This is the year we felt a MAJOR SHIFT in the culture!
Our community was so much more engaged with helping us CREATE an environment free of abuse. People were anxious to talk, LISTEN and share ideas about how we can work together to #stopthehurt.

We didn’t have to fight so hard for survivors to be BELIEVED. It was clear that most people now understand the power abuse has had on each of us, whether we were directly affected or not.

People are actively looking for solutions and wanting to provide SUPPORT for this transformation in our society. We are HOPEFUL and excited to see the HEALING and honored to be leaders in ushering in this change.

Wow! What a year! HCWC continues to set new records. In 2019, we helped more victims of abuse than ever before with 2,307 victims receiving free, confidential, face-to-face services. Children continued to represent a large number of the victims we served. In 2019 HCWC provided services to 1,044 children across all programs.

We experienced a 46% increase in emergency hospital (HEARTeam) responses this year increasing from 67 to 98. We were able to send a trained advocate to meet a victim at an area hospital and provide them and sometimes their family members support and information.

Community support for the Center and victims of abuse has continued to grow and more and more people are reaching out to help those in our community that have suffered abuse.

Our 36th Annual Auction was a resounding success and raised over $178,000 in funds to support local victims of abuse. $26,000 of the funds raised that night were to benefit our Transitional Housing Project.

Our dream of providing safe, affordable housing to victims of domestic violence and their children is close to becoming a reality. This past year we secured an additional $1,775,000, putting the project right at the precipice of ground breaking. We were able to form new partnerships and strengthen existing ones to bring this important project to our communities. HomeAid Austin and Builder Captain Brookfield Residential generously donated the construction of an addition to Roxanne’s House to help us meet the growing need.

Looking back, as I come to the end of my two years as President, I am so proud of what we have accomplished. I know the coming year will be challenging and I hope for continued success for the Center. I am incredibly grateful for the dedication and commitment of the Board of Directors, agency leadership, staff and volunteers. We all work together to support victims and spread awareness.

**Laura Dupont**  
HCWC Board President

**Philosophy**

Physical, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse of one human being by another is unacceptable. HCWC believes that all abuse diminishes or prohibits the full expression of life and growth which is the right of every woman, child and man.

**Mission**

The purpose of HCWC is to create an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in the communities we serve. The Center will provide education, violence prevention services, and crisis intervention to victims of family violence, dating violence, sexual assault and child abuse. We will seek the support and resources necessary to achieve this mission.

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**Building Hope Capital Campaign**

Our Capital Campaign went public in mid-summer on the heels of a combined $1 Million in pledged support ($600,000 from Hays County and $400,000 from the City of San Marcos) from our local partners. These generous gifts combined with our early, lead donors and foundation support, bring the Campaign total to date to $3.8 Million. In addition to raising funds, we have nurtured relationships with HomeAid Austin and others to benefit the project.

The long hoped for Transitional Housing Project will answer a desperate need for safe, affordable housing for victims of abuse fleeing violence in their homes. The 22,000 sq. ft., 18-unit complex will be constructed on our existing campus with plans to break ground in early 2020.

Hope & a Home
State & Federal Grants:
Health & Human Services Commission, Emergency Food & Shelter Program,
Office of the Attorney General, Victims of Crime Act - Office of the Governor,
Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas, Family Violence Prevention & Services Act

In-Kind:
Value of volunteer hours, donated food, shelter supplies, furniture, clothing, etc.

Local Support:
Individuals, companies, civic groups and events
A total of 542 Donors Contributed to HCWC in FY2019.

Foundations:
St. David’s Foundation, SWALM Foundation

Local Governments:
Buda, Dripping Springs, Lockhart, San Marcos, Wimberley, Caldwell County and Hays County

We began the year with a commitment to victims and a mission to make the voices of victims be heard. Our priority was to hear their stories and be good stewards of their trust. At HCWC, we listened to victims. We listened to our communities and we spoke out for those who didn’t feel ready or safe to speak for themselves.

We shared the message through 416 presentations, reaching 7,761 people. We made community outreach and education major focuses in order to garner support for victims and help create a community that embraces victims and holds perpetrators accountable. Our 24-hour HELPline took 3,702 calls and we sent certified, trained advocates to area hospitals 98 times to meet victims of abuse.
## HCWC Leadership & Staff 2019

**Executive Director**
Marla R. Johnson

### Administrative
- Brooke Bernhagen, Administrative Coordinator
- Caitlin Cost, Accountant II
- Sue Pharris, Accountant
- Edith Zeisloft, Data Coordinator

### Counseling & Resource
- Jennifer Abshire-Wicker, Program Director
- Belen Anchondo
- Non-Resident Counselor II
- Shawna Anderson Curry
- Dating Violence Counselor II
- Laura De La Paz
- Sexual Assault Counselor II
- HEARTeam Coordinator
- Helen Garcia
- Bilingual Advocate
- Sandra Gonzalez
- CPS Liaison/Legal Advocate
- Chantel Pierre
- Legal Advocate
- Patricia Piatero
- Bilingual Legal Advocate
- Kathryn Tucker
- Non-Resident Counselor II
- Lorin Williams East
- Non-Resident Counselor II
- Alicia Villarreal
- Receptionist/Advocate
- OPEN
- Children’s Counselor II

### Programs & Services
- Cherise Miles, Administrative Assistant
- Roxanne’s House
- Ashley Rios, Program Director
- Micaela Arranda
- MDT/SWI Coordinator
- Maggie Breed Ortiz
- Forensic Interviewer/SWI
- Joy Cannon
- Children’s Counselor II
- Mary McCourt
- Bilingual Forensic Interviewer/Advocate
- Brandon Pendleton
- Forensic Interviewer/Advocate
- Heidi Reddin
- Children’s Counselor II
- Juli Wiegman
- Bilingual Children’s Counselor II

### Shelter
- Desiree Norman, Shelter Director
- Sandra Barrera, Overnight/Weekend Relief
- Anastasia Brasswell, Overnight/Weekend Relief
- Ashley Mendoza, Shelter Counselor I
- Gloria Gonzales, Overnight/Weekend Relief
- Sarah Guckian, Transportation Advocate
- Victoria Hensley, Shelter Children’s Counselor II
- Veronica Medina, Legal Advocate
- Lisa Niemynski, Shelter Manager
- Beverly Parett, Overnight/Weekend Supervisor
- Lester Porter, Maintenance
- Brenda Reyes-Monroy, Overnight/Weekend Supervisor
- Ana Ybarra, Overnight/Weekend Supervisor

### Community Partnerships
- Cari Borremans, Community Donations Coordinator
- Holly Cunningham-Kizer, Community Partnerships Coordinator
- Vanessa Gonzales, Prevention Educator
- Zoe O’Balle, Volunteer Coordinator
- Megan Osborne, Prevention Educator
- Kiara Nicholson, Prevention Education Coordinator
- Nathan Thompson, Digital Educator

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### 2,307 Victims of abuse served face to face
*10% Increase*

### 1,627 Victims of Family Violence

### 1,047 Victims of Sexual Assault

### 574 Victims of Child Abuse

### 477 Recorded Forensic Interviews

### 5,756 Safe nights of sleep in the McCoy Family Shelter

**Believe.**