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FALL 2022

This September we celebrate three years of operation!

In September of 2019, we organized as a non-profit with the state of Texas. A year later, on 9/1/20, we opened the doors to Restoration Place and have since provided shelter for 39 women and 38 children. I have said many times that since I began this process, I got a ball rolling and have been trying to keep up ever since. God has moved and our community has stepped up more times than I can count and I am exceedingly grateful.

Now in this past year alone we have provided assistance to 21 women and 17 children; shelter, food, counseling, transportation, assistance with job searches, sometimes medical treatment, as well as mentoring and friendship. We provided furnishings for four women and helped them move into apartments.

Restoration Advocates continues to benefit from the amazing generosity of our community. We receive regular donations from our many supporters which enable us to well provide for the needs of our residents, and we also were blessed with some special donations this year.

- In December KW Enterprise donated a car, a 2008 Volkswagen Jetta, for our residents to use. This donation met a major need for transportation and has been a tremendous blessing.
- We received a donation of \$30,000 from The Show, an event put on by the Cowboy Capital Pro Rodeo Association.
- We also received a grant of \$8,500 from “50 Women Strong” so that we could purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer. Gifford TV & Electronics delivered the items for us and also donated a trash compactor.
- Cody Davis, who grew up in Stephenville and is now a football player with the New England Patriots, asked for recommendations for local charities to receive an NFL community grant. I was shocked to find that Restoration Advocates was one of five selected to be included in the voting for the grant. The first round of voting resulted in a tie between Erath County Habitat for Humanity and Restoration Advocates. Then the tie-breaker vote resulted in a tie as well! Cody then decided both organizations will each receive a \$10,000 grant.

I am continually amazed and awed by the support we receive!

October begins Domestic Violence Awareness month. As we did last year, we will have daily posts on social media and will participate in community events to raise awareness. This year we have also purchased yard signs, to help let women know they are not alone and that help is available.

WE HAVE A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

Restoration Advocates has bought a house!

We were able to find a house in Stephenville with four bedrooms and three bathrooms, with a fenced in back yard and garage space for three cars. The owner agreed to sell us the house for \$230,000, which we were able to finance with \$40,000 down. We are very grateful for this house and excited about the opportunity this gives us to serve more women. We will continue to operate the facility we have, which has three bedrooms. With this new facility our ability to serve will more than double. We will be able to provide shelter for up to 13 women or possibly 7 women with children. This will also provide a play area for the children, and will be more convenient for the residents to find employment and child care.

The house does need some remodeling , and we will be asking the community to once again step up to help us meet the needs of our residents. I have listed the needs and the estimated cost for each.

These repairs must be done before we can use the house.

1. Replace the central heat and a/c, which is over 60 years old and is not safe: \$9,000
2. Replace the natural gas heat system and water heaters with electric systems because the gas lines are not safe. We are gathering more details in order to get an estimate.
3. Replace old, galvanized metal plumbing: \$15,000
4. Replace two water heaters: \$1,000
5. Add garage door openers for safety: \$500
6. Add a security system: \$500

The following items are definitely needed as possible. Prices are estimated.

1. Privacy fence on the back yard: \$1,500 for materials alone
2. Repair broken shower and sink in one bathroom: \$800 materials
3. Repair ceiling cracks in living room, and paint the interior: \$400 materials
4. Repair hole in dining area which is currently covered by plywood: \$1,000 materials
5. Repair and paint wood trim on exterior: \$1,000 materials
6. Replace all flooring with vinyl plank flooring: \$3,800 for materials

We welcome your help with these areas. This home will be a huge blessing to more women who are in need of a safe haven.

The Restoration Advocates board and I continue to give thanks for every one of our supporters; those who donate funds, time, prayer, and encouragement. We greatly value our partners.

With My Sincere Appreciation,

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*Let us know if you
would like a yard sign!*
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