

## Community Partner Success Story:

**Willow Domestic Violence Center** provides safe and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence and offers crisis resources. These programs target the Community Goals of Education, Health, and Self-Sufficiency.

Willow Domestic Violence Center recently served “Julia,” a woman in the community who was experiencing domestic abuse. Julia’s emotionally and financially abusive husband would sabotage important tests she needed to take for her online courses to complete her bachelor’s degree. Her abuser is skilled with computers and would put a password on her laptop so she was unable to log on and do her schoolwork. Julia’s abuser would only give her the password if she finished an extensive list of chores and favors he had written out. Julia contacted Willow and an advocate met with her to discuss the safety of her and her children. Together they designed a safety plan for her to use when she felt it was safe to leave her abusive husband. She stayed at the Willow safe shelter for a few weeks until she found an apartment to move into. Throughout the legal proceedings resulting from the abuse, Willow provided court advocacy so Julia would not be alone, as well as moral support and encouragement. Julia is now able to continue her education and care for her children in a safe environment.



*Willow Domestic Violence Center is dedicated to the empowerment of women and children, providing them with the opportunity to heal, move forward and succeed.*

*A donation of \$1 per day provides A safe place for a survivor like Julia for a day.*

*For more information about Willow Domestic Violence Center, please call 843-3333, or 800-770-3030.*

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