hurt them.

If we’re going to address domestic violence, we must overcome the mentality that it only happens to someone else … not in your family. Not among your friends. Not in your church. The chilling, simple fact is that it’s not as uncommon among our friends and family as we’d like to think. Again, domestic abuse does not discriminate.

Thank you for walking alongside us in our efforts to end the cycle of domestic abuse.

Sincerely,

DAN BOND, Chairman, Board of Directors

Sheltering Wings provides emergency housing for women and children suffering from any form of domestic abuse. We build stable and independent lives through essential programs offered in a supportive and Christ-centered environment.
Sheltering Wings has served the community for the past 14 years. While most people are aware that we provide a safe haven for victims of domestic violence, they may not know about everything we do to serve victims and educate the community. Here’s a summary of the many facets of our work.

THE PHONE RINGS
Seven days a week, 365 days a year, our phone rings, and on the other end is a person who is in danger, or calling on behalf of a friend, neighbor, or relative. Often, we help them find resources in the community. Some are in situations that warrant an invitation to our shelter facility. The people who take the calls use what's known as a lethality assessment to determine the degree of danger. During 2016, we answered 1,617 crisis calls and provided safe housing for 125 women and 89 children.

A HAVEN FOR FAMILIES
Moving to a new place is disruptive for families, so Sheltering Wings has been designed with a homelike atmosphere. Each family has a room that includes four beds, a walk-in closet, a private bathroom with shower/tub, and a door that locks. Residents share a common kitchen and fully stocked pantry. There are lounge areas, as well as play and study areas for children. Families are protected by state-of-the-art security systems. No one can enter the shelter facility without permission from our staff. We never reveal who is (or who is not) residing with us, in order to maintain confidentiality. Our local police department closely monitors the surrounding area.

CREATING SAFETY & STABILITY
Our long-term goal is to equip and empower women to build safe, stable and independent lives. Residents work with a case manager who identifies their individual needs and connects them with the classes, support groups, and resources necessary to help them become self-sufficient. During 2016 we helped 85 women exit Sheltering Wings to a safe and independent life.

HELPING KIDS, TOO
Even if the abuser never touches them, children suffer lasting effects from witnessing domestic abuse. Without intervention, they'll grow up believing that it's acceptable for men to be abusive and for women to take that abuse. We created our Children's Program to help them identify what healthy relationships look like, so they can break the cycle of abuse and live safe, healthy adult lives.

BUILDING COMMUNITY
The best way to eliminate domestic violence is to educate the community, so everyone can become involved in preventing it. We offer a variety of outreach and educational programs, including our Teen Dating Violence Program for middle and high school students. In 2016, we spoke with chamber groups, civic organizations, businesses, schools, and churches, reaching nearly 21,566 people.

Our Vision
Sheltering Wings was formed in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. We extend the love and compassion of Christ to women and their children in the desperate circumstances of domestic violence. Christ was never coercive or offensive and neither are our services. Our assistance will be offered to any victim of any background in the name of Christ.
I thought I had an ideal life ...

“I had loving parents and a wonderful childhood.”

Like all children, Donika’s impression was that her life was the same as everyone else’s. But it wasn’t, and it eventually led her and her six children to a two-year stay at a place called Sheltering Wings. She claims that stay saved her life.

“We didn’t know it wasn’t right because it was our father,” she recalls. “I was eight years old.” Her father stole her innocence and her sister’s, abusing them until Donika turned 12 and spoke up. “My dad left because I was forced to tell the truth about unspeakable acts.”

With that childhood experience marring her perspective, she trudged forward into a bleak future. She looked for love in all the wrong places. First with a man, 14 years her senior, when she was barely 14 years old. “I got pregnant at age 14. He gave me everything I wanted and needed, so I felt like he was different than my dad. It didn’t register that I was being sexually abused until I was pregnant and the police came to my house.”

Donika had low self-esteem and felt vulnerable. Her last boyfriend played on that vulnerability. “Opening up to him about the past was a way he could control me,” she recalls. “He was verbally abusive. He would call me a whore or he would tell me that I deserved what I got as a child because I don’t listen.” And sometimes, the abuse turned physical.

She was so despondent that “I wrote a suicide note to my son telling him to get his sisters out of the house and that I love him and that I couldn’t live in fear anymore,” Donika soberly recounts. She took many pills, but miraculously survived and made a call that changed her family’s life. “I called Sheltering Wings. I said I need help. If I don’t get help, I’m not gonna make it.” And Sheltering Wings opened its doors to Donika and her six children. “We literally came with the clothes on our back,” she remembers.

She and her children have received a home, a haven and hope. “I’m not scared to go out the door. I’m not scared to watch my kids go to the park or the swimming pool. I don’t look over my shoulder anymore.” Imagine that. A life with no more fear after years of living with abuse. “We’re free!” Donika sobs softly. “And we’re loved. These people don’t give up on you.”

Sheltering Wings helped Donika love herself again. “I’m stronger. I realize that I’m worth more than what my past allowed me to be.” She has gone back to school. She hopes to become an advocate for women fleeing from abuse, and she wants them to know they are not alone. There are life-changing places, like Sheltering Wings. “God has these angels who are just waiting to save women like me,” Donika smiles. “The words ‘thank you’ will never be enough.”
Thank you for your generous support.

**2016 SHELTERING WINGS SUPPORTERS**

**LIFE CHANGER ($25,000 and above)**
- Hylton, Greg and Terri Hilpisch, Steven and Karen
- Duke Energy Foundation/YourCause
- Compass Medical Solutions LLC
- Clark CPA Group
- United Way of Central Indiana

**SUSTAINER ($10,000 – 24,999)**
- Bailey Trucking Inc.
- Bailey, Cindy
- Blanford Family Foundation
- Capstone Benefit Advisors
- ClaimAd Consulting Corp.
- Emergency Services Grant
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- Hendricks Regional Health
- IU Health West
- JE Fehsenfeld Family Foundation
- Kingsway Christian Church
- Lefler, Rick and Cindy
- Leonard, Bob and Treva
- Mary Kay Foundation
- Plainfield Christian Church
- Vine and Branches
- ABC Class
- Light Your World
- Friendship Class
- The TJX Foundation, Inc.

**CORNERSTONE ($5,000 – 9,999)**
- Benefivity Community Impact Fund
- Carew, Thomas and Cheryl
- Centene Management Company (MHS)
- Century 21 Schettler Charitable Foundation
- Danville Auto Service & Tire
- Danville Defense, Inc.
- East 91st Street Christian Church
- General Piping, Inc.
- Give with Liberty Employee Donations
- Haddad Foundation/Walsh Management
- Halfaker, Steven and Lynn
- Hendricks County Wings Of Golf
- Hunt, Diane
- Lincoln Township Trustee
- Old National Bank Foundation
- Pacers Basketball Corp. Foundation
- Ray's Trash Service
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- Shaffer, Brad and Wendi
- The Cellular Connection
- Danville and Carmel locations
- Trust

**PILLAR ($2,500 – 4,999)**
- AT&T Employee Giving Campaign/Your Cause
- Avon United Methodist Church
- Mom 2 Mom
- Baugh, Bill and Raylene
- Biddle, Michael and Julie
- Bradford, Rick and Jacqueline
- Brebob Nurseries
- Center Township Trustees
- Clark CPA Group
- Compass Medical Solutions LLC
- Cundiff, Jim and Karen
- Cunninghamham Restaurant Group
- Duke Energy Foundation/Your Cause
- Corporate Giving Program
- First Merchants Foundation
- Hilpisch, Steven and Karen
- Hylton, Greg and Terri

Illinois Tool Works Foundation
- Kiernan, Richard
- LPL Financial
- Luter, John and Alyson
- Marsh, David and Cyndy
- McGowan, Steve and Tabby
- Miller, Eric and Rachel
- Montgomery Fund
- Plainfield United Methodist Church - Revelations Class
- Plainfield United Methodist Women
- Reardon, Christine
- Richards, Steve and Patricia
- Spoo, Eric
- State Employees’ Community Campaign
- Stegemiller, Ronald and Rebecca
- The RND Group Foundation, a Fund of The Indianapolis Foundation
- The Schumann Foundation
- Toler, Dan and Hope
- Vanguard Charitable

**SHELTER SUPPORTER ($500 – 2,499)**
- Abstract and Title Guaranty Co., Inc.
- Acme Coatings, Inc.
- Albertson, John and Stephanie
- Aldridge, Jan
- Ali, Sy and Lucille
- Ally Accounting
- American Health Network
- Andrews, David and Sharon
- Anthem Dollars for Doers
- Aqua Systems
- Atkinson, Don and Janet
- Auto-Owners Insurance
- Avon High School
- - Interact Club & SADD Group
- Babbitt, Bruce and Janet
- Bailey, Bill
- Ballard, Mary J
- Barlett Chapel United Methodist Church
- Bastin, Lisa
- Beard, Bill and Karen
- Beard, Lloyd
- Belcan, LLC
- Bellville, Larry and Linda
- Beswick, Kevin and Candy
- Bible, Ann
- Blaser, Bill and Ann
- Bond, Dan and Sue
- Booser, Thomas and Karla
- Boone, Amber
- Boot Rock Enterprises, LLC
- Brees Dream Foundation Special Event
- Brown, John and Jeretta
- Brownsburg Kiwanis Club Foundation, A Fund Of Hendricks County Foundation
- Bungardner, Tim and Kathleen
- Burkert, Cathy
- C&G Emanuel Charitable Foundation
- Calihan, Larry and Stamatin, Annette
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- Calvary United Methodist Church
- Cartersburg Community Church
- Center Community Church
- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Clark, Jeff and Beth
- Claypool Christian Church
- Cook, James W. and Linda
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- Coplen, Cynthia
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- Creed, Brent

Crossroads Church of Avon
- Curtis, Scott and Deborah
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- Danlier, Robert and Elaine
- Davino
- Dawes, Denny and Yao-Hsu
- Deede Daniel Opportunity Fund, a Fund of Hendricks County Community Foundation
- Delta Water Management Group, Inc.
- Donovan CPAs and Advisors
- Dunkel, Keith and Barbara
- E M Studio Salon LLC
- Eldridge, Jimmie and Barbara
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- GE Foundation
- Gehman, Larry and Sue
- Genesco
- Greater Plainfield Chamber Of Commerce
- Green Cycle McCarty
- Griffin, Chris and Lori
- Grasley, William and Rosie
- Guffin, Marvin and Pam
- Harvest Bible Chapel Indy west
- Hassfurther, Steve and Marta
- Haun, Shane and Robin
- Hayward, Marilyn K
- Heineckamp, Steve and DeAnn
- Hendricks County Bank and Trust
- Hendricks Power
- Hess, Jim and Sherree
- Hillis, Sanders and Kari
- Hockel, Dale and Laura
- Hoffeditz, Gary and Sue
- Hostalet, Gabe and Leah
- Hoyer, Brian and Cheryl
- Hurley, Jeffrey
- Hylton, Eric and Mercy
- Hylton, Larry and Anna
- Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation
- Indianapolis Colts
- Ingram Micro Mobility
- Jennis, Ron
- John, Bradley and Karen
- Judd, Mike and Jan
- Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc. Eta Kappa
- Inc. Avon Chapter
- Kirby Rusk
- Kowani Club Of Plainfield
- Kusden, Rob and Mary
- Kovey, Stephen and Donna
- Kroger - Public Affairs
- Lauth, Mark and Tina
- Langford, Mike and Linda
- LaPierre, Chas and Amy
- Lantz, Sarah
- Mantooth, Wesley and Stanley
- Martin, Cassie
- Matthews, Nevada and Danielle
- McClain, Jonathan and Jessica
- McElfresh, Edward and Judy
- McIntyre, Larry and Pamela
- Meranda, Robert and Judith
- Metherer, Carl and Barbara
- Miller, Cindy
- Miller, Randall and Diane
- Mission House Realty LLC
- Moffitt, Douglas and Pamela
- Moneymaker, Lou and Janet
- Monroe, Keith and Eva
- Moore, Dan and Judith
- Moore, William and Paula
- Mulligan, Tiffany
- Mulligan, Tom and Paula
- Myers, Rick and Cathy
- Neway Community Foundation
- New Maysville Community Church
- North Salem Christian Church
- Northview Christian Church
- North 8 Athletics
- Nunaley, Martha
- Olney, Craig and Christy
- Oweller, Brendan and Pars
- Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
- PepsiCo Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity
- P ning Tree Service, Inc.
- Powers, Dan
- Produce Careers, Inc.
- Purple Princess Properties Inc.
- Read Family Charitable Fund, a Fund of CICF
- ReMax Centerstone
- Richardson, Tom and Tammy
- RLS Building Corporation
- Roberts, Pat and Kathy
- Rolston, Scott and Julie
- Rowk, Robert and Darla
- Saiz, Kathy
- Schmutz, Jonathan
- Schooley, Donald and Nancy
- Scott, Teri
- Short, Lowell and Diane
- Slaven, Robert and Lecia
- Smith, Curt and Debbie
- Smith, Daniel and Diana
- Smith, Troy and Margaret
- Soult, Michael
- Speer, Kevni and Kim
- Spirit Of Life Church
- Spohn Associates, Inc.
- Springer, Bill and Debbie
- St. Malachy Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- State Bank of Linton Financial
- Steffin, Phillip and Jani
- Stoops Buick-GMC
- Stricker, Tom
- Taylor-Schnatz, Lisa G
- Tenaglia, Becky
- The Beck Foundation
- The Blake Family Charitable
- The Capital Group Companies
- Charitable Foundation
- The Episcopal Diocese Of Indianapolis
- The Vogue
- TKO Enterprises/TKO Graphix
- United HealthCare
- United Way Of Greater Atlanta
- United Way Of Northeast Florida
- Unrestricted Grants, A Fund Of Hendricks County Community Foundation
- Van Buren Elementary
- Van Hoy, Mark
- Vaught, Bill and Tami
- Vaught, William and Christine
- Village Theater LLC
- Wuts, Chad and Jennifer
- Walmart - Brownsburg #2788
- Walmart - Danville #8476
- Ward, Terry and Katherine
- Ware, Nancy
- Wellspring Christian Church
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I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. PHILIPPIANS 1:3-4
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*Our 2016 revenue includes special contributions to fund the complete kitchen renovation planned for 2017.*

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These are preliminary, unaudited year-end figures and may differ slightly from the final figures we will report to the state and federal governments. Our finances are reviewed annually by an independent public accounting firm. For questions about our financial statements and audit information, please contact the Executive Director at 317-718-5460.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Sheltering Wings is led by a Board of Directors made up of local leaders who share our commitment to serve domestic violence victims and educate the community in Christ’s image. Our Directors provide oversight for our planning and operations, lending their professional expertise and skills to ensure that the services we deliver comply with our mission, vision, guiding principles, responsible stewardship, and state and federal laws governing non-profit organizations.
Get Involved

TEN GREAT WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

1. Become a monthly prayer supporter.
2. Volunteer in the office with administrative work.
3. Become a children’s or mom’s mentor, or help with evening children’s activities.
4. Invite us to your church or group to share an update.
5. Serve on our program, development or event committees.
6. Join in our domestic violence awareness campaign.
7. Be a part of the Youth Council.
8. Give monthly.
9. Leave a legacy through planned giving.
10. Subscribe to our monthly Wish List to help fulfill our most immediate needs.