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Barbara Canales
Nueces County Judge
901 Leopard Street, Ste. 303
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

FY 19/20
Family Protection
Fee Report

Dear Judge Canales and Commissioners,

"I asked a nine-year-old boy, 'What would life be like for you, if you didn't have to adhere to this Man-Box?' He said to me, 'I would be free!'" – Tony Porter, CEO – A Call To Men 2021 Great Expectations Luncheon Speaker

In accordance with the Family Protection Fee Contract between The Purple Door and Nueces County for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, the following final report is provided detailing services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Nueces County and the utilization of county funds to support these services. As noted in the attached expense detail report, the entire funding amount of \$10,000 from the Family Protection Fee was spent on counseling, residential services, and other expenses required to maintain our facilities and adequately care for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

From October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, our agency provided life-changing services to 1,941 individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Of those served, 72% received services in Nueces County. With your support, lives change for the better every single day and the people served are able to work towards violence-free lives for themselves and their families.

It is the mission of The Purple Door to empower the community and those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault to transition to a safe and healthy environment. Our work to keep victims safe and end violence in our community would not be possible without your support. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Frances Wilson
President & CEO

\$10,000

FY 19/20 Allocation

Women's Shelter of South Texas dba The Purple Door

Serving Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties

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Agency Statistics and Outcomes
October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020

Nueces County

Nueces County was the service site for 72%, or 1,400, of the clients served by the organization during the grant period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Total clients served in Nueces County: 1,400

- Adults served: 963
- Children served: 437

- Gender of clients served:
 - female: 1,165
 - male: 233
 - Transgender: 2

Demographic Information:

- White: 1,261
- African American: 81
- Other: 2
- Asian: 14
- Native American: 9
- Pacific Islander: 9
- Multi-Racial: 24

Total number of services provided in Nueces County: 68,349

Total number of hours of services provided in Nueces County: 24,948

- 1,019 clients received Crisis Intervention Services.
- Of the clients served, 622 stayed in Shelter.
- Counseling services were provided to 404 clients.
- Services were safely conducted via face to face contact with an advocate or counselor 92.3% of the time

Below are stories from clients served in Nueces County this year:

A client was referred to The Purple Door by Child Protective Services because of reported domestic violence incidents endured by the client and witnessed by her children. After attending a few early Turning Points sessions, the client discovered that what she had been experiencing was not normal. She realized that she was the victim of abuse. Although it was difficult to hear and accept, she has found comfort in learning that she is not crazy and not alone. She continues to open up to her peers, sharing her

past history and steps she plans to take in the future to ensure that she and her family live in a physically, mentally, and emotionally safe environment. Due to some factors that have come to light in group, she has gathered the courage to reach out for individual counseling in order to seek healing from past trauma. Each week the clinician and other group members have noticed that she seems to gain strength and determination, addressing what has occurred and how she plans to seek further success. She is yet another example of a referral that reluctantly approaches our agency seeking "required" services and finds a home away from home that offers non-judgmental safety and hope for the future.

One of the agency's case managers has worked with a client for the past few months. This client initially sought counseling services with the agency. After meeting with a counselor multiple times, she was referred to a case manager for other assistance. The client had just left an abusive relationship and was having difficulties maintaining her residence for her family. She was unable to receive government assistance for SNAP benefits due to her immigration status and struggling to feed her family. Her immigration status was another source of abuse in her relationship. She felt she had to stay in her relationship because of her situation. The client became pregnant during the relationship and this was her biggest motivation to leave the relationship. She felt that if she did not leave the relationship, she would have lost her unborn child. The client called the police during her last victimization and her abuser was arrested. The responding police officers provided her with information on services offered by the agency. The client has been able to utilize the available funding to help with housing and food assistance. The client is continuing to work with the case manager and counselor to receive all services available. She has started working a full-time job and feels she is almost to a point where she will be able to maintain her finances on her own. The client also stated that with safety planning, resources, and counseling services received, she and her children have begun to feel safe again in their home.