



THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT FY 2026

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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

This year marked an important transition in the history of the Women's Resource Center. After 42 years of dedicated service, including 12 years as Executive Director, Kristy Stewart retired, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy of leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to survivors. Because of her stewardship, our organization entered this new chapter on a strong foundation, and we remain deeply grateful for her lasting impact.

As I stepped into this role, our focus has been on honoring that legacy while preparing the Women's Resource Center for the future. Over the past year, we strengthened financial stewardship, modernized operational systems, invested in our staff, enhanced our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program and Rape Crisis Center, and deepened partnerships throughout our community. While much of this work happened behind the scenes, every improvement was made with one goal in mind—to provide the highest quality care for every survivor who turns to us.

We are also deeply grateful to United Way of Norman and Impact Oklahoma for their investment in our mission. Their support is helping us expand services and create a more welcoming, healing environment for survivors in our shelter and Rape Crisis Center.

Looking ahead, I am excited about what lies before us. From expanding survivor services and strengthening prevention efforts to exploring the future of our shelter and facilities, we are building an organization that is prepared to meet the evolving needs of our community for generations to come.

Thank you for believing in our mission and investing in the lives of survivors. Together, we are honoring a remarkable legacy while building an even stronger future.

With gratitude,



Ajia Meux-Jacobs, PhD, MSW
Interim Executive Director
Women's Resource Center



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RAPE CRISIS CENTER

Scout Powell, Rape Crisis Center Coordinator

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"WE BELIEVE WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN SAFETY, TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY, TO MAKE CHOICES AND TO HOPE".

WRC MISSION STATEMENT



207

People housed at the shelter

119

Forensic DV and SA examinations provided by SANEs



36

People who completed the 12-week Domestic Violence Education course.



510

Event Volunteer Hours

96

Event Volunteers



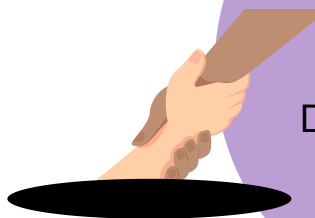
69

Shelter clients who moved into homes of their own



1573

People engaged through community events and trainings



850

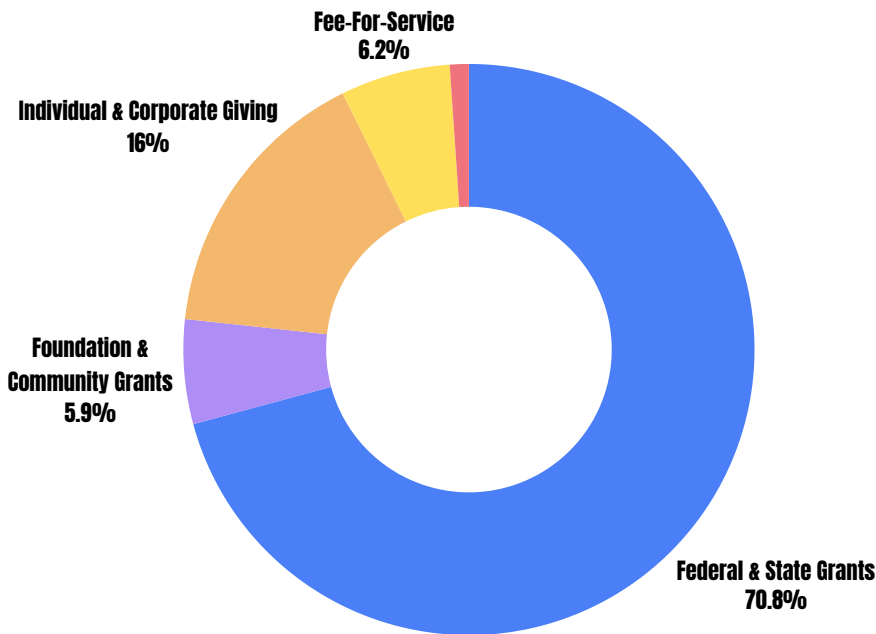
Domestic Violence Crisis Line Calls

FY26 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

"HEALING TAKES COURAGE, AND WE ALL HAVE COURAGE,
EVEN IF WE HAVE TO DIG A LITTLE TO FIND IT."
-TORI AMOS



FY26 TOTAL REVENUE \$1,672,454.12



HOW OUR WORK IS FUNDED

Every service we provide is made possible through the collective support of public funding, private philanthropy, and community partnerships. This diversified funding model strengthens our ability to respond to survivors' needs while ensuring long-term sustainability.

STEWARDSHIP

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FY26 TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,842,754.29



74¢ of every dollar invested in the Women's Resource Center supports the people who provide crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy, and forensic care to survivors.



STEWARDSHIP

COMMUNITY SERVICES



On June 17, 2026, Haley Henrikson led WRC's partnership with Raising Cane's in Norman. For each customer who mentioned the fundraiser at the restaurant or applied a code to online or app orders at checkout, Cane's donated 15% of their net sales to WRC.

SHELTER



Thanks to a grant from Cox Charities, the Family Violence Shelter began construction on a playground



Shelter renovation began thanks to the generous Impact Oklahoma grant



RAPE CRISIS CENTER



Our SANE nurses were trained on our new forensic imaging camera system which enhances our ability to document injuries with greater accuracy and detail, helping preserve critical evidence while providing compassionate, survivor-centered care.



Scout Powell assumed leadership as the new Rape Crisis Center Coordinator

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

HONORING A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP



After 42 years of dedicated service to the Women's Resource Center, including 12 years as Executive Director, Kristy Stewart leaves a lasting legacy of leadership, compassion, and stewardship. Through periods of tremendous growth and challenge—including the COVID-19 pandemic—she guided the organization with stability, fiscal responsibility, and an unwavering commitment to survivors. Her leadership expanded the Women's Resource Center's impact through the creation of the Rape Crisis Center, the development of the Community Services Office model, and the growth of our administrative capacity. We are deeply grateful for Kristy's decades of service, and the enduring foundation she built for the survivors, staff, and community we serve.

We'd like to thank all our donors for their generous support in 2026.

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