

Annual Impact Report 2025-2026

Message From Our CEO & Board Chair

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on Women In Distress' 51st year, we feel both gratitude and pride for what our community has accomplished together. At WID, our mission has always been clear — to stop domestic violence for everyone as we provide safety, support, and hope for survivors of domestic violence and their children. In 2026, that mission continues to guide every decision, every program, and every moment of care we offer.

As you review the **incredible service impact numbers in this report,** remember that each number represents a life changed — a mother who could sleep safely because they were living in new transitional housing, a child who could return to school without fear, a survivor and their children who could finally begin to heal.

Your support drives our work. It enables us to provide year-round emergency shelter, respond to crisis hotline calls every two minutes, provide thousands of counseling sessions, protect survivors with restraining orders, and drive lasting change within our community. Our vision extends beyond crisis intervention; we envision a world where survivors not only escape crisis but also emerge stronger than ever and reclaim their power.

We're proud to highlight that this past fiscal year, our first families moved into our new **Thomas Family Foundation Transitional Housing Program.** This is less than a year after we announced the campaign at our 50th Anniversary Gala. This was made possible by the generous support of the Board, Trustees, donors, and our community, including local government and the State of Florida.

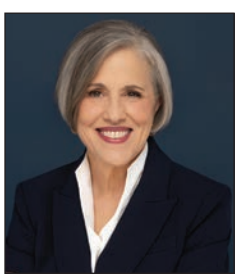
Expansion of transitional housing is crucial because true recovery extends beyond emergency shelter and takes time. **Survivors must have access to affordable housing, employment opportunities, and financial stability to build a lasting future free from abuse.** Our partnerships with local agencies, funders, and volunteers made these efforts possible, showing the power of collaboration to create real, measurable impact.

2026 also brought new challenges — a rising demand for services, the ongoing effects of housing and food costs, and the need to reach more survivors before violence escalates. Yet through it all, our staff and supporters showed remarkable dedication and compassion. To our board members, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners — **thank you for standing with us. Your belief in our mission transforms lives every day.**

With gratitude,

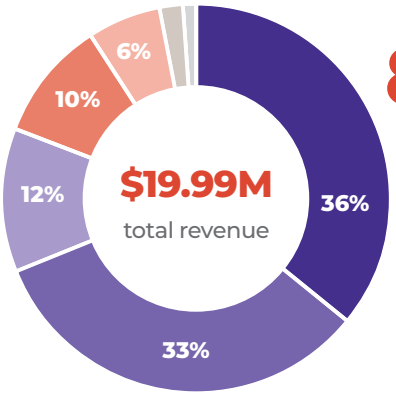


Linda L. Parker, Ph.D.
President and CEO



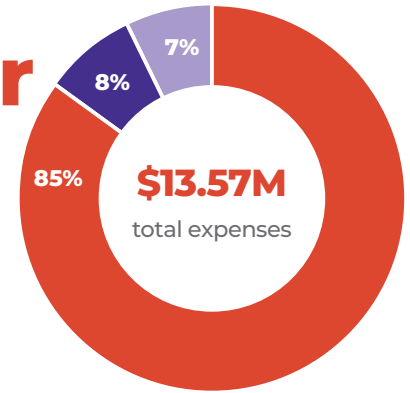
Angela Kelsey
Board of Directors Chair

Your Year-End Gift Matters!



85¢ of Every Dollar

we spend goes directly to survivor services



Where our FY2026 funds came from

Public funding federal, state & local govt. grants	$7,257,358	**36%**
Capital campaign contributions*	$6,641,007	**33%**
Individual, business & foundation gifts	$2,387,856	**12%**
Thrift store & in-kind donations store sales plus donated goods & services	$2,040,171	**10%**
Special events	$1,173,482	**6%**
Program revenue	$112,990	**1%**
Investment income & other	$112,990	**2%**
Total revenue		**$19,985,026**

**Capital campaign gifts enable our expansion but do not fund day-to-day operations*

How our FY2026 funds were used

Survivor programs & services shelter, hotline, counseling, advocacy & housing	$11,557,777	**85%**
Fundraising	$1,030,526	**8%**
Administration	$983,765	**7%**
Total expenses		**$13,572,068**

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We Make A Difference In Our Community Thanks To YOU!



Snapshot of WID's local services provided Fiscal Year 2025–2026

3,038
Women, children, and men were provided lifesaving services

47,046
Emergency shelter bed nights were provided

19,002
Crisis hotline calls were answered | Broward County

14,171
Teens, professionals, and community members received Domestic Violence training

38,492
Total lifesaving services were provided

WID's impact also reaches across Florida

For the past five years, Women In Distress (WID) has **managed three programs for the State of Florida** through the Florida Department of Children and Families. In addition to our 24-hour Broward County crisis hotline, WID answers calls to the statewide hotline, supports other local hotlines, oversees Injunctions for Protection programs with ***The Spring of Tampa Bay,*** and provides training & technical assistance in partnership with ***CASA of St. Petersburg.***

WID was awarded these contracts for our expertise and strong community support. **Your generosity helps us extend our impact beyond Broward County to survivors throughout Florida.** Below is a snapshot of Statewide Services provided in addition to WID's local services provided to the left.

- **WID's Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline answered 12,407 crisis calls.**
- **CASA Pinellas provided 212 training events and 2,381 hours of technical assistance.**
- **The Spring of Tampa Bay provided 1,596 instances of consulting for IFP attorneys across the state.**

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Women in Distress of Broward County
CASA Pinellas
The Spring of Tampa Bay

Women In Distress Is A Space Where Healing Is Possible

After surviving a life-threatening assault in which she was beaten and strangled by her boyfriend, Amber* fled to WID's emergency shelter after calling the 24-hour crisis hotline.

Traumatized and afraid, she and her three children found safety at a confidential Broward location where WID provided shelter, advocacy, safety planning, therapy, and the compassionate support needed to begin healing.

With ongoing childcare support from WID, Amber attended critical medical and legal appointments, accessed key community resources, pursued employment, and took vital steps toward rebuilding her and her children's lives. She and her two oldest, school-age children attended professional therapy sessions at the shelter to help heal from the ordeal.

Meeting regularly with her WID advocate, Amber planned her path to survival and success, and the specific steps necessary to make it happen. Living in a safe space allowed her to focus on building a stable future for her family.

Today, Amber, her three children, and their pet poodle named "Zoe" live in WID's new Transitional Housing Program where they enjoy up to 24 months of safe apartment living and wraparound services with a new playground and pet park, employment support, graduated rent, ongoing therapy, and long-term security planning. Here, they rebuild independent lives with renewed confidence, greater stability, and hope for a future free from violence.



Building A Safer Tomorrow: The Final Stretch





Women In Distress (WID) has raised more than **$13 million toward our $15 million Building A Safer Tomorrow Capital Campaign**—and the impact is already real. In January, the first families moved into apartments at our Hollywood campus. Ten more families are expected to move into our Miramar campus following renovations at year-end. Both facilities enjoy newly built playgrounds and pet parks.

This progress is possible because of our generous community and the public, private, business, and foundation partners who came together to **turn vision into impact.** We are deeply grateful to the **Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation** whose $1.5 million challenge match was fully met in October 2026.

We've entered the **final phase** of the campaign, transforming our Deerfield administration building into additional emergency shelter space. Once complete, WID will offer more than 200 beds, expanding our capacity as **Florida's largest domestic violence shelter.**

We are close to our $15 million goal, but we need your help to get there. Gifts made now are critical to completing these renovations and ensuring more survivors and their children have a safe place to turn.

Please invest today to help us finish this campaign—and open the door to safety and stability for more families.



Your donations today are building a safer tomorrow.

NEW DOORS, WINDOWS, KITCHENS, BATHS, FLOORING, AIR CONDITIONING, OUTDOOR AREAS, LANDSCAPING, DOG PARK, SECURITY FENCING

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Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy.

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