



**2021 Annual Report**

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Dear Friends,

I'm grateful for your faithful support. Repeatedly I hear the same words from many of the women in the program at Shirley's. "For the first time in my life I am really loved for who I am." Hearing women talk about the love they experience confirms to me that our vision is a reality. We are seeing, "Lives of women and children transformed by the love of Christ."

2021 was a banner year for us in providing shelter that transformed lives. Over 4,200 nights of shelter were provided. Yes, you provided housing, food, and clothing for 40 women and children. That's the first step in gaining trust and building relationships with each one that enters our doors. Then the hard work begins because everything we do is about transformation.

We focus on women with addictions, whether it's an addiction to domestic violent relationships or drugs and alcohol. Women are provided free Christian residential recovery services such as case management, counseling, advocacy, Bible studies and classes so we can work from the inside out and address the root causes of each woman's addictions.

Since opening our doors in 2010 over 500 women and children have had the opportunity to transform their lives by: knowing who they are in the eyes of Christ, restoring family relationships, building a healthy network of support, securing employment and begin giving back to their community.

Expanding the program to include the Recover Center with transitional housing after graduation has been key to the success of women and children at Shirley's House of Hope. Women who graduate from the nine-month Healing Program can apply to live in the Recovery Center.

The Recovery Center provides an additional level of support while the women further their schooling and/or begin employment. While at the Recovery Center they continue with case management, financial planning, and emotional support.

With these accomplishments we have every reason to celebrate. And for Shirley's House of Hope that relies entirely on the generosity of others to create the culture of change, we are eternally grateful for those who partner in this ministry.

Faith is our strength and as we believe in a God that is "able to do more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." Eph. 3:20

We're hopeful that our message – and stories – will not only resonate with you, but be the kind you can share with others seeking ways in which to give and be glad.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in transforming lives.

With the love of Christ,



Julie Cravillion  
Executive Director



Paul, writing to the Philippians church, said in Philippians 4:18 – “I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.” Paul expresses so well my sentiments to all of you who generously gave to Shirley’s House of Hope in 2021. We were “generously supplied” by your gifts that were, not only “acceptable and pleasing to God”, but to us as well. We could not do what we do for the women and children that come to Shirley’s House of Hope without you. Through your giving we were able to provide for the needs of these women and children allowing them to turn their lives around and achieve a better future for themselves and their family. Thank you and God bless you!

*Kevin T. Bradley*

Kevin Bradley  
Shirley’s House of Hope Board President





**Our Mission** is to Rebuild, Renew, and Restore lives of women and children hurting from domestic violence along with drug and alcohol addiction.

**Our Vision** is to see Jesus Christ transform lives through the fulfillment of our mission.

Isaiah 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion –  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD  
or the display of his splendor.  
They will Rebuild the ancient ruins and Restore the places long devastated;  
They will Renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

# REBUILD, RENEW, RESTORE

Shirley's House of Hope is a Christian shelter that provides three vital services to assist women and children in breaking the cycle of domestic violence and addiction.

## REBUILD

Emergency Shelter is provided for single women or a woman with children who are experiencing domestic violence or alcohol/drug related crises. When they need a loving place to land for a few days, that is when emergency services are offered.

Women often come to us through the police department or by an emergency room referral. It always breaks our hearts when we receive a call that a woman is seeking domestic violence recovery services due to an injury caused by an assault.

We seek to compassionately provide these women and their children with a safe environment, a comfortable bed, a hot shower or bath, a good meal, and fresh clothing. We then help them connect with family, friends and other resources they need to begin to REBUILD their lives.

## RENEW

When a woman caught in the cycle of domestic abuse or alcohol/drug related addiction reaches the end of her rope and cries out, "Help I can't do this anymore!" we are so blessed to be able to offer a 9-month healing program for her (and her children when applicable).

We've found that women who have experienced the trauma of domestic abuse or addiction need at least nine months of unconditional love, support, and encouragement in order to begin to RENEW themselves.

## RESTORE THE RECOVERY CENTER

After women graduate from our 9-month program, they can apply to live in our Recovery Center. We are so thankful we can offer them this vital transitional piece in their recovery journey.

While living in the Recovery Center, the women secure employment and/or go to school.

Ongoing accountability, random drug testing, and case management are still part of their daily lives as they continue to RESTORE their lives and relationships.

# Your Gift At Work

Shirley's House of Hope provides an intensive program to give women the opportunity to overcome domestic violence along with drug and alcohol addiction. Since October 1, 2010 – 531 women and children have been served.

Number of Women and Children Served in 2021

Program Shelter – 23 women and 5 children

Recovery Center- 9 women and 3 children

Total Number Served 40

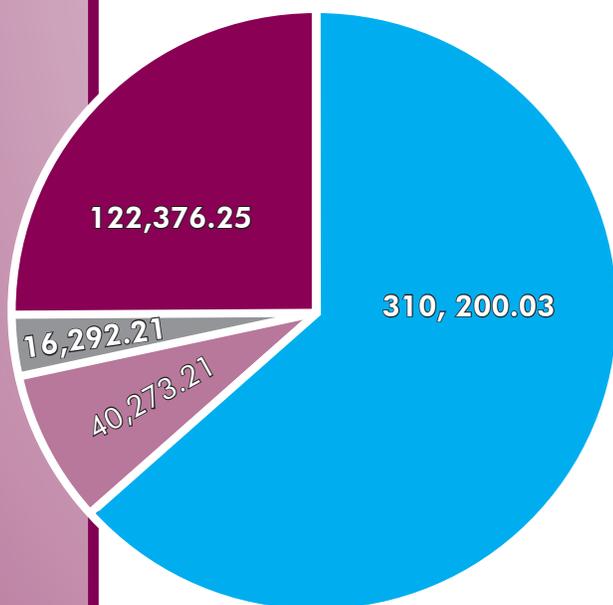
Number of Nights of Shelter Provided in 2021

Nights of Shelter Provided in the Program Shelter - 2325

Nights of Shelter Provided in the Recovery Center – 1841

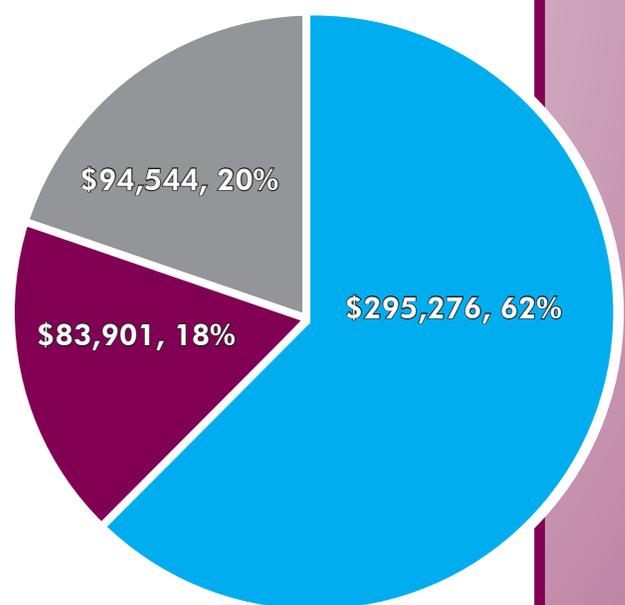
Nights of Shelter Total 4261

## 2021 INCOME BY CATEGORY



■ Individual   ■ Business/Organization  
■ Church   ■ Event

## ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES



■ Programming   ■ Fundraising  
■ Administrative



### **Quotes from women who have received services at Shirley's House of Hope**

When I first heard of Shirley's House of Hope and the 9-month program it was daunting. I thought I couldn't be away from my daughter that long. Now I'm thankful for the spiritual direction my life is taking and how it will help me and my daughter's life be so much better."

"Being at Shirley's means I am home and free at last."

"Coming to Shirley's is the best thing I've ever done."

"This is the first time I've been in a stable situation. At times it feels awkward. I've never been able to share my emotions. Here I am safe and encouraged to share my emotions."

"I felt like Shirley's was the last chance I had to save myself. I didn't expect to be so welcomed and accepted. At first, I couldn't see doing a 9-month program. Then I realized how much of my life I've already wasted. Within three weeks, I'm already a different person. I know I will be supported through every stage of my recovery."

"I'm very grateful for the guidance I'm given at Shirley's. I'm not told what to do. I'm learning to make decisions for myself."

"I'm learning from the staff and volunteers what love is."

At Shirley's I am secure enough to share with staff. Walls are coming down. I've never trusted anyone before."

## History of Shirley's House of Hope

In 2007, Sue Poole and Julie Cravillion learned that 300 families a year were seeking services related to domestic violence in the Marshfield area. They were burdened to do something to demonstrate their love and care for those families. Sue and Julie prayed about it for months and decided to hold public meetings in January and February 2008. They put one small announcement in the newspaper and twenty people came to each meeting. That was all the confirmation they needed to show God was moving in the hearts of people in this community to provide a shelter. A steering committee was formed and soon afterward, a Board of Directors.

God's provision has been readily evident every step of the way. Papers were filed for the Articles of Incorporation and soon after non-profit status were granted.

After laying the initial groundwork, the search for a shelter began. Sue and Julie looked at housing options that were reasonable to rent or purchase, but one by one they were crossed off the list because of safety concerns or limited space and facilities. The current building was found while visiting a friend staying at an assisted living facility. One of their buildings was available. After talking with the owner, a contract signed to rent the building at a very reasonable rate.

Every opportunity was taken to learn more about opening and running a successful shelter where the transforming love of Jesus Christ can bring healing to women and children.

Partnerships were formed with area agencies.

Churches, individuals, and organizations adopted areas of the shelter to furnish and decorate. Since opening many people and community, organizations have contributed to the ongoing updating of the shelter.

2010 – On October 1, Shirley's House of Hope opened its doors and began providing services.

2014 - Began "The Building of Hope" capital campaign to retire the building loan.

2017 – Served over 400 women and children.

2018 - Addiction recovery services were expanded. Acquired The Recovery Center building and completed "The Building of Hope" capital campaign to become debt free.

2020 – Hired additional staff and continued to provide services for women and children through the pandemic.

God has been faithful to provide for the shelter needs as staff and the Board of Directors have been obedient to His calling.

## Board of Directors



Kevin Bradley  
Board Chair



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Vice President



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## Staff



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