



# IMPACT REPORT 2023



Peace at Home  
Family Shelter  
Fayetteville, AR

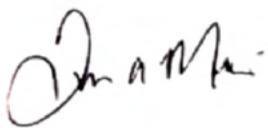
# LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Nearly 70% of all households include a pet. Our pets often provide comfort after a long day. The bond we feel with them is special. Four legged family members are just that-family.

Families fleeing domestic violence are often afraid to leave their beloved pets behind in dangerous homes. Many will choose to stay if they cannot bring their pets. Until recently, Peace at Home was unable to accommodate all the requests from families wanting to bring pets into shelter with them.

But thanks to your generous support, the Candy Clark Pet Sanctuary is about to open. Soon we will have a safe place where all families members, including loved pets, can find refuge. The pet sanctuary building is next door to the main shelter making it possible for families to see, play and care for their pets every day.

The pet sanctuary has been a dream project since 2005. But this year, it finally happened. It will have an immediate positive effect on families and their pets. It will save lives.



**Teresa Mills**



**Teresa Mills**  
CEO,

Peace at Home Family Shelter

# 2023

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# 2023

*at a glance*

INDIVIDUALS IN  
SAFE SHELTER

## 178

TOTAL NIGHTS OF  
SAFE SHELTER

## 7,808

CRISIS CALLS &  
EMAILS ANSWERED

## 1,266

COUNSELING  
CLIENTS SERVED

## 71

HOUSING  
ASSISTANCE GIVEN

## \$180K

## ABOUT PEACE AT HOME

Peace at Home Family Shelter is 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supporting and empowering survivors of domestic violence so they can succeed in every part of their lives. We provide shelter, services, and support to women, men, children, and any person fleeing domestic violence in Northwest Arkansas.

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence to survive and thrive by nurturing their self-determination and courage; and to promote healthy relationships and compassionate communities through education, outreach, and advocacy.

### OUR HISTORY

Peace at Home was founded in 1977 as the first domestic violence shelter established in Arkansas by community members who sheltered survivors in their own homes.



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES



## Emergency Safe Shelter

Peace at Home's emergency shelter provides immediate safety for survivors of domestic violence and their children for up to 90 days. An average stay at our shelter is around 40 days.



## Legal Assistance

Peace at Home's attorneys and legal advocates provide free legal representation to survivors in divorce, custody, visitation, child support, and orders of protection cases.



## 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

The 24 hour crisis hotline and email inbox supports survivors and their loved ones by providing bilingual information about domestic violence, advice for leaving an abusive situation, and safety planning.



## Housing and Outreach

Peace at Home's advocates assist survivors in securing permanent housing, employment, transportation, child-care, and other needs that would help families thrive in our community.



## Counseling Services

Peace at Home's counselor and social work interns work with survivors and their children to begin processing and healing from abuse with in-person and virtual counseling sessions.



# YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

Our supporters made this possible in 2023:

**178**

**Individuals  
stayed in the  
emergency  
shelter**

**285**

**Individuals  
received  
free legal  
assistance**

**110**

**Families  
received  
housing  
assistance**

**71**

**Survivors  
received  
counseling  
services**

**\$10,782**

**Total amount of  
thrift store  
vouchers given  
to clients**

**4,885**

**Donations to  
the Peace at  
Home Thrift  
Store**

## CANDY CLARK PET SANCTUARY

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, the Candy Clark Pet Sanctuary will soon open its doors! This program will allow survivors to bring their beloved pets with them when fleeing from domestic violence.



# NO PET LEFT BEHIND: THE IMPACT OF SANCTUARY

We recently had a client in shelter who told us her cat had been left behind. Her abuser was often home, so it wasn't safe for her to go back to get him.

It took several days, but we were able to coordinate a police escort to safely retrieve her cat. We were thrilled to be able to reunite her family and provide her cat with everything he needed while in shelter.

This is just one of the clients I have been able to work with. Recently, we had three clients with pets all eagerly waiting for the chance to bring their pets with them to shelter. Without the Candy Clark Pet Sanctuary, we could only take in two pets at a time. The sanctuary will allow us to help more families to stay with their pets, without having to wait so long to be reunited. This



will make a big difference to survivors, who often must make the difficult choice between staying in a dangerous situation and leaving their pet behind. There is a great need for pet-friendly shelters in Northwest Arkansas and the surrounding regions, and we hope to be part of the change and reduce barriers to survivors seeking help.”

*-Sandra, Families  
with Pets Advocate*



## 2023 COURAGE AWARDS

At our 2023 Courage Awards Luncheon, we were joined by 350 supporters to honor Mayor Lioneld Jordan for his commitment to advocating for survivors of domestic violence. Thank you to C&C Services, the presenting sponsor for this event.



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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2022 - 2023 FISCAL YEAR

## REVENUES

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Grants and Contributions	\$2,544,496
In-Kind Donations	\$289,254
Thrift Store Sales	\$287,945
Investment Income, net	(\$81,458)
Special Events	\$93,309
Interest Income	\$7,238

**Total Support and Revenue** **\$3,303,700**

## EXPENSES

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Program Services	\$2,251,483
Management and General	\$302,424
Fundraising	\$113,304

**Total Expenses** **\$2,667,211**

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:** **\$636,489**

# Want to do more for survivors in 2024?

## Join our newsletter list & follow us on social media!

Sign up for our weekly update newsletter [on our website](#), and follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [TikTok](#):  
[@peaceathomeshelter](#)

## Join Friends of Peace!

Join the exclusive community of sustaining monthly donors. Go to [peaceathomeshelter.com](#) and click "[donate](#)" to join today.

## Volunteer with us!

Join our Community Leadership Council, or volunteer remotely for our crisis chat line. For more information, email Eva Terry at [eterry@peaceathomeshelter.com](mailto:eterry@peaceathomeshelter.com)

## Donate to the thrift store!

Donate gently used women's, men's, and children's clothing and household items to our thrift store at 1200 *Garland Avenue*,  
*Fayetteville, AR. 72703*



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