

WEST WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S SHELTER

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PURPOSE

For more than 28 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 2008, The Salvation Army West Women's and Children's Shelter housed 200 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 3,365 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
- Transportation assistance
- Health referrals
- Job search assistance
- Counseling
- Parenting skills training
- Tutoring for GED completion
- Networking with other service agencies
- Individual guidance and support in a caring, home-like atmosphere

FOR CHILDREN:

- Therapeutic children's program including child-care services
- Individual developmental assessments
- Appropriate activities and special outings
- One-on-one sessions with a Licensed Professional Counselor.
- Portland Children's Intervention Project serving traumatized children throughout the entire domestic violence service system.

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 City of Portland Children's Investment Fund.

"A SAFE PLACE TO BEGIN AGAIN"

The mission of The Salvation Army West Women's and Children's Shelter is to intervene in the lives of homeless and abused women and children, providing opportunities for self-sufficiency through shelter and support services

STATISTICS

- 3,365 crisis calls
 - Housed 200 individuals
 - 25% were children
 - 100% of people served are domestic violence victims
 - 2,854 volunteer hours
- The average length of stay is 7 months for families and nearly 3 months for women without children. Statistically, the longer period of time a woman is able to stay at West Women's and Children's Shelter, the greater her chances for lifelong stability in the community.

ANNUAL BUDGET

\$1,018,436.00



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