



The Willow
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CENTER

SHELTER. HELP. HOPE.

ALL **KINDS** OF **HELP.**

2014-2015 Report to the Community

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Because of *you,* in 2014-15...

- **147 adults and 87 children** found to the safety in our shelter home
- **484 adults and families** started healing and moving forward in our support groups, court advocacy services, work program, and more
- **3,645 kids, teens, and adults** reached out for help for themselves or a loved one on our 24/7 hotline
- **9,285 adults and kids** learned tools to recognize and respond to unhealthy relationships through a Willow presentation or training
- **267 Volunteers** provided 10,917.25 hours of service, equalling \$201,423.26 in financial contributions to our center
- **42 victims of human trafficking** - including 5 youth - found freedom and safety



Income & Expenses

Income

Federal and State Grants	\$604,564.92
Local Grants	122,202.97
Contributions and Fundraising	167,489.25
Total Income	\$894,257.14

Expenses

Fundraising	
<i>Advertising, events, mailings</i>	15,398.63
General Operating Expenses	
<i>Utilities, food, maintenance, etc.</i>	118,711.59
Staff Expenses	
<i>Payroll, Insurance, etc.</i>	698,303.43
Mortgage Payoff	39,735.92
Total Expenses	\$872,149.57

The Willow prides itself on community transparency regarding our finances as well as policies and procedures. In order to be as transparent as possible and to comply with best accounting principles, we've formally written checks and balances into the governing by-laws of the organization.

Our Finance Committee meets once per month and reviews the organization's financials and provides a report to the Board of Directors. Additionally, we employ an independent auditor, commissioned by the finance committee, who, at the end of each fiscal year, conducts a full audit. The auditor then presents his/her results to the Board of Directors, prepares our annual 990 filing (signed by both the auditor and Executive Director), and submits it to the IRS.

We welcome any questions you may have regarding our financials, policies and procedures, or any other area in which you have an interest or concern.

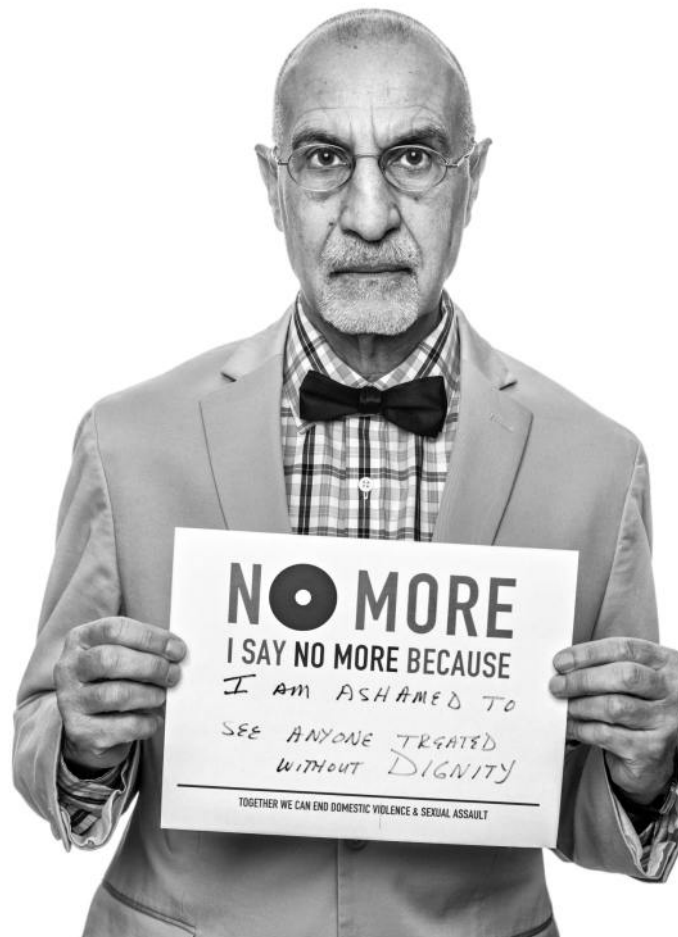




The Willow was honored with the 2015 Outstanding Victim Service Organization award from Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. Upon presenting the award, Schmidt recognized The Willow for its leadership in building youth violence prevention programs, engaging men, reaching underserved populations, and looking to the future for new ways to address the problems of domestic violence and human trafficking.



Photo of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt presenting Willow staff and board with the 2015 Outstanding Victim Service Organization Award.



What We Do

24 Hour Crisis Assistance

Our hotline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Whether you're concerned about yourself or someone else, we are here to listen, help create a safety plan, and much more.

Emergency Shelter

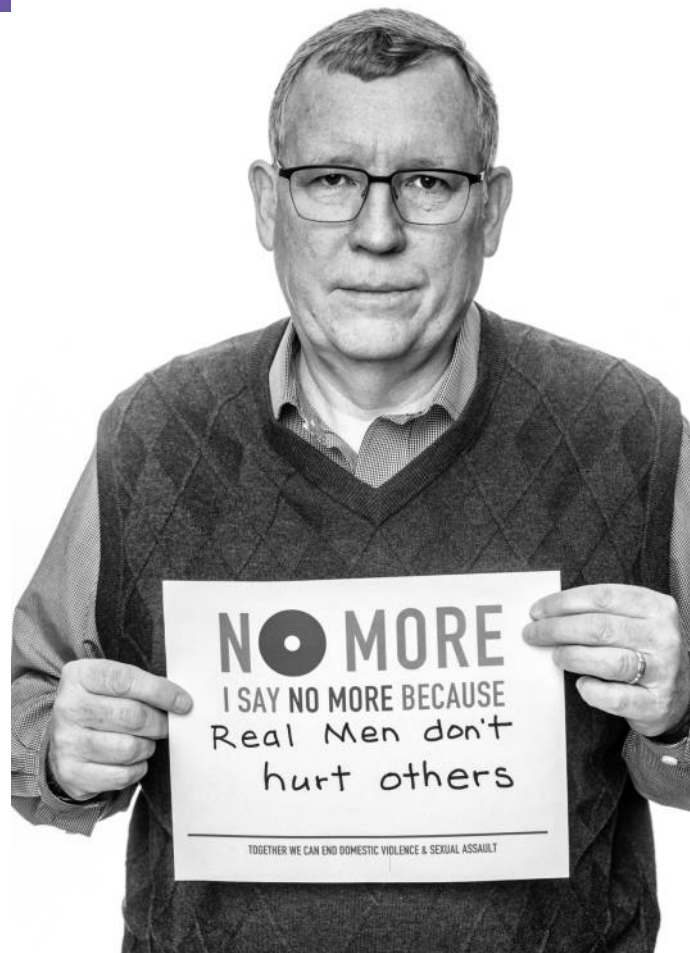
A confidential, healing environment for adults and their children to find help and hope. Every year, almost 300 adults and families seek safety and support at our shelter home.

Support Services

Personalized safety planning, basic needs, medical resources, and support groups at various locations are available for adults and children. We also provide assistance with housing, employment, finances, legal resources, and healthy relationship education.

Children's Services

We provide a range of services for children, both in our shelter home and in the community, ranging from art and music programs to healthy parenting classes and information about the effects of domestic violence on children.



Court and Systems Advocacy

We attend court proceedings and other important meetings with clients. We provide assistance navigating court processes, including filing protection orders, attending civil and criminal proceedings, and making legal referrals.

Human Trafficking

Anyone who has experienced forced labor or sexual exploitation is eligible for all Willow Domestic Violence Center services. We offer a peer support group for survivors of exploitation and trafficking.

Employment Services and Work Program

All of our employment services address trauma recovery while preparing for long-term employment. Our HOPEworks program serves recipients of state cash assistance.

Community Presentations and Workshops

We provide education and prevention workshops to faith communities, businesses, and community organizations. Specialized training is available for mental health providers, law enforcement, and other professionals.

Youth Violence Prevention

Youth ranging in age from elementary school to college learn about healthy relationships with friends, classmates, and dating partners through our SAFE program.



I first got involved with The Willow two months after I fled with our daughter for our safety back to Lawrence which is home to both of us. I had been living with my ex and our daughter in another state when my ex began threatening me and physically abusing our daughter.

I was approached by an advocate from The Willow when we were staying at the Lawrence Community Shelter. The hour-long conversation that day is what started rebuilding our lives. We worked with Willow advocates for months, and they helped us find a house, resources for my medical needs, and helped us navigate help from many other service agencies.

Willow helped my daughter get her childhood back. She and I have learned to trust people again. Now, my daughter has a safe home to grow up in, free from abuse, and I am finally able to start over and get my life back.

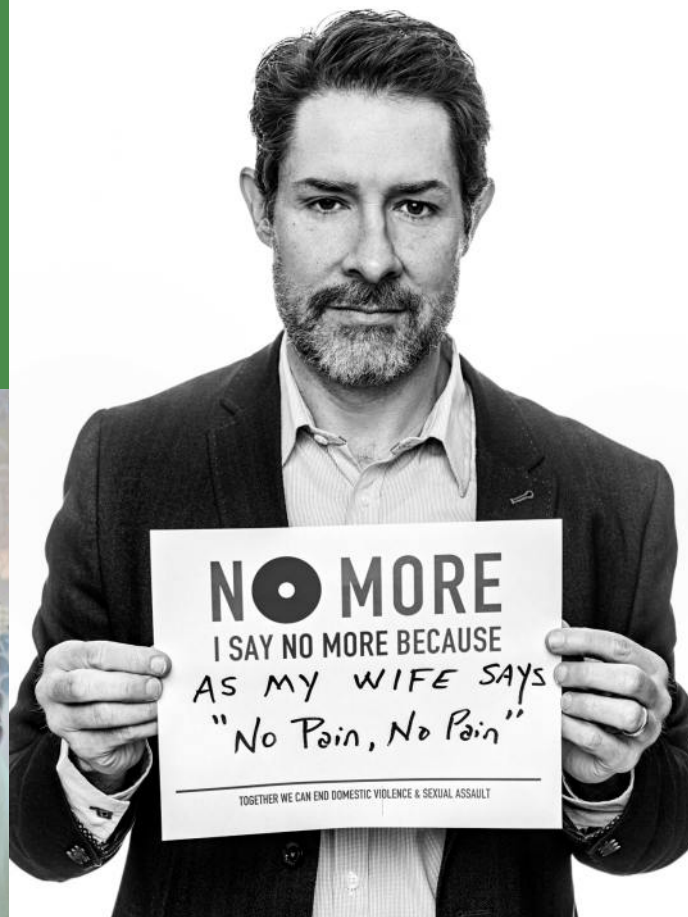
I never knew that The Willow helped men. I would encourage men who are experiencing abuse in their relationship to reach out to The Willow - I am glad I did.

Letter from Survivor

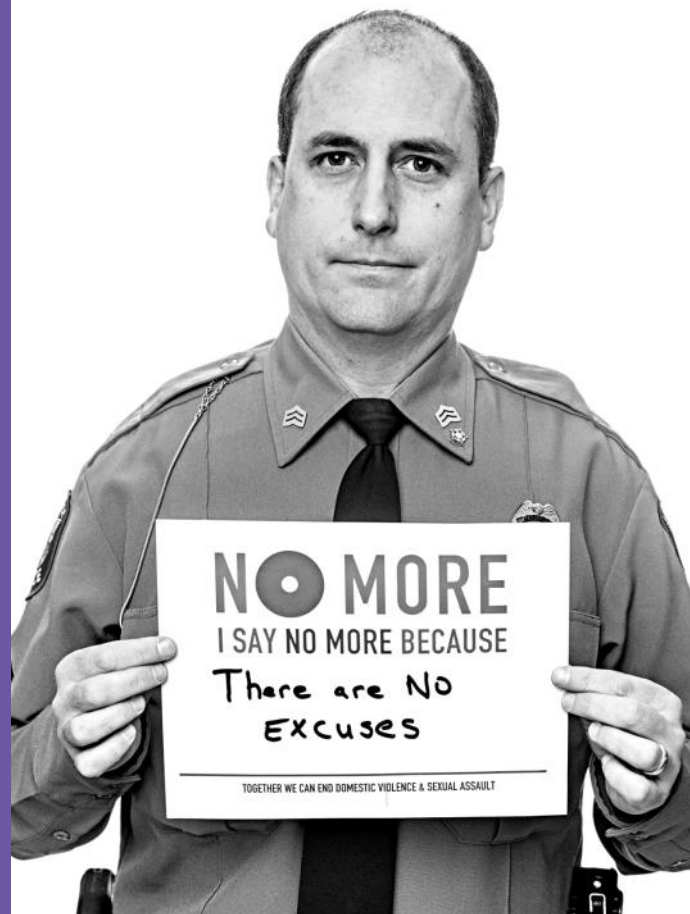
Each year, the Willow serves more adults and children than the year before. Each year, we see more survivors taking control of their lives and finding safety for themselves and their children. We launched an initiative to pay off our shelter home's \$44,000 mortgage by 2017. Within months, we reached our goal. Paying off the mortgage gives the Willow financial freedom that we have not previously enjoyed, allowing us to plan new and continued ways to serve our community. Our deepest thanks go to each and every donor that helped us achieve our goal. In 2016, as the Willow celebrates our 40th anniversary, we look to the future, humbled and grateful for your support. We are excited to serve the communities of Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson Counties for another 40 years.z



“I can't believe how different life feels now from where I started. I never thought I'd be able to get this far, and I just appreciate all the support your program has provided as I worked through these rough times.”
Employment Services Client



“ The Willow continues to do outstanding work in improving the lives of victims of domestic violence,” said Christie Brungardt, founder of Jana’s Campaign. “Over the six years that my husband and I have been involved in this work, we have watched The Willow Domestic Violence Center grow and continually enhance their services.”



We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters who have made a remarkable investment in the safety and health of our community. Listed here are the organizations and businesses who contributed to The Willow in 2014-15. The many individual and family donors are not listed out of respect for confidentiality.

We have made every effort to ensure that each gift is properly recorded. If your group name is listed incorrectly or inadvertently omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please advise Kristine Chapman at 785-331-2034 x105 or kchapman@willowdvcenter.org.

Alpha Chi Omega
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First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Southern Baptist Church

First United Methodist Church
Free City Church
Free State Brewing Co
Free State High School Renaissance Committee
Fuzzy's Tacos
GFWC Lawrence Classics
Girl Scout Troops 1126, 1343, 1437, 280
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
Graham Enterprises
Haskell Indian Nations University Social Work Club
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Immanuel Lutheran Church
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J-Notes Music Management
Kansas Prairie Quilters
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Kaw Valley Quilters Guild
Kohart Accounting
KU Dining Services
KU School of Business
KU School of Engineering
KU School of Social Welfare
KU Women in Law
Ladybird Diner
LaLa Lassies
Lawrence Central Rotary Club
Lawrence Heights Christian Church

Lawrence Medical Managers Association
Lewis Veterinary Clinic
Margaret Amini Scholarship Hall
McLouth 1st Baptist Church
Mortar Board Honor Society
PEO Chapter EA
Peoples Bank
Piersol Foundation
Plymouth Congregational Church
Preferred Lawn Service
Redeemer Lutheran Youth Group
Soroptimist International
Starving Artists Movers
Ten Thousand Villages
The Phoenix Gallery
Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Lutheran Women
Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
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US Bank
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West Side Presbyterian Church
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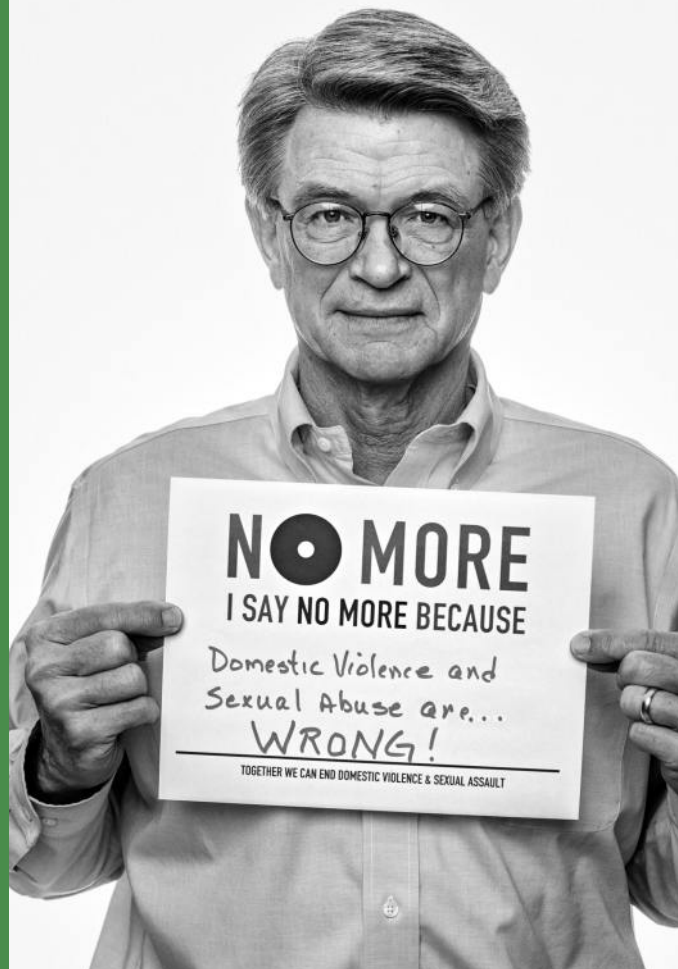
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Community Engagement



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Director of
Employment Services

Thank You

Without the help of all of our volunteers, we would not be able to provide the volume of services and the many programs that hold up survivors through the crisis of domestic violence and human trafficking. We thank each one of you for the hours, the heart, and the hope you have brought to our organization. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our center and they enrich each survivor's experience by showing that the community cares, one person at a time.







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