

Friendship
Home

2021 Annual Report

Empowering freedom from domestic violence

“ My time at Friendship Home helped change my life,
I now have the tools needed to succeed on my own.”

Former Friendship Home Resident



Dear Friends,

The work that happens at Friendship Home each day is challenging to describe. For Analisa and her three children, Friendship Home shelter and services were life changing. The day that Ana shared how violent her home life had become with her health care provider she was connected to Friendship Home. As she described the physical assaults, the punches to her stomach the recent push down the stairs, the degradation and fear that she had experienced for years, the advocate told her something that changed everything. It's not your fault this happened to you. Let's talk about how Friendship Home can help support you in finding the next level of safety.

As part of that plan Ana and her children checked into emergency shelter, relieved to have a safe space for the first time in years. Ana worked alongside her case manager to determine what steps came next, counseling, one on one children's advocacy, learning about economic resources and taking steps to make decisions for her own life. A stay in transitional housing provided time for the family to continue to heal and build towards a new future. Recently, Ana received an opportunity for safe, permanent housing through Friendship Home's Rapid Rehousing program. She used the rental assistance and childcare to support another new step into a management role at her workplace.

Everyday Friendship Home strives to meet the needs of each person who comes through our doors. **Because YOU were here for us – WE are there for them.**

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amila". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot above the 'i'.

Amila Tanovic-Muslic, Interim Executive Director

Mission

Friendship Home exists to support, shelter and advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, and their children.

Vision

It is Friendship Home's vision that someday the need for our services will cease to exist, that domestic violence will not be tolerated by anyone in the community, and that all homes will be places of love, support and safety.



Our Services



Crisis Services

Friendship Home's crisis services offer caring protection from domestic violence - safety planning, case management, advocacy, crisis counseling, access to medical and behavioral health services, financial aid, short-term mental health services, and support groups.

24-HOUR SHELTER CRISIS LINE: 402-437-9302



Emergency Shelter

Friendship Home provides safe, secure, and confidential shelter options for survivors and their children when their risk of violence is at its greatest. Trauma-informed shelter options include communal shelter and single-family apartments. During a shelter stay, advocates and case managers work alongside victims to support and empower them to reach their goals.



Transitional Housing

Through this program, survivors focus on economic literacy, learning to track expenses, budget and credit building. Our transitional shelter curriculum offers other practical tools, such as preparing nutritious meals on a limited budget and coping with stress as a single parent. Survivors have the support they need to find a job or obtain job training, locate childcare, and secure permanent housing.

“ One in four women find themselves victims to domestic violence at some time in their lives. This staggering statistic reinforces the need for domestic violence services in every community. Friendship Home has been serving the Lincoln and surrounding area since 1978. Providing services such as safety planning, emergency shelter, crisis intervention services, case management, transitional housing, post-shelter services and everything in between.



Friendship Home assists and supports women and their families through their entire journey of escaping the violence. More than half of the clients Friendship Home serves are children who have witnessed domestic violence in some way. Friendship Home provides children's advocates who are specifically focused on meeting the needs of this vulnerable group.

The dedicated, professional staff at Friendship Home are passionate about serving their clients by providing the tools and resources necessary to build a new future, and I am so proud to be a part of this organization. “

Kathy Griesel, Friendship Home Board President

2021 Accomplishments

- We operated: a total of 85 emergency shelter beds and a capacity of 20 families; 15 Transitional Housing Units, with a total of 72 beds; and 14 Housing First Model apartments with an estimated 60 beds, for a total of 217 beds and 49 families at a time.
- Provided in-house protection order services to streamline the process and lessen trauma for victims needing protection from their abuser.
- To create a warm and welcoming space for all survivors, Friendship Home staff reflect the rich diversity of our community. In 2021, staff provided essential services in 7 languages.

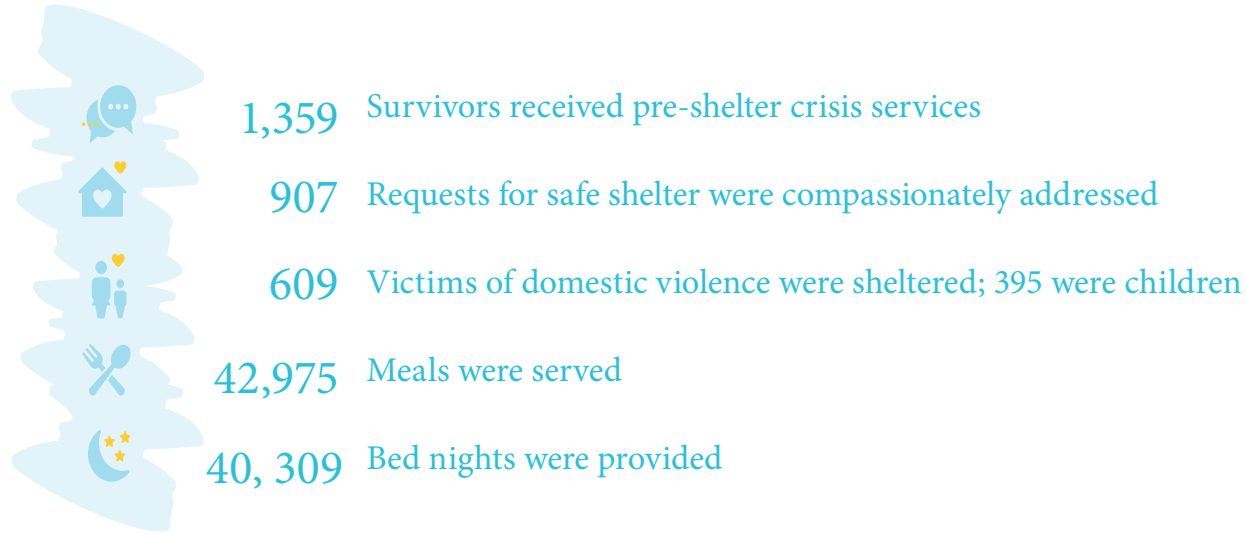


“A remarkable partnership with Friendship Home and the Lincoln Housing Authority began decades ago – based on our mutual goal of providing victims of domestic violence access to a safe home. Together we’ve had more impact, meeting the needs of victims, than either of us could have had on our own. Friendship Home is a crucial community partner in caring for some of our most vulnerable citizens”

Chris Lamberty, Lincoln Housing Authority
Executive Director



Lives You Have Touched



In 2021, Friendship Home served nearly 1400 survivors of domestic abuse. With counseling services, safe shelter, strengths-based goal setting, and ground-breaking health navigation services - we offered healing and restoration for the whole person.

Numbers represent services provided January through December 2021



“When I speak about Friendship Home I refer to everyone – from my case manager to the individuals that answered the phone when I called - as my “village” that stood behind me giving me the strength, courage, resources to stand back up and continue on my new journey.”

Former Friendship Home Resident

Money Matters

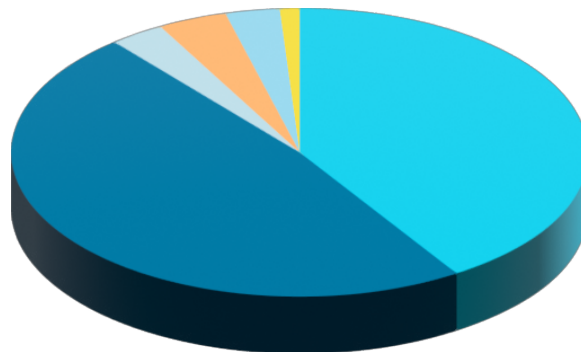
In 2021, 48% of our income came from Grants and Government support and 41% from Donations and Special Events. The remaining 11% was provided by United Way, the City of Lincoln, and the State of Nebraska.

Friendship Home is one of only three local charities in Lincoln to receive Charity Navigators highest rating of four stars - for six consecutive years! Charity Navigator is the most trusted evaluator of non profit efficacy in the nation. This means that Friendship Home is an excellent steward of financial support, and has sustained and delivered high quality programs and services for many years. We are committed to good governance and transparency – and trusted to have impactful outcomes.



Friendship Home 2021 Income Sources

Total Budget = \$4,133,567



- 48% Grants & Government Support
- 41% Donations & Special Events
- 4% City of Lincoln
- 3% State of Nebraska
- 3% United Way
- 1% Other Income

Board of Directors

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