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**THE BANK OF FAYETTEVILLE DONATES \$10,000 TO PEACE AT HOME  
FAMILY SHELTER**

*Funds will be used to match Donald W. Reynolds grant for new shelter*

**FAYETTEVILLE**—The Bank of Fayetteville donated \$10,000 to the Peace at Home Family Shelter’s campaign for “Safe Shelter, New Hope.”

All funds raised during this campaign will be used to match a Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for a state-of-the-art shelter to be constructed by the United Way of Washington County, just off of Crossover Road. Over 30 women and children will be able to stay in the new shelter. The facility will also feature an education computer lab, a children’s play area, and cutting edge security to ensure the safety off all domestic violence survivors.

Judith Selle, CEO of Peace at Home, is pleased by the generous contribution being made by the Bank of Fayetteville. “As a non-profit, we rely on our partners in the business community to extend our reach so that more domestic violence survivors can create new, peaceful lives,” said Selle. “We are proud to see the Bank of Fayetteville is helping us help others.”

Domestic violence affects not only homes but business as well. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the annual **cost** of lost productivity due to domestic violence equals **\$727.8 million**, with more than **7.9 million** paid workdays lost each year – the equivalent of more than **32,000** full-time jobs. The *National Law Journal* reports that **25%** of all workplace problems such as absenteeism, lower productivity, turnover, excessive use of medical benefits are due to domestic violence.

“By working together, Peace at Home and the Bank of Fayetteville can not only save lives but also strengthen the economy,” said Selle.

Since 1980, the Peace At Home Family Shelter, with the help of friends and supporters, has served thousands of families in our current facility. The current building has been a refuge for battered women and their children, and the programs provided in it have served as a springboard to new hope and healing for the residents.

The past 26 years have been hard on the building. In 2005, over 3800 safe days and nights of shelter were provided. This is a tired old building, which is only still operating because many friends who have donated hundreds of hours of volunteer time each year to paint it and fix it up as best as is possible.

“Even worse than the condition of our current building is the fact that it is way too small,” said Selle. “Almost every day we receive calls from battered women needing safe shelter for themselves and their children, and we do not have room. We always work with the families to find safety but sometimes moving to another community isn’t possible. It is past time for a new shelter in Northwest Arkansas. Thanks to the help of the Bank of Fayetteville and many other partners including the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, this new shelter will soon be a reality. ”

Peace at Home Family Shelter, the **only** domestic violence shelter in Washington County, empowers the victims of family violence. The shelter serves as a protective, nurturing place for abused women and children to find safety, provides women with the necessary tools to become independent, and helps educate the community on how to **END** domestic violence.

During the last two years, the shelter has seen a **100 percent increase in crisis calls**. In 2005, Peace at Home helped **864** battered women and their children and provided over **3,800** nights of safe shelter, including **1,900 safe nights for children**.

Since 1987, the Bank of Fayetteville has served the Northwest Arkansas area. Currently, they have 8 branches in Fayetteville, Prairie Grove, and West Fork.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, it is one of the largest private foundations in the United States.

For more information, visit: [www.peaceathomeshelter.org](http://www.peaceathomeshelter.org), [www.bof.com](http://www.bof.com), or [www.dwreynolds.org](http://www.dwreynolds.org).



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