

It Takes All of Us

Together We Can Make a Difference



Annual Report



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



"I CHOOSE TO GIVE MY TIME AND RESOURCES TO GATEWAY BECAUSE HELPING MY COMMUNITY IS DEEPLY IMPORTANT TO ME. I BELIEVE WE ALL THRIVE WHEN WE LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER."



Greetings Gateway Supporters!

First, I want to express what an honor and privilege it is to support Gateway Domestic Violence Center. As a pediatric neuropsychologist, my work centers on understanding how trauma affects the developing brain and the long-term well-being of children. I have witnessed how exposure to domestic violence can disrupt cognitive, emotional, and social development, often with lasting consequences. Gateway's presence in our community is invaluable—it offers not only immediate safety but also the kind of trauma-informed support that helps children and families begin to heal and rebuild. This organization makes a profound difference for those in crisis, and I am committed to its mission because I know how essential these resources are for healthy development and recovery.

This year, Gateway has continued its essential role as a safety net for individuals and families in one of their greatest times of need. Our theme for the year was, "It takes all of us," and our wonderful staff, leadership, volunteers and supporters have stepped up to put forth a unified front as we work to further our mission of providing safety, shelter and support for those impacted by domestic violence.

While that mission sounds straightforward, the reality for those suffering abuse at the hands of the ones who are supposed to love them often is far more complex. Gateway's work is all about helping individuals and families experience safety, function in a positive, healthy environment, and move forward.

A massive step in that process often involves legal realities – such as obtaining temporary protective orders, filing for divorce, and more. That is why we were thrilled to see our supporters step up to deliver in a big way in 2025: Their financial generosity allowed Gateway to be able to pay for legal representation for women in our community.

Gateway also continued to make strides in establishing an endowment for capital projects – funds that will allow us to maintain our current facilities and fund future construction projects. These developments came as a direct result of many, many supporters and stakeholders coming together toward a common goal. Your support is felt and appreciated.

I give my time and resources to Gateway because I truly believe in the power of community. **Supporting one another is how we all move forward and thrive. It's inspiring to see so many people come together to make a real difference in the lives of families who need it most. It takes all of us.** Knowing that our collective efforts help Gateway provide healing and hope fills me with pride and gratitude. I am honored to be part of this organization, and I'm excited to see how Gateway will continue to strengthen and uplift our community in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Alaina Conner, Ph.D.
Alaina Conner



GATEWAY BY THE NUMBERS IN 2025...

178 survivors of domestic violence (and their children) lived in the emergency shelter.

41 nights was the average length of stay in the emergency shelter.

7,343 guest nights of shelter were provided in the emergency shelter.

4,692 hours of volunteer time were contributed.

73 women and children lived in Gateway's long-term transitional housing program.

11 average number of months residents lived in the transitional housing program.

9,662 guest nights were provided in the transitional housing program.

\$12.75 average hourly wage of transitional housing residents

146 adult survivors of domestic violence attended support groups.

161 children participated in support groups.

1,298 total number of clients served through Gateway programming.

\$9,460 average monthly amount Gateway paid to help clients with expenses like transportation, childcare, rent deposits, attorneys and prescriptions.

1,528 number of crisis calls Gateway answered on the 24/7 hotline.

185 survivors were assisted applying for a Temporary Protective Order.

92 survivors received legal representation (an attorney) through Gateway during TPO hearings.

MISSION

Gateway provides safety, shelter and support for those impacted by domestic violence.

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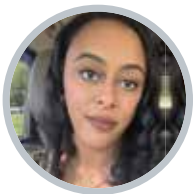
When it comes to making a difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors in our community, it takes contributions big and small. **Thank you for your support!**



POINTS OF PRIDE



Gateway implemented a new leadership structure in 2025, and several employees were promoted into manager and director positions. These employees exemplified strong advocacy and leadership skills, and they participated in a variety of leadership training courses prior to their promotions.



Letecia Davenport
Advocacy Manager



Christine Hernandez
Legal Advocacy Manager



Lola Longoria
Facilities Manager

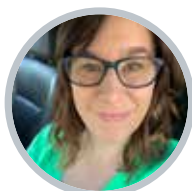


Karen Staley was awarded our Founders Award at Gateway to Hope in March. She has been our part-time administrative assistant for 14 years and is a valued member of the team. Congratulations Karen!

Gateway celebrated with **Cindy Bryant** in October of 2025 as she retired after 15 years of service at Gateway. Cindy was Gateway's Director of Advocacy and supervised Gateway's transitional housing program throughout her time at Gateway.



Jennie Pless
Director of Advocacy



Lisa Thomas
Programs Manager



Janet Whittaker
Director of Operations



Jessica Butler, Gateway's executive director, was recognized by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce in March 2026 during their annual Health Hall awards luncheon. She received the Community Impact Award for her work supporting survivors of domestic violence in our community. Congratulations, Jessica!

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as of March 1, 2026



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