

2022 Annual Report

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#### Dear Friends,

I am thankful for your partnership in the ministry. With you lives of women and children are transformed through the love of Christ. The mission of Shirley's House of Hope is to follow the verses of Isaiah.

Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1 in his first sermon: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound."

Isaiah prophesied about the positive things God's people would accomplish. God's Spirit instructed him to write, "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings" (Isaiah 58:12).

On October 1, 2022, we celebrated twelve years of ministry. Over 540 women and children had received services. Most importantly, every woman who entered the doors of Shirley's House of Hope received the love of Jesus.

When Sue Poole announced her retirement date for April 2023, the Board of Directors quickly went into search mode. The foundational work was laid, and the BOD spent the first half of 2022 soliciting and interviewing candidates. Having little success, the Board hired an Executive Search and Recruitment company. The Board understood that hiring an Executive Director to replace a "Founding" staff member was the biggest challenge they had faced since the decision to open the shelter on October 1, 2010. By the end of the year, several candidates were identified, but the interview process had to wait until after the Christmas season. Because this report is being written in 2023, I can tell you that Elizabeth Tegart was hired in April 2023.

With these accomplishments, we have every reason to celebrate. Shirley's House of Hope relies totally on the generosity of people who care about women and children who are hurting from the effects of domestic abuse and drug addiction. We are grateful for your sacrificial giving, prayers, and volunteer services.

I hope that our message and story will encourage you to continue to partner with Shirley's House of Hope. May God bless you and make your hearts glad for following His calling on our lives as Christ followers.

With the love of Christ,

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Julie Cravillion

Executive Director



#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Several years ago, I remember when the first President Bush asked Americans to be points of light; to be out in our communities making a difference in the lives of other people. I am not sure if he got that idea from the Bible, but Jesus said in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world." He goes on to say in verse 16 says, "Let your light shine." To all of you who so graciously gave to Shirley's House of Hope in 2022, may I say thank you for being a point of light, for letting your light shine in the lives of the women & children at Shirley's House of Hope. Through your "light" of giving we were able to provide for the needs of several women and children allowing them to achieve a better future for themselves and their family. Jesus went on to say at the end of verse 16 that when we let our light shine, we bring glory to God. Because of you we were able to bring glory to God in 2022. Thank you & may God bless you!

Kei T. Budley





<u>Our Mission</u> 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 for 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.

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

Women often come to us through the police department or 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.

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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 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CENTER

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

While living in the Transitional Housing Center, the women secure employment and/or continue their education.

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 emergency shelter, a recovery program, and transitional housing. Women are equipped through the love of Christ to rebuild, renew, and restore their lives from the effects of domestic abuse and drug addiction. Since October 1, 2010, 556 women and children have been served.

#### Number of Women and Children Served in 2022

Recovery Program – 17 women and 6 children

Transitional Housing Center - 2 women

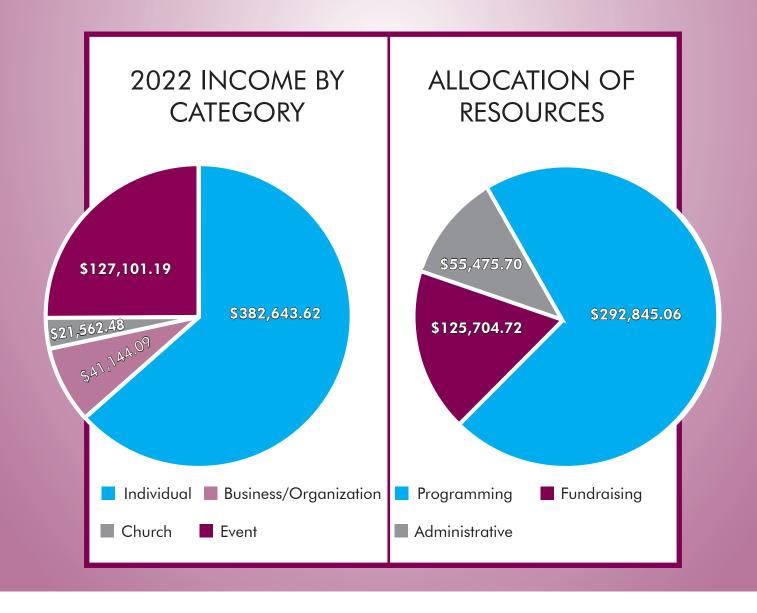
Total Number Served - 25

#### Number of nights of Shelter Provided in 2022

Nights of Shelter Provided in the Program Shelter – 3680

Nights of Shelter Provided in the Transitional Housing Center – 730

Nights of Shelter Total – 4410





## Quotes from women who have received Recovery Services at Shirley's House of Hope

"The love and acceptance I feel here at Shirley's has been crucial. The classes and groups have helped me the most. I recognize that God's wisdom was applied when the classes were hand-picked for us."

"My relationship with my God grows deeper every day as I learn more and more about His character."

"When I needed saving from myself, Shirley's gave me a place to learn about who my Savior is."

"After struggling with identity issues my whole life, I'm learning that I have always had an identity in Christ."

"The biggest thing that has made a difference in my life is learning about FORGIVENESS; how to pray to forgive others that have hurt me."

"Shirley's has taught me how to love others as Jesus loves me. How His redemption has power and how He has given me beauty for ashes."

"Shirley's gave me a haven to recoup, regroup, and rejuvenate! The staff and other women [have] some of the same struggles as myself and I'm finding strength in numbers."

## 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 was granted.

After laying the 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 crossed them off the list due to safety concerns or limited space and facilities. Sue and Julie found the current building while visiting a friend staying at an assisted living facility. One of the buildings was available. After talking with the owner, they signed a contract to rent the building at a reasonable rate.

Sue and Julie took every opportunity to learn more about opening and running a successful shelter where the transforming love of Jesus Christ would bring healing to women and children.

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 Shirley's House of Hope opened its doors and began providing services October 1st.
- 2014 Began "The Building of Hope" capital campaign to retire the building loan.
- 2017 Over 400 women and children total had received services.
- 2018 Addiction recovery services were expanded in the Recovery Program. Acquired a second building through the gift of a generous donor.
- 2019 Opened the Transitional Housing Center and began providing services for up to 6 program graduates and their children.
- 2020 Hired additional staff and continued to provide services for women and children through the pandemic.
- 2023 Co-founder Sue Poole retired, and the Board of Directors hired a new Executive Director Elizabeth Tegart.
- 2023 SHOH has successfully served over 560 women and children

# **Board of Directors**



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