Since 1976, Harmony House has provided shelter, advocacy and education to domestic violence survivors. During that time we have served thousands of women, men and children. In 2019 we recorded a slight decrease in the number of shelter residents for the first time in nearly ten years. While it's too soon to know if the drop in numbers is the beginning of a trend, it gives us reason to hope that maybe, just maybe, our community is turning the corner on this horrific epidemic.

2019 was a year of progress, particularly in the area of prevention education. We welcomed Wambui Bahati, an inspirational speaker, author and performer, for several community presentations of her one-woman show “I Am Domestic Violence.” Several months later, our team still hears from community members about the impact her performance made.

Thanks to a Jump Start grant from the O'Reilly Charity Golf Classic, Harmony House launched a prevention education program in 2019. In just nine short months, we provided domestic violence prevention programs to 513 youth and college students, 137 community members and 150 professionals.

In 2019 we also strengthened parental support services in shelter by developing parent education programs aimed at helping parents to better understand the impact of trauma on children and how to help their children better cope with the trauma they've experienced. We also added “nurture groups” designed to help children learn to express their emotions in healthy ways. Finally, we expanded life skills classes to include five core areas of focus. Called “The Power Five,” classes are organized into five tracks focusing on employment readiness, financial wellness, trauma recovery, self-care, and general health. We have cause for celebration as we wrap up 2019 and look to 2020, and we are so grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers and community partners.

Lisa Farmer
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2019 Financials

Income
- Grants & Contracts 50%
- Contributions 25%
- Fundraising 14%
- Miscellaneous 6%

Expenses
- Shelter/Victim Services 69%
- General/Administrative 13%
- Children’s Services 9%
- Fundraising 9%

BY THE NUMBERS
- Adults & Children Sheltered: 858
- Safe Bed Nights Provided: 39,878
- Meals Served: 33,349
- Crisis Calls Answered: 2,619
- Community Outreach Clients Served: 129
- Assisted with Permanent Housing: 208
- Children, Youth and Adults Reached through Prevention Education: 798

VOLUNTEERS
- Individual Volunteers: 187
- Volunteer Hours: 12,304
- Dollar Value: $221,472