Peace, help & dignity

2004 ANNUAL REPORT

SHELTERING WINGS
CENTER FOR WOMEN
OUR MISSION

Sheltering Wings Center for Women provides emergency housing for women and children suffering from physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. We provide a supportive and nurturing Christ-centered environment, with the goal of reaching emotional and economic stability.

OUR VISION

Sheltering Wings Center for Women 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.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(with expiration of term of service)

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Retired Senior Vice President, Homedco

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**PEACE, HELP & DIGNITY**

She walks through the door at Sheltering Wings for the first time, carrying only her daughter and the clothes they’re both wearing. She left her home, all of her possessions – everything she’s known in this life – to stay in a place someone told her is safe.

Tears fill her eyes as she realizes that she didn’t even stop to grab her daughter’s purple toothbrush. A kind voice tells her not to worry, leading her daughter to a shelf where she chooses another one. Only half hearing what she’s being told, she visualizes her husband’s reaction to the empty house and her sister’s shock when she learns what happened. And what will the neighbors say?

Two months later, she passes through the door again, taking her daughter to a new apartment. When asked if Daddy will be joining them, she tries to explain. It’s the first of many conversations like that, but now she can offer hopeful, confident answers. As the door closes, she quietly voices a prayer of thanks and becomes the latest of many miracles to happen in a place of peace, of help, and of dignity – a place called Sheltering Wings.

The Lord gives strength to his people; 
the Lord blesses his people with peace. 
Psalm 29:11

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We provide immediate safety for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Staff members with specialized training are on hand 24 hours a day to take calls from women in danger. Standardized assessments are used to gauge the degree of danger to the woman and any children, so that the staff member can recommend the appropriate course of action, such as contacting law enforcement. Upon arrival, a mentor conducts a brief assessment to understand the woman’s immediate needs, then provides a tour of the shelter, pointing out the safety features so that she and her children feel safe.
ONCE THE INITIAL CRISIS HAS PASSED, THE WOMEN WE SERVE NEED HELP PREPARING FOR THEIR FUTURE, AND FOR DEALING WITH CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIPS AND FUTURE STABILITY. OUR CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES A STRUCTURED APPROACH FOR ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING EACH WOMAN’S UNIQUE NEEDS AND GOALS, AND MEASURING OUR SUCCESS AT HELPING HER ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY. SHELTERING WINGS Assigns EACH WOMAN A CASE MANAGER AND MENTOR WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO GUIDE HER THROUGH A PERSONALIZED PROCESS AND HOLD HER ACCOUNTABLE. WE USE FIELD-ACCEPTED METHODS TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR PROGRAMS AND CLOSELY MONITOR EACH RESIDENT’S PROGRESS.
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2004**

**INCOME**

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*90,000+ OF THIS AMOUNT IS DEFERRED INCOME TO BE USED FOR 2005 EXPENSES

**EXPENSES**

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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 an appointment to review our most current financial statements and audit information, please contact the Executive Director at 745-1406.
Our Donors for 2004

The individuals, churches, companies and other organizations whose names appear on the pages made significant contributions to our success in 2004. In addition, there are many others who made donations of items or services, or who responded anonymously to our needs. We appreciate every one of you and thank God for your generosity. We have worked diligently to avoid misspelling or inadvertently omitting anyone’s name and apologize if your name suffered that fate.

Life Changer $25,000 and Above

Anonymous Family Foundation
Brownsburg Sertoma Club, Inc.
Sheltering Wings Board of Directors
Realtor Foundation
United Way Designated Donor giving
United Way Community Solutions

Sustainer $10,000 to $24,999

Anonymous
Bruce & Janet Babbitt
Ruth Bright Estate
Gannett Foundation, Inc.
Lincoln Bank
Principal Financial Group
The Clowes Fund, Inc.
White Lick Heritage Community Foundation

Cornerstone $5,000 to $9,999

Bank One Foundation
Randy & April Bordeau
Cornerstone Christian Church
Eli Lilly & Company Foundation
Hendricks Regional Health
Jeffrey Laskowski
Pacers Basketball Foundation
Plainfield Christian Church
Shaw Barkhart-Brenner Foundation
(in honor of William J. Schmidt II)
TJX Foundation
We use a variety of programs to help women prepare for a return to a safe, secure life outside the shelter. Central to that is the development and strengthening of essential life skills required to successfully parent children, find financial freedom, cope with the daily stress of starting a new life, recognize signs of harm in future relationships, and find appropriate legal representation. Classes build knowledge on practical issues, while case management services assesses and addresses emotional, physical, personal, legal, counseling and financial needs. Education and job training/placement efforts help women move toward financial independence.
SHELTER FRIEND $1 TO $500

Thomas & Dale Abbott
Mark & Valerie Abernathy
Abitibi Consolidated Recycling Div.
Rick & Vicky Adkins
Sherry Agan
Sy & Lucille Ali
David & Patricia Allison
Alpha Delta Kappa Delta Chapter
Alpha Pi Master (in memory of Earl Dorman)
Altrusa Club of Indianapolis
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bethel United Methodist Church
Bethesda Baptist Church
Carrie Bettis
Steven & Nancy Binkley
Julie & Victor Bird
Daniel Bitz
Allen & Alice Black
Todd & Tammi Black
Steve Blacketer
Blank Chevrolet
Sidney & Judy Bobb
Larry & Anne Boley
Richard & Nancy Belt
Jeff & Ellen Boruff
Richard & Laura Bowman
Dale & Debbie Bezzell
Darla Bragg
Jeffery & Katherine Brandt
Paul & Ann Brunks
Deborah Branson
Roy & Martha Brennan
George & Chris Brodnicki (in memory of Charles T. Brodnicki)
Christian Brooks
Joan Brooks
Barbara Brown
Everett & Judy Brown
Linda Brown
Brownburg Homemakers
Brownburg Kiwanis
Brownburg Lions Club
Brownburg Parent Voice, Inc.
Violet Buchanan
Jennifer Bucher
Bucy Trust
Jerry & Carol Bullock
Grace Bultermir
Tim & Kathy Bungardner
Judy Burks
Nina Burnett
Paul & Diane Burns
Kathy Burris
Norma Bush
Diane Buxton
Cabané 1300-La Femme
Dirk & Catherine Caldwell
Valerie Campbell
Senga Capstick
Carpenter GMAC
Michael & Linda Carr
Covington Christian High School
Covenant Central Laboratory Services
Covenant Community Church
Covance Laboratories
Delta Alpha Gamma Sorority
S. Van Denmark
Dana Dance
Rev. David & Suellen Dehnke
Delaware Trail School
Vikki Dellinger
Charles & Mary Ann DeLong
Delta Alpha Gamma Sorority
S. Van Denmark
Victoria Dietz
Robert & Kathleen Dillon
Wayne Dimmock
Donna's Now & Again
Michelle Donovan
Vicki Dorris
Lee & Janice Dorsey
Kristin Doss
Barbara Droullard
Jordan Dugan
Paul & Dianne Dunbar
Joseph & Judith Dunlap (in memory of Ralph Biggs)
Amy Dunn
Nancy & Bryan Dyer
Women are not the only victims of domestic violence. Daughters learn that abuse is a normal part of relationships and sons learn that anger and violence is an appropriate response to frustration—both of which continue the cycle of abuse. Our children’s programs are designed to address both the immediate needs the children face and the longer-term guidance they need to grow into adults who are capable of entering into and sustaining healthy relationships. These age-appropriate, closely supervised programs build self-esteem, values, and character, minimizing the likelihood that these children will enter into abusive relationships or become abusers themselves.
Daniel & Debra Jensen
Nathan Johns
Daisy Johnson
Ora & Helen Johnson (in memory of Dorothy Potts)
Andrea Jones
Clara Jones
Pamela Jones
Roger & Joyce Judd
Christopher & Angela Kaiser
Pam Kappmeyer
Julia Kathary
Alan & Lindy Keers
Patrick & Tina Keers
Martin W. & Val Kehr
David & Renda Kefler
Mary & Alan Kelly
Terry Kennard
Cynthia Kern
Thomas & Sharon Kessler
Ralph & Janice Kidder (in memory of Cindy Mitchell)
Robert & Patricia Kefler
Mark & Heathen Killian
Brad & Maria Kilpatrick
Harlan & Margery Kincade
Carole Kindred
June King
Michael & Mary King
Robert & Cathy King
Bill & Sue Kimman
Marjorie Kirtley
Kissel’s HVAC & Mechanical, Inc.
John & Julie Klarich
Daniel & Brooke Kline
James & Jeanette Knaus (in memory of Clyde Peach)
Randall & Madonna Krise
Janin & Collin Krupf
Jerry & Pamela Kyle
L & B Construction Co., Inc.
Ladies of Harley
Mark & Tina Lamb
Tom & Paula Lamb
James LaReche
Keith & Maria Larrison
Marc Larson
Laureate Alpha XI
Dan Lawson
Ter & Suzy Lawson
Carole Layman
Kristin Layman
Eva Lehr
Renza Leich
Katelyn Lewellyn
Lisa Lewis
Shane & Sharon Lightfoot
Link Federal Credit Union
Rhonda & Thomas Lipscomb
Dennis & Karen Litten
Kathli Little
Lizton United Methodist Church
Larry & Barbara Lukens
Deborah Macpherson
Leanne Malley
Charlotte Mantooth
Maplehurst
Frances Marciano
Marsh Community Shopper
Jack & Cynthia Martin
Nancy Martin
Stephen Martin
Mary Queen of Peace Youth
Allen & Cynthia Mast
Matthews Mobile Service
Joe & Katrina Matthews
Maurices Inc
Jonathan & Jessica McClain
Jeff & Amy McClellan
Jeremy & Tamra McCintic
George & Jamie McComb
Peggy McCormick
Keith & Renee McCoskey
Frank & Kelly McCurdy
Brian & Michelle McDermott
Ralph & Debra McDowell Jr.
Silas McGhee
Kelli McGuiness
Diana & Luke McKinney
Michael & Gail McLaHlan
Randall & Lori McPherson
Marcia McQueen
Scott & Kathy Melby
Cynthia Melzer
Jerry & Deborah Merrick
Sterling Meyers
Russell & Donna Michi
James & Anne Miller
Eric & Vicki Miller
Harold & Sharon Miller
Mark & Mary Miller
Mark & SanDee Miller
Kimberly Milstead
David & Susan Misner
Jennifer Mitchell
Sherry Mitchell
Charles Mittman
Danielle Mittman
Kenneth & Amy Mohney
Monarch Beverage Charitable Fund
Bennie Moore
John & Mary Moore
Robert & Virginia Moore
Brian & Debbie Morgan
Rick & Christine Morphew
Beth Mosley
Tom & Paula Mulligan
Robert Murry, DDS
Edward & Jacqueline Murphy
Douglas & Rachelle Musson
Terry & Mary Myers
Mary Neddo
Mike & Sandra Neely (in memory of Louis Edmonson)
Nelson Jewelers, Inc.
John & Sarah Neuhart
New Beginnings Church
New Life Associates
New Winchester Baptist Church
New Winchester Missionary Baptist Church
Gary & Jina Newman (in memory of Louis Edmonson)
Kathleen Nickell
Lowell & Grace Nicodamus
Thomas & Sandra Nicodamus (in memory of Mary Jo Van Meter)
Scott Norris
North Salem Christian Church CWF
Chris & Jennifer Northam
Nona Sydal
Susan Nye
Paul & Juanita O’Haver
Oak Rite Manufacturing Corp
Oles Engineering Corp
Robert & Maryann Olson
Omega Phi Tau Sorority Alpha Chapter
On the Go Gals Club (in memory of Ralph Biggs)
Julie L Ondrus
Lou Oppy
Casey Orr
Randall & Julie Orr
Robert & Paula Ovrman
Jery Lane Owen
Johanna Page
Rajesh Pai
Amanda Pankratz
Papa Joe Jr.
Park Square Manor
Willis & Linda Parker
Chuck Parsons
David Patterson
Raymond & Faith Patterson
Charles & Ann Payne
Neal & Bebbie Pearsy
John & Carol Pearson
Randy & Taylor Pease
John & Joyce Peck
Jim & Jan Pell
Eric Penner
Jay & Paula Penner
Travis Penner
Craig & Janet Penwell
Scott & Karen Perkins
Brent Perry
Frank & Suzanne Perry
Jaine Persinger
James & Cheryl Persinger
Abbey Peterson
Dennis & Betty Petr
SHELTER FRIEND $1 TO $500 (CONTINUED)
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Ronald & Sandra Schenegg
Beverly Schultz-Joyce
Jay & Marie Schrenk
Stephen Scott
Scott & Roberta Sears
Suzanne Sears
Joseph & Barbara Sedmak
Jeffrey & Betty Seymour
Jan Sherman-Lea
Tiffany Sims
Nancy Skinner
Stephanie Slobodian
Jann Slow
Jeff & Marjorie Smallwood
John & Diana Smith
Linda Smith
Robert & Janice Smith
Steve & Rebecca Smith
June Snyder
Brian & Angela Southern
Christopher Spanburg
Dwain & Linda Sparks
Ronald & Michelle Spears
Speedway United Methodist Church
Susannah Stapp
Ron & Sharon Stager
Kenneth & Cheryl Steinborn
Matthew & Anissa Steinborn
Paula Stephens Bibeau (in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Hadley’s 50th anniversary)
Joseph & Rita Stephens
Michelle Stewart
Jeffrey & Pamela Stigall
James & Patricia Stoner
Stoops Buick, Inc.
Harry & Mary Studts
Lynnann Storm
Robert & Linda Stout
Jay & Lynn Stuard
James & Diana Stamp
Robert & Vivian Sulecki
Harry & Rebecca Sutton
Rose Swanson
Jay & Kelly Sweareingan
Lindan Swift
Elizabeth Tate
Robert & Joan Teichner Jr.
Annette Tervin
Debbie Thacker
The Abstract & Title Guaranty Co., Inc.
Don & Julie Thompson
James Thompson (in honor of Larry & Lorna Horner Marriage)

Thomas & Vickie Toussant
Henry & Margaret Trauner (in memory of Debra Trauner’s grandmother)
Timothy & Beth Trazer
John J & Heather Turner
Tyler Mason Designs, Inc.
United Way King Country
Donald & Marilyn Vaccari
Vectren Foundation
Bruce & Tina Venable
Victory Lane Chapter American Business Women
Jan Vowels
Matthew & Jennifer Vowels
Steve & Judy Waddell
Bryan & Sharon Wagoner
Daniel & Christina Walker
Anne Wanasingel
Michael & Sandra Ward Sr.
Shirley Warner
Waste Management
Laurelyn Watkins
Linda Watson
Weaver & Randolph Funeral Homes, Inc.
Robert & Merle Weaver
Marilyn Webb
Webeles Den Pack 310
Virgil & Phyllis Webster
Gary & Deanna Wehr
Linda Wells
William & Mary Jane Wendell
Bill & Deborah Wesolowski (in memory of niece Laura)
Jerry & Lisa West
Vicki West
Vincent & Crystal West
Westlake Church of Christ
Douglas & Cheryl Westrick
Matthew & Deanna Whetstone
David & Suzanne Whicker
White Lick Aerie & Auxiliary
Jeffrey & Tiffany White
Joyce White (in honor of Larry & Lorna Horner Marriage)

Mitchell & Jennifer White
J Lee Whiten
Cindy Williams
Lesly Williams
Mary Williams
Cathleen Wilson
Natasha Wilson
John & Leslie Wolfe
Women’s Collaborative at Central Indiana
Wood-Mizer (in honor of Dave Meyer & Merle Thompson)
Raymond & Elizabeth Worrell
Robert & Vicki Wynberg
Leroy & Judith York
Scott & Amanda Youmans

Phi Beta Psi Sorority
Ping Family Reunion
Michael Ping
Pittsboro Christian Church
Pittsboro Jaycees
Pittsboro United Methodist Church
Plainfield Community Schools
Plainfield Elks Lodge #2186
Plainfield Rotary Club
Plainfield United Methodist Church
Plainfield United Methodist Women
Plainfield Woman’s Club
R.E & K.A. Polhill
Porter Funeral Home
Porter Insurance Agency
Michael & Carol Poynter
Presbyterian Women of Clayton Presbyterian
Presbytery of Whitewater Heartland PC
Elizabeth Ann Priller
Ruth M Pritchett
Rev. Richard Propes
Karen Prueett
James & Glenda Raikes
Diane Ratts
Carrie Ray
Cindy Ray
James & Kristine Ray
Jeffrey & Liesl Ray
Sarah Ray
Gopal & Tulasi Reddy
Kimbarlee Reddy
Karen Reffitt
William & Linda Renner
Tom & Sherri Replogle
Eric & Michele Reynolds
Kenneth & Inez Rhea (in honor of Larry & Lorna Horner Marriage)
Estel & Carolyn Rhoton
Raymond & Ramona Rice II
Alex Richardson
William Roach
Joyce Ellen Robbins
Donita Roberts
Virginia Robinson
Doug & Stevie Rolfie
Larry & Pamela Rose
Jordan Rosenbaum
Darla & Robert Rowles II
Devin & Deborah Rueff
RWF, Inc.
Carol Ryan
Linda Ryan
William & Lisa Sackman
Safe at Home
SafeCo Insurance Co.
James & Nancy Saltsgiver
Lori Sampson
John Schlechte

Thomas & Vickie Toussant
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A vital partner in our work – and another example of how Christ is at the center of all we do – is the Church Connection Council. This organization channels and coordinates the support and input of local churches that want to help us show Christ’s love to victims of domestic violence. Each participating church appoints members who serve as liaisons between their congregations and the shelter. They keep members informed about the ways in which God’s hope has worked through Sheltering Wings to change lives, and update them about current needs, volunteer opportunities and fundraisers. They also coordinate help and support from church members. If your church isn’t already participating and you’d like to become involved, please talk with your pastor or call us for more information.

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### Statistical Highlights

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**Blessed with Volunteers**

Sheltering Wings provides its many services with a budget that is about half that of most domestic violence shelters our size. We could not do that without the help of hundreds of volunteers who give generously of their time and energy to help us serve women and children. In 2004, volunteers contributed more than 5,000 hours of help to the shelter.

Depending on how and where they will serve, all volunteers are required to participate in either four or eight hours of orientation training to familiarize them with our policies and help them better understand the effects of domestic violence upon women and children. We also require volunteers who will work directly with our women and children to undergo drug screening and a background check.

What do our volunteers do? Here are just some of the many services they provide:

- Providing transportation for women and children to interviews and appointments.
- Mentoring women to help them rebuild their lives.
- Reading to, walking with, and even just being there for children.
- Being a “big brother or sister” to a younger child.
- Answering phones and doors.
- Assisting with office work and donations.
- Helping prepare newsletters for mailing.
- Running errands for groceries and supplies.
- Keeping our computers running and productive.
- Changing light bulbs and other maintenance tasks.
- Repairing residents' cars.
- Obtaining and coordinating sponsorships, prizes and donations for events.
- Working at our events.

**This is an extra special shelter; it is based on God’s love and word. I am grateful for this place and for the Christian-based way it is run. Each of us under this roof is blessed. Each person here has touched me in special ways. I believe God has something for each of us to share and/or give to one another, be it a staff person or visitor.**

- From one of our 2004 success stories

**Peace, Help & Dignity**

Preventing domestic violence requires public education. While our most urgent mission is providing safety to victims, our outreach programs provide a vital service to the communities we serve. In 2004, we educated more than 14,000 individuals, businesses, and organizations about the impacts and realities of domestic violence through programs and presentations created specifically to meet the needs of our audiences. In-service presentations give large and small businesses effective ways to educate employees about domestic abuse, become aware of symptoms of unsafe relationships, and learn steps to take when abuse is suspected.
A third of high school and college students have experienced violence in a dating relationship. More chilling, 4 in 5 girls who have been abused continue to date their abusers. Our Teen Dating Violence Awareness Program makes students aware of the realities of dating violence and gives them practical, realistic strategies for dealing with situations they may encounter, using scenarios they recognize from their daily lives. By reaching teens with relevant, practical messages drawn from the world they see, we can break the cycle not only for those who attend, but also for their friends and acquaintances.


OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

As you consider how you can help Sheltering Wings, you may want to explore one of the many planned giving strategies described below. In addition to providing long-term support for the women and children we serve, many of these strategies offer substantial tax benefits to givers. Most attorneys, accountants, financial planners, bankers and others in the community will be happy to show you how to put these strategies to work for you.

EMPLOYER MATCHING. Many companies match donations made by their employees, which can double or triple the impact of your generosity. Ask your Human Resources department for information about your employer’s program.

STOCK GIFTS. If you own shares of stock that you no longer need, donating them to Sheltering Wings may allow you to take a substantial tax deduction.

BEQUESTS. As you prepare your will, please consider designating a set amount or percentage as a bequest to Sheltering Wings. If you already have a will, ask your attorney to add a codicil that reflects your wishes.

LIFE ESTATE ARRANGEMENTS. With this type of giving, you can donate your home, land or other property to Sheltering Wings, but continue to use that property for life.

INSURANCE GIFTS. If your dependents are financially secure, you may not need all of your life insurance coverage. Designating Sheltering Wings as a beneficiary for part or all of your benefits – or taking out a new policy listing us as beneficiary – may offer tax advantages.

ANNUITIES. Purchasing a charitable gift annuity or a lifetime annuity allows you to make a gift now, and receive an income as long as you and your beneficiaries live.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS. This approach allows you to make a gift to Sheltering Wings and provides you and your spouse with long-term income and an immediate tax deduction. The full amount goes to Sheltering Wings when the trust period ends.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS. These trusts allow Sheltering Wings to benefit from your gift for a specified period, with the assets then returning to you or your beneficiaries.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

SHELTERING WINGS IS A 501(c)3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. WE CANNOT PROVIDE ADVICE ON TAX OR LEGAL MATTERS, AND RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL TAX ADVISOR.
“I never thought any man should have total power over his wife. To me, that’s where it starts to destroy a marriage. Anyone who wants to have total control will end up destroying a marriage. I wanted a marriage to be honest, selfless and full of friendship. I was starving for attention. He would never listen or take time for me. He would never consider my feelings. I never knew what it was like to come home to my husband in a good mood or to go somewhere fun with our three kids to have fun. For the past three years of my marriage I was more lonely and even scared of him. One of the scariest and happiest days of my life was when I went to Sheltering Wings Center for Women. The women in the office and my mentor made me feel secure. They gave me lots of love and hugs. Now, looking back, I realize I got divorced from an abusive, miserable man. I’m so happy with my new apartment, and it’s even fixed the way I want it! I have money to save and spend, too. (He never let me save money.) I feel great about myself. Thank you, Sheltering Wings, for giving me a fresh start to happiness, and thank you for all your encouragement. Now I have such a desire to help others. I want to see more women and children free from their abusive partners. Free to enjoy their life with confidence. That’s why Sheltering Wings is a blessed place to me and I want to return the blessing by helping other women and children. I will never again regret my decision to leave.”

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For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.
Isaiah 41:13

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