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The children participated in 44 domestic violence support groups and life skills groups which covered topics such as trust, self-confidence, priorities, time management, being the light, goal setting, teamwork, gratitude, judgment, peer pressure, compassion, drugs/alcohol, internet safety, health & nutrition, communication, appearance, reputation, risks and fear. In addition they were able to participate in kids safety classes, kindermusik, parties, Bible activities (optional), mind over mood and school readiness.

Gender:
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%

Age:
- 0-11 months: 2%
- 1 to 11: 25%
- 12 to 18: 37%
- 18 to 30: 13%
- 31 to 40: 5%
- 41 and older: 4%

Relationship to Abuser:
- Parent: 74.60%
- Step-parent: 11.08%
- Mother’s boyfriend: 11.08%
- Father’s friend: 0.00%
- Family member: 0.00%
- Significant partner: 0.00%
- Stranger: 0.00%

Type of Abuse:
- Emotional/verbal: 35.33%
- Fear/intimidation/strangling: 28.00%
- Physical: 12.52%
- Financial: 14.68%
- Sexual: 19.84%

AGE OF WOMEN:
- Married: 38%
- Separated or Widowed: 10%
- Single: 35%
- Divorced: 17%
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- Separated or Widowed: 10%

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Women’s Services

Women calling SW home - 113
Total nights spent - 5,543

Staff and providers conducted healthy relationships group, one-on-one therapy, advocacy, case management, healthy living classes, addictions counseling, and equine therapy which in all totaled approximately 400 classes/groups.

This year our residents did multiple service projects such as volunteering at Midwest Food Bank baking, making cookies for local law enforcement and serving dinner at Wheeler Mission.
Chapter of All Pro Dads, Team Captain of Reagan Elementary, Josh Laycock, educating influential youth.”

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Officer Chad A Parks, Plainfield Police Department, father of 3

Kelly Gamble, mother of 3

Outreach and Education

71 youth presentations
Youth reached: 4,761
With the message about primary prevention/dating violence/sexual assault awareness

443 public presentations
People in community reached: 12,000

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Our Volunteers

ADMINISTRATIVE volunteers helped answer phones, taking in donations, helping with mailings and general office duties.

TRANSPORTATION volunteers took our residents to various non-essential appointments.

EVENT volunteers solicited for gift items for our fundraisers, organized, made plaque table, worked the events, maintained our booth at events, helped with our youth events and youth council.

MAINTENANCE volunteers helped clean, weed, and perform general maintenance.

WOMEN’S Programming included volunteers that helped teach auto repair, crocheting, home-canning, resume writing, legal seminars, family law Q&A, computer classes, parenting classes, passage therapy, financial literacy, self-defense classes, book studies, focus group, laundry soap making, aerobics, stretching and exercises, chapel services (optional), and so much more.

CHILDREN’S Programming volunteers helped with childcare, mentoring, tutoring, homework, kindermusik, storytime, and Bible groups (optional).

BOARD volunteers attended numerous board, executive and committee meetings as well as speaking engagements and events on behalf of Sheltering Wings.
Who would have thought back in 1998, a small group of people sitting in a church building would have realized what would become of Sheltering Wings in just ten short years. After opening our doors in January of 2002, so many people have come and gone. Each person that we have met has certainly changed our lives and that of our women and children.

I have always said, it is more than Sheltering Wings. It is about connecting people to their passion. Whether it is Sheltering Wings or other non-profits doing great work, the people that cross our path are for specific reasons. It is interesting how God brings people into the shelter’s life. It is like a rock that you throw into a pond; the ripple effect is miraculous. One person tells one person who tells another, and before you know it a whole community is supporting something much bigger than themselves — it can only be called amazing.

This past year has been trying. We have made many new friendships through our volunteer training, public speaking engagements, luncheons, youth outreach, events, tours and meetups. Many new know the message of hope that Sheltering Wings brings to those who are broken and without hope.

In addition we have provided safety for many women and children who would otherwise be homeless or still in abusive relationships. They have been mentored, advocated for, counseled, taught, prayed with, entertained, but most of all loved unconditionally. These precious ones realize their true potential and that the words of their abuser will not ring true. They are special; they are worth more than they could ever have imagined.

Thanks to your support, YOU have made this all possible. You have chosen to give of your time, treasure and talent. You have heard it before, and I hope you never tire from hearing it — YOU are changing lives. As we are Sheltering Wings are just the instruments that do the work, but your gifts make it possible.

As we continue to do the work God has called us to; may we never forget to whom this shelter belongs, and to whom all glory should go.

Thank you everyone for caring like you do. You are a blessing in my life and that of Sheltering Wings.

Peace to you,

Maria Larrison
Chief Executive Officer

A decade of serving the community and providing a safe haven for women and children seeking escape from an abusive environment. A decade of doing God’s work and using the shelter to glorify His name. A decade of providing training and educational programs to Hendricks County and central Indiana. A decade of working to eradicate domestic violence in our community.

I don’t think anyone could have imagined 10 years ago that Sheltering Wings would grow from a small office advocating for victims to a 30,000+ square foot facility that provides healing and temporary housing for survivors of domestic violence. But here we are 10 years later and our name is now synonymous with safety and refuge for domestic violence survivors in central Indiana. It took the courage and vision of a small group of individuals to recognize the need for a shelter. It took the strength and support of hundreds of donors, volunteers and community leaders to get us to where we are today. Domestic violence causes pain that goes beyond the visible marks, bruises and scars. It’s in every community, speaks every language, has many colors, and does not discriminate against rich or poor, young or old. It is the reason Sheltering Wings exists. It’s the reason our staff cares and it’s the reason our board invests its time, treasure and talent.

I believe that challenges make our lives interesting and overcoming them makes our lives meaningful. The challenges we have overcome in the last year have given us a fresh perspective on the meaningful work that happens at Sheltering Wings every day. We have expanded our intake and housing and educated our staff so that we can accommodate survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking, violent crimes, and child molestation. The women and children living with us are facing challenges that are unimaginable to most of us. But with God’s help, your commitment, and our staff’s compassion their lives have become meaningful again. On behalf of our staff and our board of directors, I thank you for being a part of the Sheltering Wings family and for being a part of the healing and housing that happens every day at our “home.”

Sincerely,

Greg Hylton
Board Chairman

Peace to you,
The Church Connection Council (CCC) supports our efforts by upholding us in prayer, and giving of their time, talent and treasure. Members are:

- Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church
- Church @ Main
- Coatesville United Methodist Church
- Connersville Christian Church
- Converse Church
- Danville Christian Church
- Danville United Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church of Amos
- Hope United Presbyterian
- Kingsey Christian Church
- Our Shepherd Lutheran
- Plainfield Christian Church
- Plainfield United Methodist Church
- St. Malachi Catholic Church
- West Bridge Church

“Sheltering Wings recognizes the importance of establishing a network of support and involvement from area churches in order to counteract the threat of domestic and sexual abuse. To that end, Church Connection Council has proven to be a tremendous asset first, as a means to educate the faith-based community concerning domestic violence and second, to give church members the opportunity to personally volunteer their time, energy and talent to a visible ministry in their own back yard.”

Brian Carroll, Director of Pastoral Care, Sheltering Wings

“Our church is proud to be one of the many sponsors making this place of healing and hope available to the survivors of domestic and sexual abuse.”

Craig White, Senior Pastor, Converse Church, Avon

“Sheltering Wings consistently displays excellence in the quality and comprehensiveness of their work, but I am most impressed with their dedication to being Christ-centered.”

Tim Hughes, Senior Pastor, Converse Christian Church, Brownsburg

“Respecting human life is an important part of our faith tradition and, therefore, it is a blessing to support an organization that provides a safe environment for women and children.”

Joseph Fritz, Pastor, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Brownsburg

In Kind Donations

- Cornerstone Christian Church
- Brian Correll, Director of Pastoral Care, Sheltering Wings

*In Kind Donations list is not provided in the text.*
"Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by." Psalm 57:1
Mission
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.

Vision
Sheltering Wings was formed in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. The Center will 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 the services provided by the Center. Our assistance to any victim of any background will be offered in the name of Christ.

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“Many O Lord my God are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.”
Psalm 40:5