

Noah Project, Inc.

Annual Report

2005-2006



*Advocating for
Victims
and
Working
To End
Family Violence*

Noah Project, Inc. provides shelter and comprehensive support services to persons victimized by physical, verbal and emotional abuse in interpersonal relationships.

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Emergency Shelter

The core of Noah Project is our Shelter Program. Through the shelter in Abilene, and through arrangements made in the outreach counties, we provide a refuge for those needing a safe place to escape violence in their lives.

Whether they stay one night, or several months, the victims who stay in our shelter are provided with food, clothing, toiletries and other necessities of daily life. Their children are able to continue their education, and the adults receive crisis advocacy and support as well as information, education, and referrals to other agencies.

Each person we shelter receives not only a safe place from which to start a new life, but also the tools needed to build that life.

Crisis Hotline

**Noah Project Received 2,172
Hotline Calls During 2005-2006
Noah -North in Haskell Received 427
Hotline Calls During 2005-2006**

Noah Project Crisis Hotline is answered 24-hours a day, 365 days a year by Noah Project Staff and Volunteers.

The Crisis Hotline is a resource for people who are victims of family violence and request shelter, or those who may need information about family violence, or referral services as a result of family violence.

Noah Project relies on volunteers to help man the Crisis Hotline. Volunteers are trained to deal with issues of family violence, respond to persons in distress and to make referrals to agencies for victims of family violence.

If you are interested in volunteering on the Crisis Hotline, please contact Noah Project at 325-676-7107.

***The Crisis Hotline number is:
325-676-7107 or 1-800-444-3551***

**During 2005-2006 Noah Project
Provided 7,735 Service Days**

| <u>Abilene:</u> | <u>Haskell Office:</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 13 Adult Men | 3 Adult Men |
| 417 Adult Women | 12 Adult Women |
| 439 Children | 7 Children |

869 Total

22 Total

891 Total Victims were Sheltered

Outreach Services

Living in a shelter is not always the best option for a family in crisis, so all of Noah Project's services are also available on an outreach basis to clients who need them.

Outreach services are measured in "nonresident service days".

**636 Victims of Family Violence
Received Outreach Services**

**Noah Project Provided 1,108
Nonresident Service Days**

| <u>Abilene</u> | <u>Haskell</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 14 Adult Men | 1 Adult Man |
| 446 Adult Women | 116 Adult Women |
| 176 Children | 49 Children |

636 Total

166 Total

802 Total Nonresidents Served

Noah Project and Noah Project-North, in Haskell, serve victims of family violence in 10 counties. Outreach services meet needs in Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton counties.

Community Education

A major focus of the Noah Project mission is working to end family violence.

Noah Project provides presentations throughout communities in the 10 county area to educate young children, teens, and adults to recognize the warning signs or red flags of family violence. Information is also presented to aid families with resources they may need to escape violent situations. The P.N.S. staff conducts separate training and educational conferences for law enforcement and medical personnel on an annual basis.

During the 2005-2006 reporting period, 4,896 people received information through staff presentations on family violence.

Healing Hurting Hearts

Noah Project works very hard to break the cycle of violence and protect today's families; but Noah also works to give the families of tomorrow hope for a safe and healthy way of living together.

The Healing Hurting Hearts Program provides age appropriate classroom presentations to educate students Kindergarten through 12th grade on family violence issues. This program provides students with information on healthy relationships and what to do if they are involved in an unhealthy relationship.

Presentations 2005-2006

**9 Healing Hurting Hearts Presentations
386 Elementary Students Attended**

**15 Professional Presentations
by Attorney Advocate
225 Persons Attended**

**89 Community Presentations
on Family Violence
4,285 Persons Attended**

*For information on presentations
Or
To volunteer as a presenter
Contact:*

**Rob Patton
Community Education Coordinator
325-676-7107**

Prescription for the Next Step

The Prescription for the Next Step legal staff provides emergency relief, at no cost, to victims of family violence. Victims are referred to P.N.S. by other agencies, area physicians, law enforcement officers, and Noah Project employees or advocates.

The P.N.S. attorney works to obtain protective orders and other legal remedies that provide safety for victims and their families. Often, the foundation laid by the P.N.S. staff while obtaining a protective order is a crucial component of a later companion criminal case.

The P.N.S. staff also ensures that protective orders are more than "just a piece of paper" by monitoring batterers' compliance with the orders and securing necessary post-decree enforcement.

***Emergency Legal Protection
Noah Project Provided Free Legal Services
to 284 clients***

52 Protective Orders Sought

42 Protective Orders Granted

42 Total Orders of Legal Protection

*5 orders voluntarily withdrawn by clients
1 order mooted since defendant held on
Parole Violation warrant
3 orders were denied*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Keepers of the Dream,

Spring is here and with the coming of the season we are filled with a sense of hope and renewal. Often, those who walk through our doors have lost sight of hope and have long since given up on a life free from abuse. An opportunity for renewal for themselves and for their children may seem like an elusive dream. It is our responsibility and commitment at Noah Project to ensure that those who come to us feel safe, are given hope and the tools necessary to renew their lives. One of the many challenges we face is to offer them hope when all seems hopeless and resources seem limited. This report is a reflection of the tireless commitment and dedication of such work on the part of all, including staff, volunteers and community who work to do just that.

Events to raise awareness and the funds necessary to accomplish this work during the 2005-2006 fiscal year included two Diamondback Charity Golf Classic tournaments within an eight-month period. Additionally, the annual Hope Awards Luncheon held during October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the annual Rose Reflections event held on Mother's Day offered opportunities to raise awareness regarding the issue of family violence. Two historic and memorable events in the history of Noah Project in 2006 included a donation received from the Greathouse Charitable Trust and the purchase of the property on Texas Avenue on which Noah Project will build its new home...where we will continue our work as keepers of those who only dream of a home free from violence and fear...a home where hearts are mended, tears are dried and hope is renewed for those who come.

In appreciation,

Dee Wilson

Executive Director

Victim to Survivor....Success Story

My abuser began abusing me when I was pregnant with our child. I didn't leave right away, but stayed hoping things would improve. The abuse continued.

When I called Noah Project they helped me see the cycle of violence for what it is. I received help from an advocate who also connected me with a licensed counselor. I attended weekly support groups held for residents and nonresidents. I had weekly meetings with the counselor, as well as with my advocate at Noah Project.

I finally mustered the courage to leave my abuser and end my marriage. Noah Project provided legal support with a protective order. They were there with me through the entire ordeal. They helped me find my voice; they helped me find my real self.

Victims of family violence don't always leave their abusive situations right away. It takes many attempts sometimes to break that cycle. It is hard to cross that bridge, and not all victims of domestic violence can cross at the same point. It is a hard thing to do, to leave the abuser and there are many reasons why we stay.

But I have broken the cycle. Noah Project helped me through. They helped me with understanding the situation. They helped me by being there with me through the fear of leaving, through the fear of facing my abuser. The legal services offered to me through Noah Project were very important to the success in my starting over and moving on to a healthy, safe place in my life.

Former Noah Client And Survivor

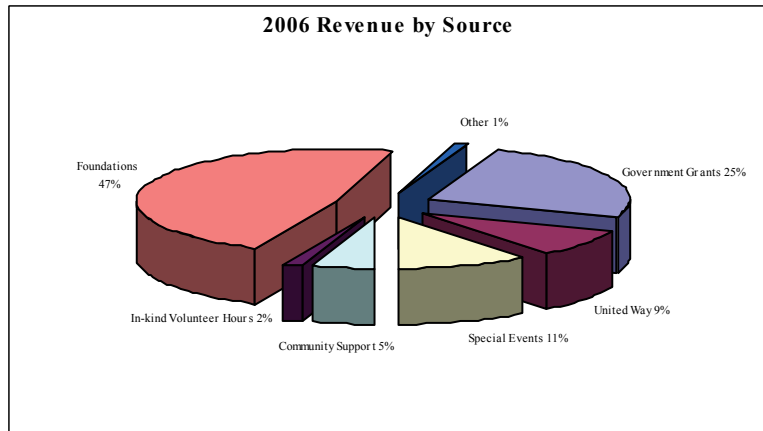


Financial Position

2006 Revenue by Source

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Government Grants | 25% |
| United Way | 9% |
| Special Events | 11% |
| Community Support | 5% |
| In-Kind volunteer Hours | 2% |
| Foundations | 47% |
| <u>Other</u> | <u>1%</u> |

TOTAL 100%

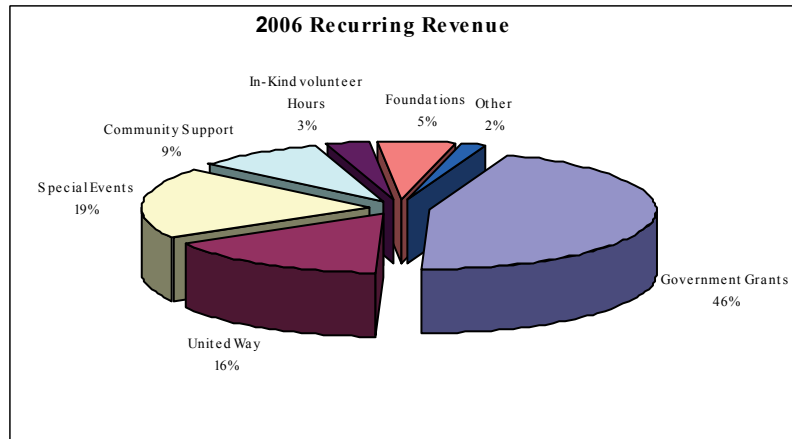


This graph reflects a gift from the Greathouse Charitable Trust which was presented to Noah Project, Inc. in March 2006. It is categorized within Foundations.

2006 Recurring Revenue (w/o Greathouse Charitable Trust)

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Government Grants | 46% |
| United Way | 16% |
| Special Events | 19% |
| Community Support | 9% |
| In-Kind volunteer Hours | 3% |
| Foundations | 5% |
| <u>Other</u> | <u>2%</u> |

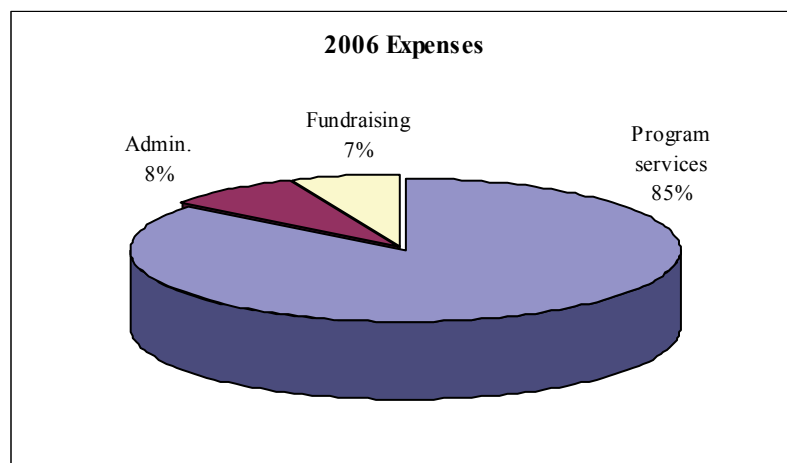
TOTAL 100%



2006 Expenses Data

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Program services | 85% |
| Administrative | 8% |
| <u>Fundraising</u> | <u>7%</u> |

TOTAL 100%



An independent financial audit of Noah Project resulted in a clean opinion. These graphs reflect our revenue and expenses for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and more detailed information is available through our administrative offices.



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