

# One program...

## Emergency Shelter

The heart of Noah Project is our [shelter program](#). Through our shelter in Abilene, and through arrangements made on a case-by-case basis in outreach counties, we provide a refuge for families seeking a safe place to escape the violence in their own homes.

Whether their stay lasts a single night or for 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 mothers receive crisis advocacy and support as well as information, education, and referrals to other agencies.

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

### Emergency Shelter

**434 total victims were sheltered.**

<u>Abilene:</u>		<u>Haskell Office:</u>	
5	Adult Men	0	Adult Men
209	Adult Women	13	Adult Women
198	Children	9	Children
<b>412</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Total</b>



*Noah Project's shelter provides a safe, confidential place where families in crisis can learn to build a new life - a life that is free of violence and fear.*

## Crisis Hotline

The [Crisis Hotline](#) is a lifeline for victims seeking help as well as a resource for people who are concerned about loved ones that may be suffering abuse or people who just want information about family violence. If a caller's needs cannot be met by Noah Project, the hotline worker will refer the caller to an appropriate source of help. The crisis hotline number is **676-7107** or **1-800-444-3551**, and it is answered 24-hours a day, 365 days a year by Noah Project staff members and volunteers.

### Crisis Hotline Calls

**Noah Project received 1,477 total hotline calls.**

481	Family Violence Calls With Requests for Shelter
628	Family Violence Calls Without Requests for Shelter
99	Hotline Calls to Haskell Office
269	Non-Family Violence Calls (Information and Referrals)

*...a lifeline for victims*

## Healing Hurting Hearts

Noah Project is working hard to break the cycle of violence and protect tomorrow's families as well as today's. Noah's [Healing Hurting Hearts](#) program teaches school children throughout our service area about family violence and its effects.

*H.H.H.* programs are presented to kindergarteners, high school seniors, college students, and every grade in between. Healing Hurting Hearts presentations are age-appropriate: young children learn how to deal with anger and bad feelings, while older children learn about the cycle of family violence as well as how to protect themselves and their friends from dating violence.

*Noah Project's 8th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Seminar gave healthcare professionals, law enforcement personnel, and concerned citizens the latest tools and knowledge to help victims of family violence.*



### Healing Hurting Hearts

**120 presentations were made at 16 schools.**

122	High School Students
647	Junior High Students
1,372	Elementary Students

*break the cycle of violence...*

## Noah Sales Again

Our resale shop, [Noah Sales Again](#), continues to serve the public, serve victims, and serve as a messenger to the community. Noah Sales Again is noted for its clean, welcoming atmosphere and for the quality of its merchandise. The shop provides a positive way to distribute donations to clients as well as a way for victims of family violence to benefit from donations that might not be used otherwise.

Many victims arrive at Noah Project with nothing. They are able to browse the store and "shop" for the clothing and necessities they need to get back on their feet. All items provided to victims at Noah Sales Again are absolutely free of charge, however the same quality merchandise is also available for sale to the public. All proceeds generated by sales are put back into Noah Project's programs and are used to provide shelter, safety, and support to families in crisis.

Noah Sales Again also serves as a very important point of contact between Noah Project and the community we serve. Through the shop, people who might otherwise never interact with Noah Project receive information about family violence and become familiar with who we are and what we do.

## Prescription for the Next Step

### Emergency Legal Protection

**Noah Project provided free legal services to 243 clients.**

45	Protective Orders Sought
39	Protective Orders Granted
2	Injunctions Granted
<b>41</b>	<b>Total Orders of Legal Protection</b>

The [Prescription for the Next Step](#) legal staff provides emergency legal relief, at no cost, to victims of family violence. Victims are referred to *P.N.S.* by other agencies, area physicians and police, local hospitals, 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.

*...more than just a piece of paper*

## Outreach

### Outreach Services

**420 victims of family violence received outreach services.**

<u>Abilene:</u>		<u>Haskell Office:</u>	
1	Adult Men	0	Adult Men
242	Adult Women	45	Adult Women
103	Children	29	Children
<b>346</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Total</b>

**We provided 1,096 non-resident service days this year.**

Noah Project serves these counties: **Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall, Throckmorton**

Finding shelter and safety is especially difficult for victims living in small, rural communities. We maintain a number of outreach avenues to ensure that everyone in our ten-county service area has access to the same core services available to Abilene residents.

Noah Project - North is an outreach office located in the Haskell County Courthouse. Through their close ties with the communities they serve, the staff members of Noah - North are able to provide the full range of Noah Project services to family violence victims in rural communities.

This year was the first year with our [Family Violence Liaison](#) positions. By keeping Noah liaisons in outreach offices at Hendrick Medical Center and the Child Advocacy Center, we are in a unique position to provide more services to more victims where they need it the most.

Living in the 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 "non-resident service days."

*...many services.*

## A Year of Challenges



Hidden inside every challenge is an opportunity to learn and a chance to become stronger. Our mission is to help struggling families overcome their challenges and reclaim their strength. Like the clients that we served this year, Noah Project has grown stronger by overcoming obstacles.

Some challenges were easy to identify, others were not. A private foundation gave us a grant and challenged us to match its donation. We also began the fiscal year without a major fundraiser, as the Diamondback Charity Classic transitioned from the spring to the fall. State and federal funding priorities shifted to homeland security and away from victim services. Increased uncertainty and reduced resources impacted staffing and program services at Noah Project and many of the organizations that collaborate with us.

We met these challenges head-on. Our staff became more flexible, our leaders became stronger, and Noah Project's Board of Directors and Advisory Council members invested themselves in finding help for the families we serve. The unflinching support of the organizations and people of our community allowed us to do more with less.

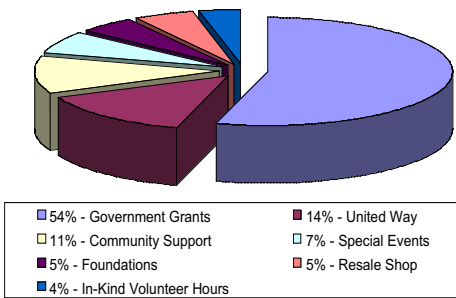
Thank you for assisting us in our efforts to make each and every home a safe home in our community of West Central Texas.

*Dee Wilson*  
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Executive Director

*our mission is to help struggling families...*

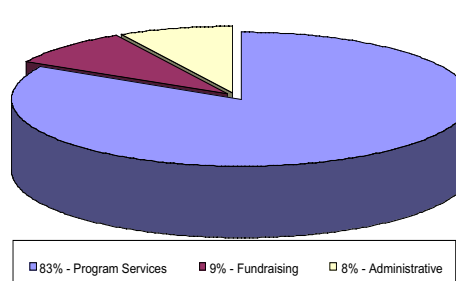
## Financial Position

### Revenue



Noah Project enjoyed another fiscally sound year, thanks to the support of our community and the help of United Way of Abilene, United Way of Stamford, private foundations, and state and federal grants.

### Expenses



An independent financial audit of Noah Project resulted in a clean opinion. These graphs reflect our revenue and expenses for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, and more detailed information is available through our administration office.



*Our spring fundraiser, "A Night With the Rookie," brought baseball hero Jim Morris to Abilene.*

## Special Events and Presentations

### Special Events

- October proclaimed "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" for Abilene
- 8th Annual Family Violence Awareness Seminar and Hope Awards
- Rose Reflections - "Honor Your Mother While Helping Ours"
- "A Night With the Rookie" - Featuring Jim Morris, Jr.

Noah Project staff raised our community's awareness of family violence through displays at health and job fairs, presentations to community groups, and professional trainings for other agencies. Noah Staff members were also invited to make presentations at the State Bar's annual Poverty Law Conference and the annual statewide conference of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

### Presentations

**4024 people attended 240 Noah Project presentations.**



*The Hope Awards were presented to individuals who went "above and beyond" to help family violence victims.*

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## Noah Project - A Center for Victims of Family Violence

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# Annual Report

## Noah Project, Inc.



*Meeting the challenge...*

*Noah Project, Inc. is a center for victims of domestic violence and trauma. Noah Project's purpose is to provide shelter and comprehensive support services to persons victimized by physical, verbal, and psychological abuse in a family situation.*



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