The Salvation Army West Women's & Children's Shelter

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PURPOSE

For more than 20 years, The Salvation Army West Women's and Children's Shelter has been serving victims of domestic violence in the Portland area.

The shelter is supported by community donations, with additional funding provided by various government contracts.

In 2011, The Salvation Army West Women's and Children's Shelter housed 154 women and children. Thirty-percent of women served are Native American. (Only .9% of the Multnomah County population is Native American.) The West Women's and Children's Shelter took 5,316 crisis calls last year alone.

West Women's and Children's Shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Professionally trained staff and dozens of dedicated volunteers make West Women's and Children's Shelter a valuable community resource.

SERVICES

FOR WOMEN:

- Food, Shelter, Clothing
- Job search assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Tutoring for GED completion
- Safety planning
- Domestic violence education and prevention and support groups

FOR CHILDREN:

- Food, shelter, clothing
- Child care services
- Children's groups and activities
- Child abuse prevention services
- Parenting support groups
- Prenatal support
- Educational support

"A SAFE PLACE TO BEGIN AGAIN"

We create a safe nurturing environment for survivors to realize their potential for healing and growth as we work together to end domestic violence.

STATISTICS

In 2011, we answered 5,316 crisis calls, provided emergency shelter to 154 women and children, stabilized 67 women and children within our two year transitional housing program, and utilized over 4,856 volunteer hours to accomplish our work.

None of this would have been possible without your partnership.

ANNUAL BUDGET

\$1,214,509

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to sort donations, serve as children's aides, help with clerical work and light maintenance.

Partial funding received from Housing & Urban Development, Multnomah County Department of Community & Family Services, Multnomah County Division of Human Services and the State of Oregon, and the Portland Children's Levy.





CORE VALUES:

Nurturing Community. We provide a supportive and healing environment for survivors of domestic violence. Our staff and volunteers offer compassion, flexibility, and dedicated advocacy.

Safety. We recognize the courage of survivors to make a change. We create an environment of physical and emotional safety. With safety, healthy choices and supportive relationships are possible.

Open Communication. We make room for everyone's voice, recognizing the wisdom within our survivors, staff and volunteers. Diverse opinions and perspectives are essential to find the best solutions.

Cultural Diversity. We respect cultural and spiritual differences. We stand in curiosity, seeking to better understand the diversity and complexity within each individual—including our survivors, staff and volunteers.

Lifelong Learning. We celebrate the power and joy in learning among survivors, staff and volunteers. As we learn, grow and work through challenges, lives are enriched and new options unfold.

Collaboration. Collaboration is key to bring forth our strengths and experiences to achieve our commons goals. We collaborate internally and with partner agencies that share our commitment to make a difference in the lives of survivors.

Advocacy. We bring our voices, expertise and myriad of approaches to influence the broader community to end the cycle of domestic violence.