



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BY GINGER JOHNSON



The year 2020 has certainly been an unusual year with a lot of ups and downs and unexpected twists. Yet, despite the trials, some things remained constant. Hurting people needed help. During this chaotic time Abigail's Arms has strived to be a stable, consistent source of support to the residents of Cooke County.

As other agencies across the state began shutting down, our staff devised a "team approach" to keeping our doors open.

By working in teams, we were able to have staff in the office consistently throughout the past months. We implemented cleaning and sanitation protocols

to keep staff and clients safe, began using telehealth platforms to keep in touch with clients who could not come in and supporting victims of

crime in Cooke County.

While we are proud of our team, this was only a small part of what happened. Our community in so many ways - stepped up. We continued to receive financial support through our usual donors as well as additional supporters who called and helped in many ways. A simple Facebook post about the unavailability of toilet paper brought in many drop-offs of one or two packages as well as larger donations from individuals or companies who could purchase in bulk.

It is blessings like these that make our job doable in trying times. It is only through the support of our community that we continue to be the calm in the storm for so many people.

Thank you for your continued support.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that \$60.00 will provide shelter and services for a family in our shelter for a night?

Typically families stay in our shelter for thirty to forty-five days.

*"Today more than ever I have certainty that there are more good people in the world than bad and I feel safe to build a better future for my son and myself. Thank you, Abigail's Arms for giving me back hope!"*

IZABELLE

# Thank you!



Thank you to our amazing community for the donations. We appreciate you!



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## CLIENT STORY BY IZABELLE

A couple of years ago I met the man who would shape my life in many ways. Not only sentimentally or emotionally, but also physically, leaving wounds in both my heart and skin. Everything seemed to be a beautiful love story, in which I believed I would form a home and a family, but five months ago I woke up from that dream; or what ended up becoming a nightmare. I loved him so much that I don't remember losing myself.

Suddenly, I was so deep in it, that I didn't have the strength to get away. With a broken soul, my self-esteem on the ground, my dreams and illusions shattered I felt that my happy, strong and brave self that I had once been no longer existed. I've never been addicted to anything, but I think people who are feel the same way I did. Wanting to find the courage to leave what was hurting me so much while I was sinking more and more.



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community**

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A few months after leaving I went for my son, I felt that I was ready and recovered so that he could see me well, and we could be together. I confess that it has not been easy. Having to adapt to the changes and this new rhythm, and that he still does not understand many things. But I trust and know that God will guide us to go forward and support each other.

I feel very happy because I have a job, my son is now with me and we are both healthy. Being able to stay here at Abigail's Arms has allowed me to save my money to buy a car. That fills me with joy and hope for a better tomorrow. Today more than ever I have certainty that there are more good people in the world than bad and I feel safe to build a better future for my son and myself. Thank you, Abigail's Arms for giving me back hope!

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