

WOMEN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF LUBBOCK PURPLE RIBBON



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Good Words for Good Souls

If you're anything like me, you are wondering how we are already at the close of another year. Even so, it is not surprising when we reflect on all that Women's Protective Services has accomplished. Since our founding in 1978, Women's Protective Services' mission has been to create an environment of empowerment for women, children, and families to eliminate family violence. We believe as strongly today as we did then that helping mitigate violence changes how we think, interact, and work and improves the world around us. Equally enduring as our mission are the Women's Protective Services' values: prevention, education, collaboration, and accountability. Our mission and these values guide our agency in how we help heal our clients and in the positive impact we strive to make in the West Texas Community.

As we reflect on the past, we also look to the future. 2023 marks a milestone for Women's Protective Services: we celebrate 45 years of fighting domestic violence across the South Plains. Four and a half decades ago, a group of concerned Lubbock citizens came together to answer the question, "What can we do to help?" WPS was formed from that group. Looking back, we are reminded that each of you help to fuel the hope and opportunity that WPS represents to our community. It is only through supporters like you that we are able to continue our mission.

I express my wholehearted thanks to all Women's Protective Services staff, board, donors, volunteers, and clients for working so hard and achieving great success in the fight against Domestic Violence on the South Plains over the last four and a half decades.

Jason Henry, Executive Director

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Employee Spotlight

Data entry is one of the many vital components of Women's Protective Services (WPS), as each departmental task promotes the optimal functioning of all shelter operations. The data entry department enters pertinent information into data processing systems for local and state reports and grants in order for our agency to obtain the necessary funding for all services rendered. Data entry advocates are also responsible for training all new staff members on intakes and essential documentation procedures to ensure every department has access to accurate client records while maintaining client confidentiality. Data Entry Coordinator, Victoria Morin, began interning part-time at WPS in 2011 and was soon hired full-time in 2012 as an overnight crisis intervention/data entry advocate. Upon developing an intense passion for serving our clients and her keen ability to manage all aspects of IT/data entry, Victoria became the Coordinator of Data Entry in April 2018. Data Entry Specialist, Brandi Anderson, started part-time at WPS in 2017 and soon held a full-time position as a crisis intervention advocate in 2019. As a result of her dedication to serving our clients and extreme attention to detail, Brandi became a full-time Data Entry Specialist in March 2020.

Data Entry Specialist, Taylor Slagle, was hired as a full-time overnight crisis intervention & data entry advocate at WPS following her college graduation in 2020. In response to her eagerness to continue serving our clients and her considerable organizational skills, Taylor became a full-time Data Entry Specialist in April 2021. Together, the data entry team works diligently with each department to uphold our mission at WPS.



Brandi Anderson • Victoria Morin • Taylor Slagle

Congratulations Thalia Lopez

Our warmest congratulations to Thalia Lopez, who recently received the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Panhandle Regional Case Manager of the Year. A recent graduate with a Master's Degree from Texas Tech University, Thalia joined us in 2019 and was quickly promoted. She is now serving as the Case Manager of Transitional Housing. Thalia says she is proud to work at Women's Protective Services, helping women and children transition into their next phase of life.

The award is given each year to the case manager, who shows a lot of hard work, superior ethics, and integrity. Thalia is also one of ten nominees for the State-Wide Case Manager of the Year, which will be awarded later this year.

Join Women's Protective Services in congratulating Thalia on the Panhandle Region Case Manager of the Year and best wishes with the state-wide award.



Department Spotlight

If you or someone you care about is a survivor of domestic violence and doesn't want to live at the shelter. Women's Protective Services outreach team can help. Our outreach team consists of an outreach coordinator, two legal advocates, a counselor and a BIPP facilitator. We can go to the county where that survivor resides in our 12-county region, perform an intake, and then provide services to meet the victims/survivors needs. Those needs may be filing charges, obtaining a protective order, divorce and or custody. Our legal advocates work with local law enforcement and legal agencies for legal relief. Our counselor can provide much needed counseling either by phone, face to face or by virtual means. Our BIPP coordinator can provide Battering Intervention and Prevention classes to that survivor's abuser in an attempt to educate and rehabilitate abusive behavior. The outreach coordinator travels to our counties to meet with and provide information (brochures or presentations) on domestic violence and WPS services, and fosters professional relationships with those individuals or agencies whom choose to be allies in the struggle to end domestic violence in their area. Our legal and counseling services are long term and can continue for years if necessary. Our 12-county region consists of the following: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum. Please contact our crisis line 806-747-6491 for additional information or assistance. Also, you can safely look at our website www.wpslubbock.org to see our entire agency and departments.



2021 Honoring Texas Victims

In 2021, 204 Texans were victims of intimate partner homicide. This number includes 169 women and 35 men, including 12 LGBTQ+ victims. Homicide perpetrators also shot and killed 22 family members, friends, or bystanders, including 11 children ages 18 and below. During the homicides, perpetrators injured an additional 21 victims including four law enforcement officers, six children, and 11 family members and friends. Victims ranged in age from 16 to 85. Two hundred fifty-six adults and minor children lost a parent to domestic violence. Their lives reflect the diversity and richness of Texas. Among the victims were educators, ranchers, cosmetologists, active and retired members of the armed forces, entrepreneurs, business managers, real estate agents, healthcare providers, immigrants, students, athletes, animal lovers, avid readers, artists, moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, cousins and best friends. They sang in their church choirs and in their kitchens while making pancakes. They cheered at their children's games and supported their community members. They aspired to further their educations and careers, to provide for their families, to travel, to spend time at the beach, and to make their friends and family smile. Each of their deaths represents an incalculable loss to their loved ones and communities.

2021 HONORING TEXAS VICTIMS TEXA COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE	204 Texans killed by their intimate partners including 169 women & 35 men.	222 family, friends, or bystanders were killed including 11 children.
IN MEMORY OF THE TEXAS WOMEN AND MEN KILLED BY THEIR INTIMATE PARTNERS IN 2021.	44% of victims had taken steps to end the abuse.	21 additional victims were injured including four law enforcement officers, six children, and 11 family members and friends.
Women's Protective Services	72% were killed at home.	

23rd Annual Hurst Tractor Benefit

Women's Protective Services was excited to partner with Hurst Farm Supply again for the 23rd Annual Hurst Tractor Benefit Drawing. For the past 23 years, Hurst Farm Supply has provided fantastic John Deere vehicles for the annual Hurst Tractor Benefit Drawing. Their support has enabled WPS to survive and thrive in these trying times, continuing to provide services to victims of domestic violence across the South Plains. The 23rd Annual Hurst Tractor Benefit Drawing was held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center; guests enjoyed games, live music by Flatland Bluegrass, delicious BBQ by Jenna's Feedbag, and a silent auction. Four lucky winners went home with one of the four John Deere prizes. Eddie Delavan took home a Z915E Commercial Zero Turn mower; Mark Altman won a XUV560E Four Seat Gator; Michael Postar took home the 1023E Tractor/Loader and was also the big winner of the 3025E Tractor/Loader. We appreciate you, and your donations help us make a difference in the lives of many across the South Plains. Because of you, WPS is able to provide long-lasting therapeutic and supportive services to victims of family violence throughout our community.



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Christmas Wish List

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Infants & Toddlers

Light Sound / Pop-up Toys • Sorting Stacking Toys • Beginning Cars & Trucks • Fisher Price Toys • Duplo Blocks • Dolls





<u>School-age Children</u>

Play Dough and accessories • Art Sets • Kitchen Sets • Barbie & Baby Dolls • Costume Jewelry & Make-up kits • Cars & Trucks • Lego Sets for boys & girls • Remote Control Cars • Magnetic Building Blocks • Action Figures (esp. super heroes) • Thomas The Train Toys • Little People Sets • My Little Pony Toys • Magnetic Building Blocks • Remote Control Cars • Paw Patrol toys • Disney's Frozen & Toy Story toys • Nerf balls

<u>Teens</u>

\$10-\$20 Gift Cards-iTunes, Target, Walmart, Best Buy, etc.
\$5-\$10 Gift Cards - Chick Fil A, Whataburger, Sonic, Dutch Bros., etc.
Headphones/Wireless Ear Buds
Blue Tooth Speakers
Bath and Beauty Gift Sets
Manicure Supplies
Cologne/Perfume
Make-up
Sports Equipment - Football, Basketball, Baseball
Water Bottles, Tumblers, Yeti
Jewelry for males and females
Quality Art Supplies
Leather Journal
Nerf Basketball Sets





<u>Women</u>

House Shoes • Robe • Jewelry • Manicure Supplies • Cosmetics • Gift Cards - iTunes, Target, Walmart, Etc. • Restaurant, Coffee, & Movie Gift cards



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