

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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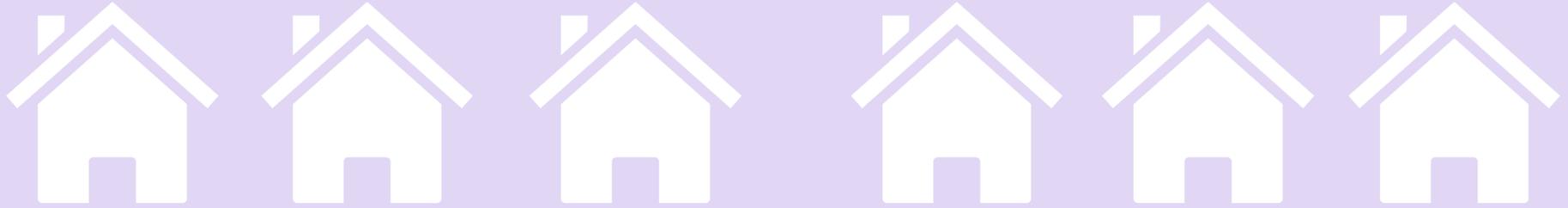
Everyone Deserves a



Sanctuary

WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE
AND LOVING HOME





What is a **Sanctuary Fund**?

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**?

- ◇ 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.

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.
