

LIVES *You* HAVE TOUCHED
2016 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Friendship Home's mission is to support, shelter and advocate for victims of domestic violence and their children.



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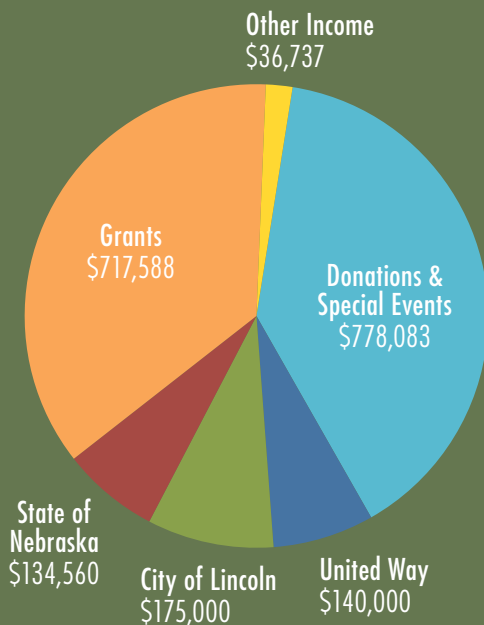
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"I connect with Friendship Home's mission through the work it does for children. Every day I go home to my two boys who enjoy a stable, predictable home. I pray that through the work of Friendship Home, some day every child in Lincoln can feel loved and safe in their own home."

– Perry Haralson,
Friendship Home Board Member

2016 FUNDING SOURCES

TOTAL BUDGET = \$1,981,968



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Rosa was bruised from head to toe when she arrived at Friendship Home with her three small children. Leah and her newborn had to leave everything behind when she fled her husband's violence for shelter at Friendship Home. Tara brought her two teenagers into Friendship Home when her husband threatened to take a chainsaw to her body.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone. Rosa could be your next door neighbor, maybe Tara is your child's teacher, perhaps Leah is your co-worker, your sister or your best friend.

While their lives are different, they have one thing in common: YOU.

YOU were in their corner from the moment they arrived at our door. It was YOUR support that provided them with safe shelter. It was YOUR generosity that allowed them the services they needed to rebuild their lives.

From Rosa, Leah, Tara and their children, and from all of us at Friendship Home, thank you for saving and changing lives!

Sincerely,

Amy Evans

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1,606 victims of domestic violence were provided with supportive services and/or shelter when they fled from an abusive partner.
- The first expansion of emergency shelter in over a decade came when Friendship Home added six 'single family shelter' units for a period of two years.
- A full-time Health Care Navigator was added to our staff. This individual will assist in reducing or eliminating barriers to medical/behavioral care that victims need.
- Completion of our facility renovation and restoration: "Kiewit Project." This multi-project grant has improved the appearance and safety of our facilities, and the quality of the environments.
- Received Charity Navigator's highest rating of four stars, indicating how efficiently we utilize financial support to sustain our programs and services.

LIVES YOU HAVE TOUCHED

As we look at our statistics from the past year, we are struck by how vital our services continue to be for our community. The numbers show the real and undeniable need for comprehensive domestic violence services. Because of you, as long as this need continues, Friendship Home will be there to offer safety, support and solutions for individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Thank you!

22,264 safe bed nights

were provided for 644 victims of domestic violence.

62% of those sheltered were children.

40,941 nutritious meals were served.

Friendship Home has one communal shelter, 12 single family shelter apartments and 7 transitional housing apartments for a total of **121 shelter beds**.

1,270 victims received pre-shelter services, such as safety planning, counseling and strategizing next steps while waiting for safe shelter.

2,200 volunteers spent 11,652 hours working around shelter and at special events.

Lives are rebuilt.

What is not quantifiable is the support, encouragement and myriad of services we offer victims to help them achieve the future they want for themselves and their children – one free of violence and fear.



The work we do on behalf of victims of domestic violence now has an invaluable impact on their children and on the future of our community as well. Children can recover if the violence is eliminated and proper supports and opportunities for recovery are provided. Our work with mothers and their children is how we ultimately achieve our vision of ending domestic violence.

FROM THOSE WE HAVE SERVED

“Friendship Home was my family’s safe place after my husband choked and beat me in front of my boys twice in one day. Friendship Home helped us be safe and find resources in the community to move ahead.”

– Renee

“My dad shoved my mom. It happened a lot. I was happy when we left because sometimes the pushing and shoving left black and blue spots. My mom doesn’t have those spots anymore. That makes me happy.”

– Elijah, age 6

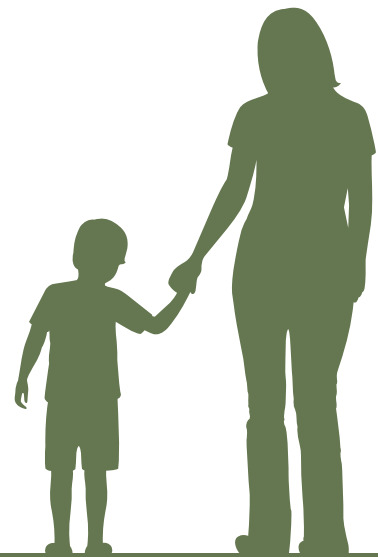
“I want to thank everyone who made it possible for me and my child to live a safe life. Even though things are hard now, I know that in the end it will be a whole lot better! You gave me the chance to change my life and to better my child’s. No one can put a price on that.”

– Annemarie

SAFE SHELTER AND *so much more...*

- 24-hour crisis line: 402-437-9302
- Emergency shelter in a communal shelter or individual family apartments
- Transitional shelter apartments
- Pre-Shelter Program
- Hotel/Motels in Partnership Program
- Provision of basic needs
- Information & referrals to gain employment, housing, education, etc.
- Direct aid money to help with rent, deposit, overdue bills, medication, etc.
- Safety planning & crisis counseling
- Individual case management & advocacy
- Short-term mental health & substance abuse counseling
- Support groups for adults & children
- Economic empowerment classes
- Health Navigator
- Children in Shelter Program with Children's Advocacy
- Strength Centered Advocacy
- Ongoing post-shelter support

For 38 years, Friendship Home has provided safe shelter and comprehensive supportive services to victims of domestic violence and their children. This would not have been possible if not for the generosity of our community. Your support empowers the families we serve to build new lives free from violence and fear.



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