

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2016

**38%** OF ALL VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BECOME HOMELESS AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES

IN 2015 MY SISTERS' PLACE PROVIDED

**2,948**  
BED NIGHTS AT SHELTER

**77**

WOMEN SHELTERED

**34**

CHILDREN SHELTERED

WE WERE **UNABLE TO MEET**

**104**

REQUESTS FOR SHELTER IN 2015

10,196  
UNMET  
REQUESTS  
STATEWIDE

NUMBER OF  
DV SHELTERS  
IN LINCOLN  
COUNTY:

**1**

THE AVERAGE SHELTER STAY  
FOR OUR CLIENTS IS **27** DAYS

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IT  
TAKES A HOMELESS FAMILY TO SECURE  
HOUSING IS **6-10** MONTHS



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Everyone Deserves a



# Sanctuary

WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE  
AND LOVING HOME





### What is a **Sanctuary Fund**?

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The Sanctuary Fund will be used as supplemental rental assistance for My Sisters' Place clients who have exhausted all other community resources and are still unable to come up with the final costs to move into or remain in safe housing. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to support this goal.

Additional housing costs may include:

- ◇ Rental application fees (often \$30-\$45)
- ◇ Emergency rental assistance to prevent eviction
- ◇ Move-in fees
- ◇ Rental deposits
- ◇ Utility deposits

### How can you **help**?

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- ◇ Attend a craft night in October to build fairy doors with wishes for safe homes in our community.
- ◇ Host a mini house with informational material at your organization or business.
- ◇ Educate others on rental rights specific to victims of domestic violence.
- ◇ Donate to our Sanctuary Fund.

**Interpersonal violence** is a leading cause of **homelessness** for women and their children.

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My Sisters' Place operates the only temporary emergency domestic violence shelter in Lincoln County. We are currently unable to provide any direct rental assistance due to lack of resources. To secure safe, secure housing, our clients often need more help than is currently available.

Abusers commonly jeopardize a victim's economic stability. Our clients often struggle to find rental properties or rental assistance due to poor credit, rental and employment histories related to their abuse. Individuals may be evicted or denied housing due to the circumstances of their interpersonal violence. Some may decide to stay in an unsafe situation rather than become homeless. Ultimately, 38 percent of individuals who have experienced interpersonal violence will become homeless at some point in their lives.

Help My Sisters' Place provide **sanctuary** for people who have experienced interpersonal violence in our community.

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