



## Who We Are

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## What We Believe

### Mission

To restore the lives of women and women with children in crisis through safe shelter and life-changing services while promoting stability, dignity and self-reliance.

### Vision

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

### Values

Restore Dignity – Renew Hope – Rebuild Lives

Proud United Way Agency



# Restoration VILLAGE

August 2017 – Rebuilding Lives



## Advocacy Matters

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Her Story

ONE WOMAN HELPS OTHERS

# Why Advocacy Matters

Last year the Village provided over 1,800 hours of direct and indirect advocacy. We saw a 47% increase in the number of children we served from 2015-2016. The need in our community for supportive services is tremendous. Restoration Village is not just a shelter-- it is a safe haven where women and their children have the opportunity to renew hope and rebuild their lives. The path to restoration is different for each resident but we know that without the advocacy support they receive, it is unlikely they would be able to overcome the barriers to their success.

Mary\* came to Restoration Village after fleeing a violent relationship. She was from another country and had no support system in the United States. While at the Village she received weekly counseling, she was matched with a mentor, and worked on a goal plan with her advocate. Mary obtained a full-time job and started saving money for her own apartment. She used the counseling and advocacy program to heal from the abuse she had experienced. Her daughter was involved in our children's enrichment program including participating in Wonderful Words. At the end of the school year her daughter was given an academic award at her school. After 9 months of living at Restoration Village, Mary was able to afford her own housing. The services offered at Restoration Village allowed Mary to not only move from a violent situation to safe and stable housing but provided her and her daughter with a strong support system.

Kelsey\* was a resident at Restoration Village for about 20 months. It was amazing to watch her transform during her stay. When Kelsey arrived, she had recently been at an inpatient facility for mental health treatment and was on the verge of losing custody of her children. They discovered that she suffered from a severe mental illness. Her personality was withdrawn and quiet, she had trouble caring for herself, and she was unable to take care of her children. Her strongest supporter was her mother, who took care of her children and worked to get her the care she needed.

**The services at Restoration Village assisted both \*Mary and \*Kelsey to conquer the hurdles previously preventing them from success, resulting in changed lives.**

During Kelsey's stay, every possible stone was turned for her to have access to the community resources that she desperately needed. Along with providing for her daily needs of food, shelter, and transportation, we also helped her navigate the daunting tasks of getting Social Security Disability and Child Support for her income. When it was clear that she needed more intensive therapy before she could live independently, we found a supportive, therapeutic day program for her to attend. Her children gradually worked up to staying full-time with her at the Village, and she learned to take care of them again. Her toddler was also placed in a therapeutic daycare for developmental delays. These and other resources would have been much more difficult for her to access on her own.

It was encouraging to watch Kelsey's personality emerge, as she gained confidence and learned to value herself again. Her

## What does 1,800 hours look like?



**Watching 600 baseball games**

Assuming an average game time of 3 hours



**Watching over 900 movies**

Assuming an average movie length of 115 minutes



**Driving coast-to-coast 75 times**

Assuming an average speed of 60mph and 8 hours driving time per day

# Thank you for your Service

Life at a shelter for women and children in crisis is full of transitions. There is a constant flow as progress is made and challenges addressed. This flow, like a river, can include calm placid waters that are easy to navigate and raging rapids that seem impossible to overcome but no matter the flow, one person has stood beside David and Beverly since the very beginning to help steady the ship and chart the course of Restoration Village. After 20 years of faithful and dedicated service Kathy Morrison Fisher is concluding her time as Business Manager at the Village beginning August 1, 2017. Kathy will not be far away as she will serve as the Director of Finance and IT for the Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County.

In her tenure at the Village, Kathy has taken hotline calls, managed resident needs, overseen human resources, and written grants just to name a few of the many contributions she has made. We were pleased to surprise Kathy with an award for her 20 years of service at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon with her husband, Jeff, and son, David Jr., in attendance.

While words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation we have for Kathy, this reflection from David and Beverly highlights how much Kathy has meant to the Village:



Kathy, Beverly, and David

True expression of gratitude is difficult to express, but Kathy's years of support, kindness, expertise, loyalty and faithfulness she has provided to us, personally, the ministry and our contributors of accountability has been of the highest of standards. We love her, are grateful for her and even though difficult to let her go, we know she will continue contributing to the CAC the skills and expertise she has blessed us with these past 20 years. We love her, will miss her but are thankful she is only a few steps away.

## How can you support the Village?



- 1 Become a Monthly Supporter** – Your monthly donation of \$75 will help ensure continued access to healthy food for the women and children at the Village.
- 2 Give a one-time donation** – As children at the Village head back to school, please consider making a gift that supports the Village all year long.
- 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 groups and individuals.
- 4 Share the mission of Restoration Village with someone you know!**



Tiffany and Debbie from Walmart with Jesseka



Living Word Lutheran Church members with David and Beverly



Jody and Brenda with Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Beta Omicron chapter

# Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Restoration Village Appreciation Luncheon is held each year to recognize and thank guests for the tremendous impact that volunteers have at the Village. We are especially honored to recognize one special volunteer or group of volunteers with the Madeline Mizelle Volunteer of the Year Award. The award was named in honor of the first recipient, Maddie Mizelle. Like Maddie, the winners of this year's award, **Living Word Lutheran Church**, exemplify what it means to have a servant's heart. This devoted group of volunteers has dedicated hundreds of hours in service to the Village from helping with major facilities projects to cooking casseroles for community meals at the Village. We are blessed by their support of our mission and are proud to recognize them for their great services.



It was also our honor to recognize volunteers from Walmart, Beta Omicron, the board, and others. Volunteers play a vital role in supporting the vision and mission of the Village by helping us provide impactful programs and services to women and children in crisis in our community. **Thank you!**

## Aim for Advocacy

**Our 2nd Annual AIM for Advocacy Sporting Clays Fundraiser benefiting Restoration Village isn't just an event;** It is an opportunity for participants to take a moment surrounded by the beauty of nature to recognize that they have the power to impact the lives of women and children in crisis in our community. Your support of this event allows us to help women like Mary and Kelsey achieve the life they imagined for themselves and their families. **Make plans now to join us on August 26th, 2017 at the new venue, Spring Valley Anglers Rod and Gun Club in Gravette, Arkansas and start your fall season off with a bank!** Contact Cie Cochran, [cie@restorationvillage.net](mailto:cie@restorationvillage.net) to find out how you or your company can be an event sponsor.



sweet nature and easy sense of humor were a delight. As she learned that there are people who care about her and believe in her, she also learned how to take responsibility for things and to take initiative for her life. She learned how to effectively express her emotions and communicate her needs. Dignity and value were restored to her. It is wonderful to be able to share that Kelsey moved into her own apartment with her children and they are blossoming on their own.

Restoration Village fills a critical gap by providing services to women and children who may otherwise fall through the cracks. They need us and we need you. We cannot provide the high level of programs and services without the support of those who know the power faith and the impact that is felt when someone in need is offered love and the opportunity to do better.

\*Names changed to protect their identity



## 4th Annual Afternoon of Fairytales



One lucky princess will have an opportunity to win her very own crown!

Save the Date, for our 4th Annual Afternoon of Fairytales – February 3, 2018 from 1-3 p.m. at Avondale Chapel and Gardens.

We invite children and children at heart to join us for an Afternoon of Fairytales. The program will feature music, fairytale-themed crafts, food, and guests from a faraway land!

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. To find out how you, your business, church, or civic organization can get involved, please contact Cie Cochran, Restoration Village, Director of Development at 479-631-7345 or by email at [cie@restorationvillage.net](mailto:cie@restorationvillage.net).





# Her Story: How one woman is using her own experience to give back to others

My life before coming to Restoration Village was filled with confusion. The confusion had been going on for many years, however, it got worse after I got married. When I married my husband we had only known each other for less than a year and I already had a young daughter. The marriage became physically abusive quickly. I went to have the marriage annulled, but was unsuccessful since I was already pregnant with my second child. I had two children in this marriage, one right after the other.

I spent the first year of my marriage in and out of shelters as well as my mother's and my brother's house. I sometimes would have to sit in the hot Texas heat, waiting in my car for family members to return home from work. This was hard on me during my pregnancy and explaining to my children why we couldn't go in until they got home, or even, what happened to our house.

I put my name on many housing waiting lists. Several of the lists moved fast because they were for public housing (projects). I received a one-year voucher for an apartment but I was afraid to live in the projects alone with small children. My then husband tried to talk me in to letting him come along with us to move into the newly built North Dallas projects. It was around that time, a lady from Garland Pregnancy Center who was helping me with baby needs referred me to Restoration Village. I called and spoke with Miss Beverly and was put on a six month waiting list. I think I called at least twice within this time frame to make sure this was still ok.

My life since leaving Restoration Village has been a continual journey of my trying to overcome the pain of my past while raising my children. I have been in college for a while pursuing an education so that my family would not have to live in poverty. I am proud to have earned my bachelor's degree and look forward to completing my master's degree.

I've had many challenges in my life but there has never been a time that my family has gone without anything that we needed. I know that this is because I have a relationship with Jesus and because of the support and care I received along my journey and at the Village. During the years after leaving Restoration Village, my children and I would still come for Sunday lunches, which were very important to me because David and Beverly never told me that we were not welcome to come. Even, Christmas, if I would call ahead, my children and I were welcomed to enjoy the Christmas Eve celebration. This meant a lot to me because, I had no family in the area, and Christmas Eves' were hard for me because I knew that my family in Louisiana were enjoying a pot of gumbo and bingo, as family tradition goes.

I currently work at a transitional living recovery home for men. I believe that I did not choose this line of work, I feel this line of

work chose me. It is a calling that the Lord has placed on my life. I also volunteer with Celebrate Recovery, sing in the choir, lead open share groups as well as the Celebrate Recovery Inside (CRI) Ministry. The most rewarding aspect about serving on the CRI team is to see the women pursue recovery once they have gotten out of jail.

I believe in having a plan for myself and my family and believe in working towards that plan no matter how long it may take. My five-year plan is to receive a PhD and to continue working to facilitate transitional housing because that is what I believe the Lord would have me do. Reaching back to give to others what someone has given to me. Life at Restoration Village has given me hope for better days, opportunities to learn communal living and unconditional love.