



Restoring Peace · Reaffirming Worth · Renewing Hope

Newsletter, Spring 2023

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Spring always seems like a time of new beginnings and fresh starts, which represents everything Restoration Advocates is about. We work together to provide women and children new beginnings and fresh starts as they leave unsafe environments and strive to build better lives.

Since January 1, we have had an influx of women seeking shelter. Ten women and nineteen children have come to Restoration Place for safety and resources. We have provided food, transportation, assistance with job search as well as personal encouragement counselling.

Our ability to assist so many women is because of our community of donors and supporters. We have been able to provide transportation to the many residents who do not have vehicles because of generous donations of cars by KW Enterprise. Donations of furniture and household items continue to flow in as well baby items, cleaning products, and paper goods. When we had a cold front blow in, no one in Restoration Place had heavy coats. A quick post on Facebook brought in coats for everyone.

This month we helped “Kim” move into her own apartment. “Kim” called several months ago seeking a shelter from her abusive husband. Her family lives on another continent and she had no place to go. She was surprised to find a warm and comfortable place where she felt safe and at home and said she could breathe for the first time in a long time. “Kim” worked hard, fought through a difficult divorce and custody settlement and finally was able to take the next step to be fully independent. We were happy to provide furniture and everything she needed to make a home for herself and her daughter.

“Candy” called when she had reached her 45 day limit at another shelter but was not able to get into a home of her own yet. After six weeks in Restoration Place she was able to get HUD funding and rent an apartment. RA provided furniture for her family to have a good start in the new home.

We are extremely grateful for the support of our community since the day we began to speak of our dream to open the shelter. Because business owners offered use of a building, we have had three bedrooms to host residents since September 2020. Because of your support, we have been able to buy a house which doubled our capacity. We purchased the house in August and began necessary repairs which included updating the electrical and plumbing systems. The central heat and air systems had to be replaced but due to funds, we were only able to replace the heat and hoped to be able to add air conditioning before summer! Fifty Women Strong came through for us with a grant to cover the air. The grant will also cover new flooring for part of the house. Due to water damage, the dining area at this time has only the subfloor and the rest of the house has carpet that is sixty years old! The house still has many repair needs, but the biggest need right now is for artificial turf and playground equipment in the sandy back yard.

You may donate by check to Restoration Advocates, mail to P.O. Box 961, Stephenville, 76401 or Venmo at [restorationadvocates](https://www.venmo.com/restorationadvocates).

The purchase of the house in Stephenville was a big step of faith. While the house doubled our capacity to provide a safe haven for women and children, the purchase more than doubled our financial needs. We now have a mortgage, insurance, utilities, and repairs on still needed. We also really want to continue to help our residents with child care and other needs as they work toward independence.

To assist with funds for meeting those needs we are hosting our second annual talent show “Cross Timber’s Got Talent” on Friday, April 21, 7:30, at City Hall, 1907 E Washington St, Stephenville.

We have a limited number of sponsorship options available;

Gold level at \$1600, with dinner and tickets for 10 in reserved seating, coupons for concessions

Silver level at \$800, with tickets for 8 in reserved seating, coupons for concessions

Bronze level at \$300, with 4 general admission tickets , coupons for concessions

For more information on sponsorships, email events@restorationadvocates.org

Individual tickets are \$25, available at Eventbrite.com, “Cross Timber’s Got Talent.”

Come prepared to enjoy an evening of great entertainment and increase support for women who are victims of domestic abuse through our special live auction with items listed below;

****The Hico Experience***

Stay in the Social Grace Guest House, dinner at OmaLeen’s, breakfast or lunch at Two Clay Birdds, gift card to Hico Mercantile, wine tasting at Silver Spur Winery, Hico swag

****Chill in The ‘Ville.***

Stay in The Compass Airbnb, see a movie at Cinema Six, choose from several options for dinner, enjoy gift certificates and gift items all from Stephenville merchants

****Private Golf Package***

Golf for fifteen at a gorgeous privately owned golf course in a beautiful setting in Keller, TX, with catered lunch and coacktails included

****Private Guided Hog Hunt***

Hunt for four at a private 2,000 acre ranch. Equipment, rifles, ammo and thermals provided, as well as snacks and refreshments

**** A Day in the Music Studio***

Studio time at the Hamilton House Recording Studio in Stephenville, one song recorded and produced by acclaimed singer/songwriter Ryan Hamilton.

Proceeds from this event will provide funds to provide resources for the women and children we serve to help them take the next steps to live safe and healthy lives. We are extremely grateful for our supporters who generously contribute through sponsorships and auction items, for the talented performers who make the evening enjoyable, and for everyone who will attend the event and help make this a great success.