

Annual Report 2023

#MoreThanAShelter

Partnering with our community
to promote safety, hope,
healing, justice, and prevention.



Denton County
Friends of the Family

Our Mission

Our mission at Denton County Friends of the Family (DCFOF) is to provide compassionate, comprehensive services to those impacted by rape, sexual abuse, and domestic violence, while partnering with our community to promote safety, hope, healing, justice, and prevention.



New
Events



More
Growth



A Rise in
Hope

We recreated our holiday event from Holiday Express to Jingle Mingle, and it was a huge hit with the community! We sold over 150 tickets and collaborated with so many community partners, such as Cartwrights, North Texas Air, and NTX Collegiate Academy.

Our clients experience significant personal and professional growth, demonstrating resilience and empowerment to overcome challenges and achieve their fullest potential through workshops, therapy, ADVANCE and other free services and programs.

Through our dedicated efforts, we provide our clients with the support and solutions they need, instilling a renewed sense of hope and possibility. By consistently delivering exceptional service and results, we empower them to envision and achieve a brighter future.

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A Message From Our Executive Director

Toni Johnson-Simpson



Dear Friends,

During 2023, our agency experienced significant growth, focusing on future planning and strategic development. Despite the dynamic changes in Denton County, now home to over 1 million residents, we at Denton County Friends of the Family remained dedicated to providing exceptional service to our clients. We take pride in our unwavering commitment and look forward to continuing this dedication in the years to come.

Looking ahead to 2024, our prospects are incredibly promising. With the improvements we've made to elevate our services and the exciting anticipation surrounding the development of our Family Justice Center, hope continues to drive every initiative undertaken by our board, leadership, and staff. We are committed to providing comprehensive and empathetic support to the families we serve. We are dedicated to offering comprehensive and compassionate support to the families we serve.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our success in 2023 and invite you to join us in making a positive impact on Denton County in 2024. Each volunteer, donor, staff member, board member, and community supporter who believed in our mission has made this possible. Your dedication and support have made a meaningful difference in our community, and I deeply appreciate each one of you for stepping up and making a lasting impact!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Toni Johnson-Simpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Toni Johnson-Simpson MSW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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2023 Board of Directors



Over the past year, our organization has been dedicated to expanding support for individuals impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. DCFOF has made significant progress in narrowing the divide by offering residential shelter services, counseling initiatives, outreach efforts, legal advocacy, and preventive programs. Since 1980, over 44 years, DCFOF remains committed to its mission of providing empathetic and comprehensive assistance to those impacted by rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

Our aspiration for the future is to establish a Family Justice Center for our community. We eagerly anticipate a world free from domestic violence and sexual assault. Until that day arrives, our organization will persist in its mission to aid as many affected individuals as possible. DCFOF will continue to collaborate with our community to advance safety, hope, healing, justice, and prevention.

Sincerely,
Lisa Stanley, PhD.
Board Chair, 2023

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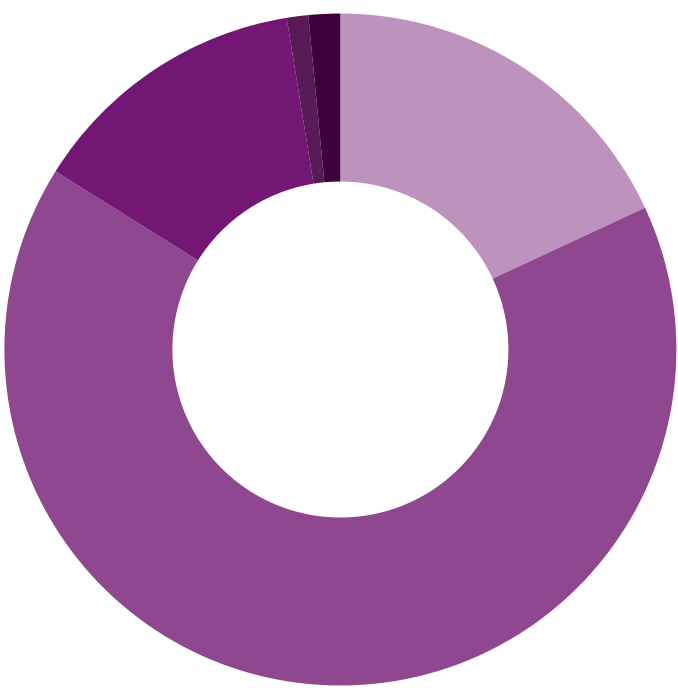
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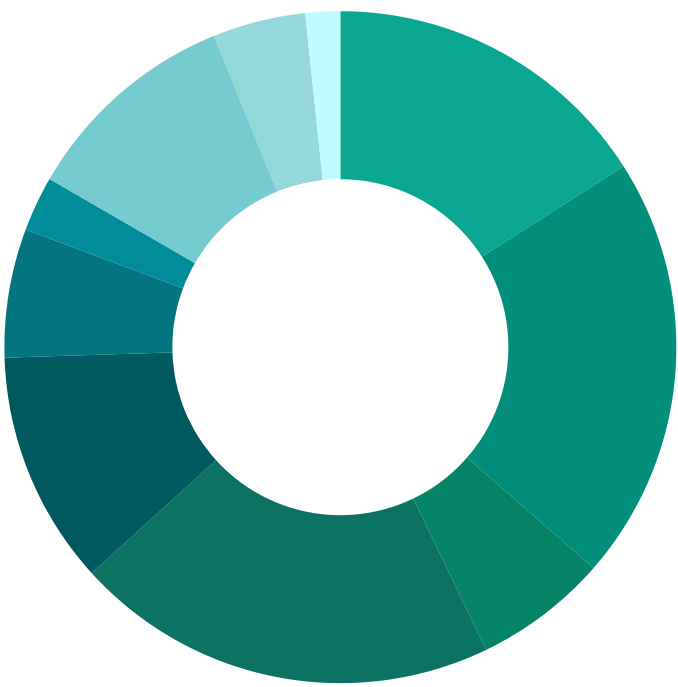
2024 Financial Statements

Revenues



- Government Grants - \$5,476,155**
- Public Contribution - \$196,866**
(Community Grants, Foundations, Corporate Support, and Individual Gifts)
- Upscale Resale - \$717,358**
- Program Services - \$147,624**
- United Way - \$11,240**
- Miscellaneous - \$16,602**

Expenditures



- Clinical Services - \$1,191,355**
- Residential - \$1,527,904**
- Battering Intervention and Prevention - \$480,820**
- Advocacy & Legal Services - \$1,524,041**
- Community Engagement - \$839,280**
- Upscale Resale - \$462,277**
- Explorium - \$197,929**
- Fundraising - \$785,913**
- Administration - \$332,982**
- Other - \$124,948**

CLIENT IMPACT STORY

COURTNEY'S STORY

Courtney, like most survivors of domestic violence, had been assaulted several times by her partner before law enforcement got involved. Courtney had never called the police on her partner for fear of how she may be victimized by the various systems (Child Protective Services (CPS), local law enforcement, etc.). Courtney's story changed in January 2022 when her then 7-year-old son, who saw his mother being strangled by his father, called the police for help. Denton County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) responded and arrested Courtney's partner for Assault Causes Family Violence. DCSO also made a report to CPS and Courtney's partner was found Reason to Believe for Neglectful Supervision of their son. Courtney's injuries were great and she missed a week of work due to her fractured eardrum, chipped teeth, and bleeding eyes. Courtney's son was terrified to leave his mother alone and also refused to go to school for a week. However, despite the arrest, Courtney's partner was just beginning to escalate in violence. A month later, Courtney agreed to meet her partner so that he could see his son. Courtney wanted her son to have his father in his life, and despite the violence she had endured, was willing to communicate with him and be around him for the sake of their child. While meeting at a McDonald's in February 2022, so Courtney's partner could meet with their son, he grabbed Courtney while she was in the car and tried to pull her out of the vehicle to assault her again. Courtney was able to drive off, with her son in the car, but still received injuries. At this point, Courtney knew that it was no longer safe to be around her partner.

In March 2022, Courtney made plans to remove her belongings from their shared home and move out. With her son with her, Courtney returned to the home at a time she did not think her partner would be there. She was nearly finished removing her belongings, when her partner returned home. He was furious that she was leaving and assaulted her again. It was at this point that Courtney knew she needed more help protecting herself and her son. Courtney reached out to Denton County Friends of the Family (DCFOF). She collaborated with her advocate and began the process of pursuing a protective order through the Denton County District Attorney's Office Protective Order Unit. Courtney and her son were granted a 2-year protective order. But Courtney's partner wasn't finished. Despite the protective order instructing him to not communicate with Courtney in a threatening or harassing manner, he began sending Courtney texts accusing her of sleeping with other men, insulting her parenting, and even sending her pictures of his body in a lewd manner. Courtney, along with her DCFOF advocate, reported these protective order violations to Denton Police Department. Courtney had informed the prosecutors of her partner's criminal case about the texts and they also began work on revoking his bond for his continued harassment of Courtney. Denton Police Department arrested Courtney's partner for violating the protective order and his bond conditions in January 2023. DCFOF agreed to represent Courtney in her divorce in order to help Courtney finally safely separate from her partner. Courtney's partner pled no contest to the Assault Causes Family Violence and was sentenced to 300 days in jail; he also pled no contest to violating the protective order and bond conditions and was sentenced to 75 days in jail.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton County Sheriff's Office, Denton Police Department, Denton County District Attorney's Office, and Child Protective Services, Courtney and her son are free from the abuse from her now ex-partner.

2024 By The Numbers

6,048 total crisis contacts (calls + texts) answered 24/7
3,192 victim intakes; **5,763** unduplicated clients served (excluding BIPP)
19,389 individuals reached through community engagement and prevention education
296 sexual assault response team (SANE) calls supported
71 households received transitional housing services

12,329 nights of emergency shelter
106,323 services delivered
37,959 service hours provided
19,389 individuals educated through outreach

Referrals from CPS: **480**
Referrals from law enforcement: **514**
enforcement accompaniment – up **141%** from 2023
11% increase in food pantry use from 2023
Over **\$606,400** secured in Crime Victims' Compensation since Oct. 2019

2024 Residential Program Outcome Results:

86% domestic violence survivors had strategies for enhancing their safety as a result of contact with the domestic violence program
85% of the survivors had knowledge of available community resources as a result of their contact with the agency
83% of the survivors reported a decreased level of isolation due to the services provided by the agency.

2024 Non-Residential Program Outcome Results:

90% domestic violence survivors had strategies for enhancing their safety as a result of contact with the domestic violence program
93% of the survivors had knowledge of available community resources as a result of their contact with the agency
90% of the survivors reported a decreased level of isolation due to the services provided by the agency.



Looking Back on DVAM



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Looking Back on Jingle Mingle



Looking Back on the 1st Quarter

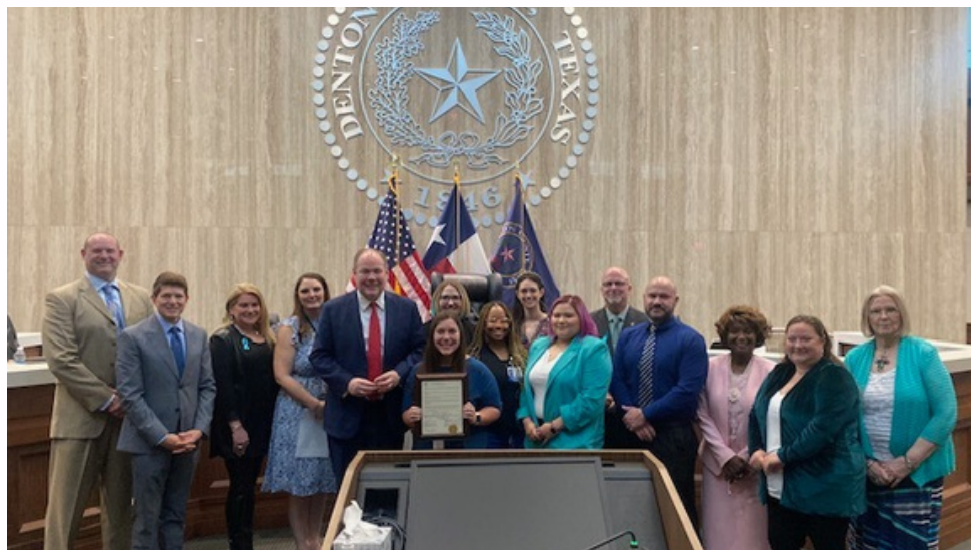


Top row photos left to right: Check Presentation from Frost Bank, Commissioner's Court, Educational Community Tabling

Middle row photos: Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Bottom row photos left to right: Northlake Donation, Denton Fire Department Pathways Event, and Valentine Donation

Looking Back on the 2nd Quarter



Top row photos left to right: National Denim Day, Friends of the Badge, Check Presentation to our DCFOF SAT Team

Middle row photos left to right: SAT Volunteer Appreciation, SAAM Proclamation at Denton County Commissioner's Court

Bottom row photos left to right: Camp HOPE, Friends of the Badge, Argyle Child Safety Fair

Looking Back on the 3rd Quarter



Top row photos left to right: Dutch Bros Buck for Kids, TAASA Event, Denton Raising Canes' Drink Donation

Middle row photos left to right: TAASA Event, Sponsorship Check Presentation from JulianJohnson, P.C.

Bottom row photos left to right: Executive Director Speaking at TAASA Event, TAASA Event, Mother's Day Donation

Looking Back on the 4th Quarter



Top row photos left to right: Staff at HTTA, Lorrie's Joy Performing at HTTA, Staff Shopping for Adopt A Family Gifts

Middle row photos left to right: Legal Conference and Thanksgiving Meal Kits featuring Target's Bag Donation

Bottom row photos left to right: Holiday Drive Donations, National Night Out, Jingle Mingle Craft Table