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But this is a people plundered and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden in captivity. They have become plunder, with no one to rescue them, they have been made loot with no one to say, Restore them!

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Isaiah 42:22

We are excited about the possibilities that await and invite you to join us in resorting dignity, renewing hope, and rebuilding lives.

### Will you help Restoration Village by making a charitable contribution?

Your gift allows us to provide care for the most vulnerable members of our community.

\_\_\_\$1,000 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\$100 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

One-time gift  Recurring gift (please circle one: monthly quarterly yearly)

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Please bill me.  Please mail me a receipt.

Please make check payable to Restoration Village

For more information on how you can support Restoration Village, please visit our website at [restorationvillage.net](http://restorationvillage.net) or contact our Director of Development at [cie@restorationvillage.net](mailto:cie@restorationvillage.net).



# LOVE, GRACE... AND GRIT

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## Restoration VILLAGE





David and Beverly Engle

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# Love, Grace... and Grit

**RESTORATION VILLAGE is more than 69 acres of dirt, trees, springs of water and buildings.** It represents an accumulation of life journey stories prior to its existence that established a passion in the founders to answer the non-existential question: "Where can people go to get whole and their life together?" RESTORATION VILLAGE is a living organism that continues those life stories with an opportunity to choose to overcome traumatic life altering events that have affected them for years. RESTORATION VILLAGE is a shelter of safety, an opportunity to begin life anew and an environment for restorative healing of wholeness of body and soul.

**The idea of Restoration Village began long before 1989.** Years of ministering with single parents, directing a 12-step "Overcomers" group, volunteering with Court Appointed Special Advocates, and personal involvement in people's lives were the founding concepts of a ministry that just might make a difference in the lives of those we encountered. Some might call it a "vision" of some type of para church ministry, but it became a "passion" to establish a long-term facility where those in need could experience love, grace, hospitality, security and someone who cares enough to walk along beside others while mentoring them to hope towards a different future outcome.

Twenty-eight years later many things have changed, but the need for the restoration of broken people, the calling to help mothers and children, and the belief that we can do it remain.

We invite you to visit our website to read the rest of Love, Grace...and Grit, the complete history of RESTORATION VILLAGE.

## What We Believe

### Mission

To restore the lives of women and women with children in crisis through safe shelter and life-changing services.

### Vision

To break the cycle of abuse and restore hope for each woman and child.

### Values

Restore Dignity – Renew Hope – Rebuild Lives



## How can you support the Village?

- 1 Become a Monthly Supporter** – Your gift of \$50 will feed one resident at the Village for a month.
- 2 Give a one-time donation** – Please consider making a gift that supports Restoration Village all year long with a tax deductible gift.
- 3 Give an in-kind donation** – We could not serve women and children in need without donations of food, goods, and professional services from our community. We welcome the opportunity to work with individuals and groups.
- 4 Tell someone you know why you support Restoration Village!**





# I was a Stranger – Refugee – and You Took Me in...

The tears, and the scream caused the bailiff to step out and ask Beverly to come into the court room and comfort the person testifying. Having to share the trauma of her experiences to a Federal Judge as she was seeking asylum in America had overcome her and she began to wail and weep. A refugee from West Africa having to recall the memories of a family member murdered, violence to her own body, the harrowing experiences of arriving in America and eventually residing in a shelter in Northwest Arkansas had become more than her emotions could control. But on this her second trip to Memphis, Tennessee and the Federal Court for Immigration, she was finally granted approval for a Visa to stay in America.

This is the middle of her story as it took three years to get to the hearing. The arrival at Restoration Village was just the beginning of a six-year experience that has touched the lives of so many others.

Monthly, we drove her 30 miles, arriving by 8 am at the government office, to get in line to report to immigration officials as to her location and living status. There were also weekly trips to an attorney. She had to get permission to attend a junior college, acquire a work permit and identification card. She encountered language barriers and other obstacles, but she met all with a smile and the attitude that God will get her through all the travail.

Beginning at Northwest Arkansas Community College, remedial courses, learning all the courses were a challenge, but diligently she pursued learning, sought tutoring, visited with her professors and refused to give up her dreams to be a college graduate. During her sophomore year, her endeavors began to show fruits as she was invited into honor societies and social clubs of the college. Besides her school work, she worked part-time for the Village at the child care cottage. We recognized her natural propensity to care about and for children. The children would run to her as they knew she was their friend and guardian. Often on beautiful, sunny days we



would see her with the children following behind her, going around the Village property for a nature hike. Her devotion to the children was seemingly an innate trait.

The most difficult part of her development was learning to drive an automobile. She studied and passed the written examination, but just could not grasp the driving and the maneuvering of an automobile. Three driver's education courses and Village advocates attempting to let her practice driving to no avail. We came up with an idea: maybe because she walked everywhere in her native land, she didn't grasp turning, balance and staying in the lane. One of our Board of Directors bought her a three-wheeled bicycle. Often you would see her circling the driveways as she practiced riding. One of our advocates with great patience began allowing her to drive her smaller car, spending countless hours as she learned to drive. Not losing motivation or becoming discouraged. It took months, but today she is a licensed driver and has her own automobile.

Tenacity, perseverance, love of children, ability to overcome childhood trauma, six years of cheerfulness at living in community here at Restoration Village, being active in church and Sunday School, and diligence in studying college courses have come to fruition.

In January, she moved to her own apartment and will graduate from the University of Arkansas in May with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

We took her in, and after a six-year residency, all the obstacles have been overcome and she is worth every day of the cooperative efforts to accomplish her becoming a United States Citizen. **She is an exceptional example of what we must offer the world of one who wants the opportunity for an education and a chance to be an American.**

## This Year

We are extremely thankful for the support of the community. Since the early days at the Village we have connected with individuals, churches, local businesses and organizations to fulfill our mission. We take great pride in sharing our story with members of our community and are so thankful for the work we have been able to do because of that support.

This year we saw a **47% increase in the number of children we served from 2015 to 2016**. In addition to providing food and shelter, we have arranged for children to have access to summer programs and expanded the children's enrichment program which provides after school programming and access to healthy food.

Adequate transportation is a common challenge many residents face before coming to Restoration Village. **We provided over 500 hours of transportation and gave cars to three residents.** This means that residents are able to make appointments, take advantage of community resources, maintain employment, and pursue educational opportunities.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Most clients are from the Northwest Arkansas area (90% from Washington/Benton counties).



The remaining 10% come from other counties in Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

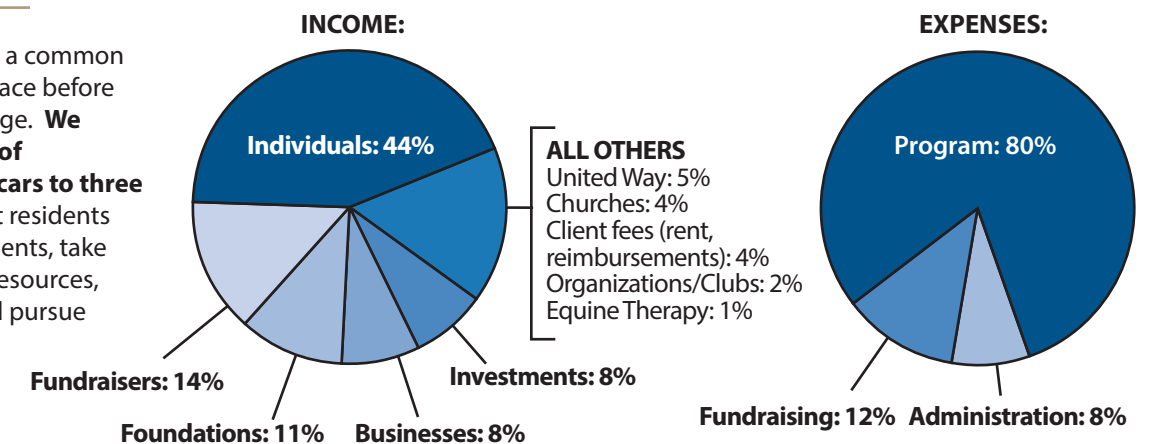
### We Provided

- 284 Hours of direct counseling
- 85 Hours of indirect counseling
- 145 Hours of direct advocacy hours
- 1,700 Hours of indirect advocacy
- 40 Support group sessions
- 400+ Hotline calls received



Is the cost to feed one person at the Village for one day.

### Income & Expense Overview



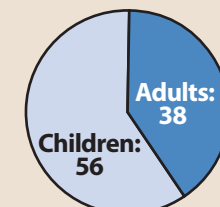
### Demographics of Those Served

**86%**  
Live below the poverty level

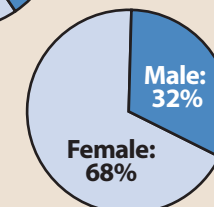
**22%**  
Are disabled

**12%**  
Were formally incarcerated

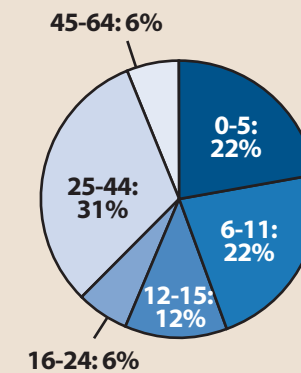
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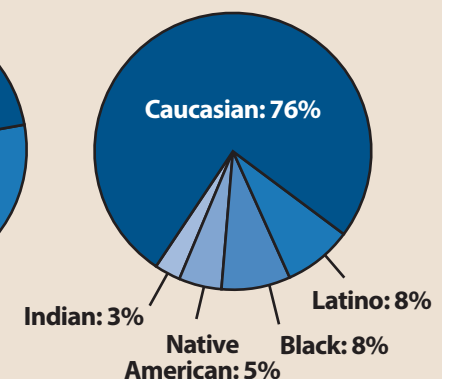
#### GENDER:



#### AGE GROUP:



#### RACE & ETHNICITY:





# Special Events



**ArkansasGives.org**  
GROW THE LOVE

On Thursday, April 6, 2017 visit our webpage at [arkansasgives.org/organizations/restoration-village](http://arkansasgives.org/organizations/restoration-village) and make your tax-deductible online donation.

If you would like to learn more about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities please contact Cie Cochran, [cie@restorationvillage.net](mailto:cie@restorationvillage.net)

## Aim for Advocacy

Saturday, August 26, 2017!

We invite you to join us for our **2nd Annual AIM for Advocacy Sporting Clays Fundraiser** benefiting the advocacy program which provides direct services to adults and children. **Registration will open at 7:00 a.m.**

## Annual Afternoon of Fairytales

With your partnership we are able to provide the young and the young at heart with an opportunity to learn more about the Village and increase support of our advocacy program all while enjoying an afternoon filled with food, crafts, storytelling, and so much more. Advocacy is the cornerstone for helping residents connect with the resources they need to move towards healthy independent living.

## ARGives Day

Arkansas Gives Save the Date, April 6, 2017!

One day, one easy way to give: ArkansasGives is all about helping nonprofits grow stronger by encouraging our entire state to donate on a single day. When you donate through [ArkansasGives.org](http://ArkansasGives.org) on April 6, 2017, the Village can receive additional bonus dollars and prizes from the Arkansas Community Foundation. The more money you help us raise during ArkansasGives day, the more bonus dollars we'll receive! **We have a BOLD GOAL to raise \$5,000 dollars this year – we know that we can do it with your support!**

# Equine Therapy

Two years ago Restoration Village added an Equine Program to our existing services. The program started slowly, initially providing opportunities for our residents to ride the horses. For some, it was their first experience with horses so standing face to face with a large animal created anxiety. The anxiety was quickly replaced with confidence as they rode a horse for the first time.

During 2016 two of our staff became certified to do Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP). Soon we had a few residents going to the stables for counseling instead of to our counselor's office. We quickly saw how powerful horses can be for someone needing to heal.

The day "Julie" moved into Restoration Village her face was sullen. She had experienced so much loss and trauma; the thought of moving into a new place and starting over was overwhelming. After arriving we quickly discovered that "Julie" had a long history with horses. Spending time with them both in therapy and on her own became her sanctuary. For "Julie", the horses gave her safety and allowed her to explore if she could trust again. The transformation seemed to happen overnight. The broken person who walked through the door began to build relationships with other women and began to invest in her own healing.



"Susan," even though her body was in continual pain, could hardly slow down. Stopping would mean thinking and feeling and hurting. "Susan" was a recovering addict and the years of living in addiction had left her with a lot of pain, both physical and emotional. "Susan" began EAP and found the horses to be safe way to slow down and feel some of the difficult emotions she was working so hard to ignore. Each session she would marvel at how spending time with the horses made her emotional and physical pain improve.

Having an Equine Program at Restoration Village has been such an amazing tool as we help women and children heal from trauma and move to a life of safety and stability. We look forward to expanding this program to more of our residents and seeing the benefits that horses bring to their lives.

