Everyone deserves to live a life free from fear and violence.

LifeWire's 2022 Impact Report to our generous donors and supportive community.

In this annual report, we share with you the powerful impact of LifeWire’s work, and stories about the strength and courage of the domestic violence survivors we serve.
Dear Friends,

When survivors and families in our community face violence and abuse at the hands of someone they love, they turn to LifeWire for help. In 1982, LifeWire started out as Eastside Domestic Violence Program, an all-volunteer crisis line. In 1998, we began providing emergency shelter and transitional housing services, and we have increased capacity annually to meet the growing need for critical services in our community.

Today, we are celebrating 40 Years of Service—providing direct services to over 3,300 survivors annually. We are the most comprehensive domestic violence (DV) service agency in Washington State and the largest DV housing provider in King County—providing emergency and relocation services for survivors and their children who would otherwise have to remain in an abusive household or become homeless.

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children in the nation. LifeWire launched the Hope Starts Here Capital Campaign in 2018 to address this issue. Thanks to LifeWire's generous donors and supportive community, we completed the Campaign in May 2022, having raised $15.75M to purchase a 25-unit apartment complex, provide ADA-accessible apartments, and build a services office in one central location.

This fall, we will move homeless survivors and their families into their new apartments, creating a vibrant community with on-site services and easy access to transportation, schools, and additional resources. We will increase housing access for survivors and children in our community who are facing the greatest safety risks and highest barriers to safe housing.

We have made great strides, but there is still more work to be done. As we recover from COVID-19 and economic uncertainty, the need for LifeWire services continues to grow in numbers and intensity. Time and time again, we have faced the need for change head-on, and embraced the opportunity to be a leader in the mission to end domestic violence.

This year, LifeWire is transitioning to new leadership who will continue to move this incredible organization forward. We are committed to providing every possible resource to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of the survivors we serve.

Thank you for all the ways you help LifeWire! Through your generosity, LifeWire can provide the support and resources that survivors and their children need to build safer, more stable lives. Thank you!

Gratefully,

Rebecca Houghton  
LifeWire Board President

Brian Hughes  
LifeWire Interim Executive Director
LifeWire is a nationally recognized leader and the largest comprehensive service provider dedicated to preventing and ending domestic violence in Washington. Our innovative programs, services, and advances in prevention and education in our schools and communities have a far-reaching impact.

We partner with each survivor on their journey to regain renewed strength and empowerment. We listen to survivors describe their needs and help them identify resources that will enable them to build safer lives. By tailoring our support to each survivor, we can respond to their unique barriers, challenges, and goals.

**LIFEWIRE COMMUNITY ADVOCACY SERVICES**

- ✔ 24-Hour Helpline
- ✔ Survivor-Driven Advocacy
- ✔ Adult & Children Support Groups
- ✔ Children & Youth Services
- ✔ Legal Advocacy
- ✔ Mental Health Therapy

**IN 2021, LIFEWIRE ASSISTED**

- **3,339** survivors of domestic violence
- **3,870** phone advocacy sessions
- **877** people received Survivor Advocacy Services
- **80** children, youth, and adults participated in a Support Group or Social Events
- **190** survivors received Legal Advocacy Services
- **111** survivors received Mental Health Therapy Services
When Angela found out she was expecting her first child, she was thrilled. She thought everything was “fine” with her marriage until the arguing, insults, and visits to the emergency room began. Every night she would become afraid when she heard the key turn in the lock, knowing that her partner was home from work.

One weekend, when Angela’s husband violently assaulted her in front of her young son, she called LifeWire. Her advocate helped her file a police report and a protection order and moved Angela and her son into a confidential hotel while the police searched for her abuser. After he was arrested, she was able to break her lease and move to a safe, confidential apartment.

At LifeWire, she found a safe place where she could talk with a mental health therapist and begin to heal from the recurring anxiety brought on by being traumatized and abused. Today, Angela has a healthy three-year-old son, works at a job she loves, and is living in her own apartment. Angela credits LifeWire with this powerful transformation.
At LifeWire, we believe that no survivor should have to choose between staying in an abusive relationship and becoming homeless. We have developed a comprehensive range of innovative services that keep domestic violence survivors and their families in safe and stable housing. As a Housing-First organization, we follow the principle that if survivors can obtain safe and stable housing quickly, they can address other needs with greater confidence and reduced trauma. Safe housing is often the primary need for survivors; once they feel safe and secure, social services are more effective.

LifeWire’s mission is to support survivors on their path towards safety, stability, and healing. In 2021, we provided 215 survivors and their families with safe and stable housing.

Due to COVID-19 and the current economic climate, it has been a challenging time for survivors and their families. We have seen an increased risk of domestic violence for survivors and children living with their abusive partner. Survivors continue to call LifeWire for help to pay their rent, utilities, and food for their families. Emergency requests for our services have risen exponentially.

We are committed to providing every possible resource to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of the survivors and families we serve. Our comprehensive Homelessness & Housing Stability Services help us achieve this goal.

**Homelessness & Housing Stability Services**

- ✔ My Sister’s Home (emergency shelter)
- ✔ My Friend’s Place (transitional shelter)
- ✔ Hotel Vouchers
- ✔ Flexible Funds
- ✔ Rapid Rehousing
- ✔ Rental Assistance

**In 2021, LifeWire Assisted**

- 13 families (34 individuals) were served at My Sister’s Home, 14,939 nights of safe shelter were provided, and approximately 60% of those exiting MSH moved into stable housing.
- 15 families (37 individuals) were served at My Friend’s Place, 12,518 nights of safe shelter were provided, and approximately 64% of those exiting MFP moved into stable housing.
- 16 families, including 16 children, used LifeWire Hotel Vouchers for emergency shelter.
- 156 families, including 235 children, avoided homelessness through LifeWire’s Flexible Funds. LifeWire spent an average of $973 in Flexible Funding to help a family achieve stability.
- 15 families, including 22 children, were served through Rental Assistance.
- 41 families, including 72 children, were served through Rapid Rehousing.
While Lucia was working on getting her green card, she was experiencing extensive physical violence. The police were called to her home, but her abuser accused Lucia of domestic violence, and because he had scratches on his arms from her self-defense attempts, he falsely accused her of DV, got a no-contact order, and removed her from their home.

Lucia was homeless and living in the park when another participant brought her to LifeWire. She was terrified. Her abuser was threatening to harm or kill her daughters in Mexico, and she was in danger of having her green card application denied due to the DV charges. We brought Lucia into our shelter as she needed a safe, confidential place to stay, and paired her with a Spanish-speaking advocate. Together, they worked tirelessly with the prosecutor’s office to get the false charges dismissed.

Finally, her immigration process was back on track, and she got a work permit. We were able to reunite her with her daughters, and the family is now prospering. Lucia and her oldest daughter have jobs; her youngest daughter is in school. They feel safe. They have enough income to pay their rent and are looking for a new apartment using LifeWire’s Rapid Rehousing Program and the Address Confidentiality Program. Through LifeWire’s confidential services, Lucia and her children have created a safe and happy home.

“I didn’t see a way out. LifeWire helped me find safety, security, and hope.”

LEAVING THE CYCLE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS
In 2018, LifeWire started the Hope Starts Here Campaign to raise $6.5M in philanthropic funds and $8.25M in public funds to purchase a 25-unit apartment complex, provide ADA-accessible apartments, and build a services office in one central location.

We completed the Capital Campaign in May 2022. We have started renovations, and in the fall, we will relocate LifeWire’s emergency shelter and transitional housing programs to the new HSH apartments with on-site services, easy access to transportation, schools, and additional resources.

We will increase housing access for survivors and children in our community who are facing the greatest safety risks and highest barriers to safe housing.

While our impact can be measured in numbers, it can also be measured in the qualitative stories of survivors. The following story is about Anna and her family, who will be one of the first families to move into the HSH apartments this year!

Thank you to our Capital Campaign donors.
To see a list of all donors who gave a cash contribution of $1,000 and up visit: www.lifewire.org/campaign.

HOPE STARTS HERE

For five years, LifeWire supported Anna with advocacy and counseling while she and her children lived in an abusive household. Her husband isolated and controlled her, refused to let her seek sobriety support, and never let her be alone with her children. It was simply not safe for her to leave. LifeWire advocates worked with Anna to create a Safety Plan and provided emotional and practical support so that she could plan for how she and her children might one day escape their situation.

On March 18, 2022, Anna drove away from that abusive home with her children. They were able to move into LifeWire’s transitional housing, My Friend’s Place, where survivors who are parenting and struggling with substance use can heal and rebuild their lives. Anna called her advocate on the way to say how amazing it felt just to be in the car, alone with her two children, for the first time in years. For now, Anna and her children are sharing one bedroom. But, later this year, they will move into their own private Hope Starts Here (HSH) Apartment with access to schools, grocery stores, parks, and playgrounds at our new facility.

“For the first time in a very long time, I’m looking forward to the future. LifeWire saved my life.”
Domestic violence is preventable. If we are going to break the inter-generational cycle of violence and reduce the number of youth who go on to perpetrate or be victimized by domestic violence, prevention, advocacy, and education are critical.

Our innovative programs and services have a far-reaching impact. LifeWire provides survivors with the tools they need to identify and build healthy relationships, the skills to deal with conflict without violence, and the resources to build healthy relationships.

LifeWire works with teens and young adults to develop healthy foundations early in life, and teach violence prevention skills to prevent future violence. We offer strategies for young people to support their peers and intervene to prevent situations that may increase risk.

In 2021, approximately 4,000 members of the community learned about domestic violence and LifeWire services. 2,421 students were educated about dating violence and healthy relationships.

“I was never sure what to do when I saw abusive behavior occurring. LifeWire gave me the tools I needed to safely intervene to help prevent violence.”

LIFEWIRE LEADS THE WAY

Nadia was working as an intern in the University of Washington library when she noticed a student raising his voice and verbally abusing a female student in the back of the school library. As the argument began to escalate, she walked over to the young woman and asked if she could join her at the front desk to review her library account.

When the student joined her, she asked her if she was okay and whether she needed assistance or an escort out of the library with someone from the University security team. Nadia had learned violence prevention and intervention skills through a LifeWire class taught on campus.
As a nationally recognized leader in the domestic violence services field, the community looks to LifeWire. We recognize our responsibility to change systems that perpetuate racism and inequality, and we are committed to the ongoing work of racial equity and social justice.

LifeWire is working at the frontlines, helping domestic violence survivors, children, and families in desperate need. We proudly offer equitable, culturally inclusive services to immigrants, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), members of the LGBTQ+ community, and those experiencing homelessness, poverty, or chronic health or chemical dependency concerns.

We prioritize these communities because domestic violence survivors in marginalized communities have an increased risk of lethal harm due to a lack of options and resources.

Over the last several years, we have woven racial equity into our strategic plan and values, increased the racial diversity of our staff and board, reviewed our policies and practices with a racial equity lens, and trained our staff, board, and volunteers on anti-oppression work.

We work together, with purpose, to evaluate and align our policies, practices, and behaviors with our racial equity values. Our leadership champions racial equity, and we are committed to creating the space and support for this work to happen.

We come together, with intention, as both an organization and a wider community, to hold ourselves and each other accountable.

Your support makes a profound difference in helping build a community where all people can heal and thrive.

THE LIFEWIRE GIVING SOCIETY

What does it take to end domestic violence?

LEADERSHIP. GENEROSITY. COMMITMENT.

LifeWire invites you to join a special group of committed donors whose philanthropic vision impacts the lives of thousands of survivors, children, and families each year. By making a generous five-year pledge, LifeWire Giving Society members help ensure that LifeWire programs have consistent funding to sustain our current services and operations while allowing us to plan for future growth.

GIVING LEVELS

Community Impact level: $10,000 per year for 5 years
$10,000 is the average cost to provide safe housing, supportive services, and housing stability for a family living in LifeWire’s HSH apartment complex for the next five years.

Rebuilding Lives level: $5,000 per year for 5 years
$5,000 is the average cost to help one family rebuild their life through support groups, legal advocacy, and ongoing supportive services for the next five years.

Creating Safety level: $1,000 per year for 5 years
$1,000 is the average cost for LifeWire to provide comprehensive safety planning and crisis response for a survivor for the next five years.

Your personal investment in LifeWire not only sends a powerful message about the importance of ending domestic violence in our community but also inspires others. We know that our community’s future will determine how we care for and protect those most vulnerable. Thank you for making a difference.

Your support makes a profound difference—providing compassionate services, safe housing, and hope to the survivors, children, and families we serve.

Thank you to our generous LifeWire Giving Society members.
To see a list of our members visit: www.lifewire.org/donate/lifewire-giving-society
**MISSION**

We support survivors of domestic violence on their path towards safety, stability, and healing. We work to end domestic violence by changing community beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors.

**VISION**

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**LIFEWIRE SERVICES**

- Community Advocacy Services
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- Children and Youth Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Mental Health Therapy

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PREVENTION**

- Violence Prevention
- Education & Advocacy

**HOMELESS & HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES**

- My Sister’s Home (Emergency Shelter)
- My Friend’s Place (Transitional Housing)
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**Community Engagement & Prevention**

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- Education & Advocacy

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Thank you to our generous partners and donors.
To see a list of our 2021 donors whose cash contributions totaled $200 or more during the 2021 calendar year, visit www.lifewire.org/2022annualreport.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Everyone has a role to play in creating healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. There are many ways you can get involved with LifeWire. You can make a difference by staying informed, attending an event, joining our Giving Society, or becoming a volunteer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED, VISIT: LIFEWIRE.ORG/GET-INVOLVED
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