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LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

-RACHEL LEJEUNE

2018 has been a year unlike any we have seen before at Willow Tree Missions. After spending the past few years building our resale shop to be a stronger and more sustainable funding source, we turned our full attention to building better services for Domestic Violence victims in our county. In the fall of 2017, Piatt County providers began a community collaborative effort to attack the issue of Domestic Violence in our communities. We are so grateful to be a part of this effort and amazed to see what God has done with it in such a short time.

Based on numbers served in past years, we set what we thought was a lofty goal to provide direct services to 25 victims of DV in 2018. Little did we know what was to come! Through this collaborative effort, we were able to provide services to those 25 victims by mid March. That number is now at 58 and counting for the year! Men and women alike have come forward for help. DV knows no boundaries and we are not immune in Piatt County!

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Serving these individuals and their families is a great honor to us. It is also a great responsibility, one we cannot bear alone. We are so grateful to this community for your daily support of our mission. Our resale shop pays all of our monthly operating expenses. That is a stability that most non-profits do not have. Those funds provide for our Neighbor House mortgage and utilities, a houseparent/care coordinator to staff it, and for my position of director and advocate. That is a lot of amazing help we are able to offer victims, thanks to your ongoing support! However, there is always a need for more.

There are so many ways we can help victims knock down the obstacles to gaining their safety and freedom. For some, it is shelter or counseling. For others, it may be things like gas, attorney fees, housing or utility assistance, food, clothing, or a phone to assist in job hunting. Donations to our mission are used primarily for victims' needs. The more we have in that fund, the more help we can offer. It's that simple. If you are passionate about domestic violence or about creating a better community for our future, would you consider partnering with us by donating to this fund? You can do a one-time donation or you can join us as a monthly partner and make recurring donations. Lives are being changed daily. We promise, you will be blessed to be a part of it! Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your steadfast support of our mission and our team! God Bless

-Rachel

WAYS TO SUPPORT US:

- DONATE TO OUR RESALE SHOP
- SHOP OUR RESALE SHOP (THERE'S SOMETHING THERE FOR EVERYONE!)
- DONATE FUNDS (AT OUR SHOP, ONLINE, OR MAIL TO OUR BUSINESS OFFICE)
- VOLUNTEER AT OUR RESALE SHOP
- PRAY FOR OUR TEAM
- TELL OTHERS ABOUT US

SERVICES WE OFFER:

- CRISIS COUNSELING
- LEGAL ADVOCACY
- SUPPORT GROUPS
- SHELTER
- SAFETY PLANNING
- INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO SAFETY AND FREEDOM
- PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

PLEASE REMEMBER US ON GIVING TUESDAY!

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