



Landlord Circle



**Do you own rental properties in
the metro Twin Cities area?**

Join our Landlord Circle to provide housing
for victim-survivors of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence — IS A — Housing Crisis

57% of homeless women report domestic violence as immediate cause of homelessness.*

When you join the Landlord Circle, you'll benefit from:

- A quick response to fill a unit.
- Financial security with rent being paid consistently for 6-12 months.
- Women's Advocates providing direct assistance to help the tenant plan for paying rent, budgeting, and mediation if there are issues with the unit or tenant.
- Knowing you've helped a family in crisis find a safe home free from abuse.

*Source: Safe Housing Partnerships



Ways You Can Help Make a Difference as a Landlord

Promote healthy relationships:

- If your tenant knows you care about them, they are more likely to let you know if abuse is occurring within their family and seek life-saving resources.

Create community connections:

- Organize events that help tenants get to know each other.
- Reflect on ways you can create a sense of community among your tenants or link them to the broader community to reduce feelings of isolation.
- Develop positive relationships with police.

Know warning signs of abuse:

- Broken locks or doors, smashed lights, broken windows or mirrors, holes punched, or kicked in walls
- Repeated late payment of rent
- Noticeable injuries
- Fewer visitors
- Change in tenant's normal behavior

Support victim-survivors:

- Believe them if they share their experience with you.
- Help connect them to our 24/7 services.
Crisis Line: 651-227-8284
Live Chat: www.wadvocates.org/find-help
- Help relocate them to another unit if possible to keep them or their family safe if an abuser is harassing or stalking them.

How our Housing Stability Program Supports Families



Most victim-survivors of domestic violence who become homeless suffer from financial vulnerability. If their abuser is the sole financial provider, victim-survivors may hesitate to leave or don't leave at all.



An abusive partner often ruins a victim-survivor's credit score by using their cards to rack up debt and to create a tremendous financial burden for the victim-survivor. This makes finding a place to rent significantly more difficult.



Victim-survivors may be struggling with their mental health due to the trauma they have endured. We have a Mental Health and Wellness Therapist on-staff to provide their support.



Housing Stability Advocates will advocate on the participant's behalf to practice positive landlord engagement and relationships.



Participants build their own lease with a landlord/property manager in a community-based location as they're exiting our emergency domestic violence shelter while receiving support from a Housing Stability Advocate.

Are you able to help?

Email housing@wadvocates.org to join the Landlord Circle or learn more.



About Us

Women's Advocates was founded as the first shelter in the nation for victim-survivors of domestic violence in 1974. Our mission is to walk with victim-survivors and our community to break the cycle of domestic violence. We provide shelter and services for victim-survivors and their families, crisis intervention and referrals through our 24/7 crisis line and live chat, and raise awareness about domestic violence in our local Twin Cities community and beyond.



Women's Advocates' Housing Stability Program

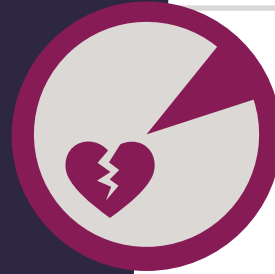
Our full-time Housing Stability Advocates work with families after leaving our shelter or finding us through community referrals to help mitigate risks to their safety and independence. Participants work with a Housing Stability Advocate to continue navigating legal systems, housing challenges, and employment searches, as they continue to seek safety from abuse. Women's Advocates provides financial assistance for 6 to 12-months for participants, as well as support and advocacy services for up to 24 months.

Why should you rent to a victim-survivor and their family:



38%

of all victim-survivors of domestic violence become homeless at some point in their lives.



90%

of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lives.



85%

of victim-survivors entering shelter identified finding safe housing they can afford as a need.

Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence

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