



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the *least* of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for *me*.'"   
Matthew 25:40

# THE VILLA VOICE

*The Quarterly Newsletter for the Donors and Volunteers of DaySpring Villa*

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At DaySpring Villa, we see daily miracles take place in the lives of our guests. There are many things we have come to expect that may not seem like a miracle to us, but for women who are victims of domestic violence, even the smallest of good things are answered prayers.

This year has been filled with these simple life-changing miracles for our guests. A safe place to recover, a place to sleep, food and provision without being dependent on their abusers, a caring environment—these are miracles and answered prayers.

It's not easy for a heart coming out of such darkness to immediately see the light of true love. Our heavenly

Father is gently at work in the hearts of our guests, helping them to see His goodness and love, and giving them hope for a better future. This hope is the spark igniting faith that they can make it on their own and have a better life.

It's exciting to see our guests begin to take steps toward a better future. Our goals-based program encourages guests to set goals that go on to become milestones of God's goodness. Many guests go on to finish high school degrees, take college courses, find jobs, begin a new home, and raise their children in safety. The transformation taking place is an amazing outpouring of God's healing power for our guests.



Transforming the lives of women and children in crisis.



# DaySpring Villa's FOUR PILLARS OF CARE

SAFETY &  
SHELTER

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES

NON-  
RESIDENTIAL  
PROGRAM

SPIRITUAL  
GUIDANCE

## DaySpring Villa: Faith-Based and Faithful to Our Calling

At the core of who we are is our belief that God is the true Healer and the only One who can give us new life. His Presence is welcomed and invited to be a part of everything we do at DaySpring Villa. He is at the center of this ministry for hurting women and children who come to our shelter.

We see women who are weak and wounded become stronger and determined to have a better life. This miracle comes through much prayer and faith as guests begin to reach out to a loving and caring heavenly Father.

At DaySpring Villa, we strive to provide Christ-like care while

causing “no further harm.” We focus on calmness and a grace-filled environment while still providing expectations and support for guests to reach their goals.

*“No matter the background our guests have come from, it is our desire to show God’s unconditional love and acceptance.” ~Susan Cox*

Along with receiving a Bible upon their arrival, guests are invited to pray with our staff at any time. Guests also have the option of attending Bible studies on Monday and Wednesday nights and can visit the church of their choice that provides transportation for Sunday services.

Women who are coming from a background of abuse are hearing, many for the first time, they have a heavenly Father who loves them and desires to have a personal relationship with them. God is at work through your generosity to DaySpring Villa.

Thank you for financially supporting this ministry. Your gifts provide an opportunity for our staff to be the hands and feet of Jesus for abused women in a faith-filled environment. Your gifts open the door for women and children to walk into an atmosphere of love and care and to find healing from a painful past. Thank you for standing with us and supporting DaySpring.



Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior, such as emotional, verbal, and physical abuse, to maintain power and control over someone in an intimate relationship.

At Dayspring Villa, our mission is to provide physical, emotional, Christ-like care to enable women and their children to live God-honoring lives. We provide guests a safe environment that is built on trust and respect. For women who have been wounded by domestic violence, like Janie, their journey to healing begins at DaySpring Villa.

Janie was sick with a chronic illness which was made worse with alcohol. Her abuser, knowing that alcohol worsened her condition, made her drink each night until she passed out. She had to drink or get beaten—that was the choice he gave her daily.

One day she got so sick she had to call an ambulance and was rushed to the hospital. The emergency room team knew how to handle domestic violence situations and referred her to DaySpring Villa. Janie came to DaySpring Villa and received the

medical care she needed. Three months after arriving at DaySpring Villa, she is starting a new job, feeling much better, and living in a safe place away from her abuser.

Janie’s story of being controlled and abused represents the stories of the women who have come to DaySpring Villa this year seeking safety and shelter from their abusers. The circumstances from which they came to our shelter greatly vary, but they all have been a part of an abusive relationship that left their lives shattered.

It is not always easy to know if someone is in an abusive relationship. Often the feeling of shame and the fear of retaliation keeps victims from speaking out and seeking help. Leaving can also be very dangerous for a domestic violence victim.

If you suspect someone is a victim of domestic violence, encourage them to talk to someone who can provide help, such as our staff at DaySpring Villa. Our phone line (918-245-4075) is always open and answered 24/7, 365 days a year.

## WHY DO WOMEN STAY IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATIONSHIPS?



Fear of losing custody of her children if she leaves.



Isolation from family and friends who can offer support.



A desire to keep the relationship alive.



Humiliation and shame that make her feel worthless.



Fear of retaliation for herself and loved ones.



Lack of financial means to afford life on her own.

Prayer  
Touches the  
heart of God

## DAYSPRING VILLA NEEDS YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT

Please join our **The DaySpring Messenger** email list.

We will send you a weekly email with our prayer requests as a ministry and staff, and the prayer requests from our guests. Visit our website at [www.dayspringvilla.com](http://www.dayspringvilla.com), and scroll to the bottom of the page (footer) to sign up for our prayer list.

Thank you for supporting this ministry with your prayers!

*...Brethren, pray for us. I Thessalonians 5:25*



## My love for DaySpring Villa

At DaySpring Villa, our Mission Statement reads: “The mission statement of DaySpring Villa Women and Children’s Shelter is to provide physical, emotional, Christ-like care to enable women and their children to live God-honoring lives.”

This year we as a staff, decided to dig down deeper and add as our way of life to always show and use Christ-like care. In every aspect of how we approach guests, volunteers, and staff, we want to show Christ-like care. In everything we say and do, we want to show in our attitude Christ-like care. We are committed to being not only a faith-based organization, but we also consider ourselves to be the hands and feet of Jesus. To the wounded, the weak, and the scared that come to our door, we are to exemplify Christ. Women and children are coming to our shelter and hearing for the first time about Jesus and His love for them.

I am asking for you to prayerfully consider financially supporting DaySpring Villa. We are committed to using your donations with the utmost respect to serve the guests of DaySpring Villa. Please partner today with DaySpring Villa in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

*Susan Cox*

Susan Cox, M.S., CDSVRP  
Executive Director

## STAFF HIGHLIGHT



**Scott Tobey**

*Development Coordinator*

“To be a part of the ministry of DaySpring Villa which provides a truly compassionate place for our guests to heal has been such a blessing for me.

By showing Christ’s love to our guests, we have the opportunity to plant the seeds of God’s truth. These seeds are the foundation that will allow the survivors of domestic violence and human sex trafficking to become self-sufficient and live a Godly life.”

**This holiday season...**



# the joy comes in **GIVING**

**Please consider a financial gift to DaySpring Villa.**

Gifts come in many shapes and sizes, but the gifts that bring the most joy are the ones we give. **We invite you to make a donation today to DaySpring Villa.**

We can’t do it without you. Your financial gift makes all the difference. Thank you!



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