



**AGAPE**  
Resource & Assistance Center, Inc.

A woman with curly hair is holding a baby, both looking down. The image is overlaid with a teal tint.

# 28%

COLLIN COUNTY  
HOUSEHOLDS ARE  
HOUSING BURDENED



# 29%

COLLIN COUNTY  
FAMILIES BELOW  
ALICE THRESHOLD

Two women are sitting at a desk, looking at a book together. One is pointing at the book. The image is overlaid with a teal tint.

# 25%

COLLIN COUNTY ISD  
STUDENTS  
ECONOMICALLY  
DISADVANTAGED





# 19%

WYLIE FAMILIES LIVE  
AT/BELOW 185% OF  
POVERTY THRESHOLD  
(\$40K FOR FAMILY OF 3)



# 28%

WYLIE ISD STUDENTS  
ECONOMICALLY  
DISADVANTAGED



# 2772

WYLIE FAMILIES RECEIVED  
FOOD ASSISTANCE IN 2020;  
UP 181% OVER 2018

# WYLIE RENTAL HOUSING



**\$1500**

MEDIAN RENT FOR  
2-BEDROOM APARTMENT



**\$50K**

ANNUAL SALARY



**\$1250**

UNBURDENED HOUSING



**1336**

HOUSEHOLDS LIVING IN A  
TRAILER FOR

**\$1300**

# JERICO VILLAGE

A HOUSINGPLUS Empowerment Initiative



Land | 1.5 – 2.5 acres

## Structures / Amenities

- Nine 3- or 4-plex multi-family units
- Community Center & Garden
- Playground
- Outdoor gathering areas

Density | 30 - 32 multi-family units

# JERICO VILLAGE

A HOUSINGPLUS Empowerment Initiative

70%

~21 SLIDING SCALE INCOME-BASED  
RENTAL\* UNITS FOR COMMUNITY



Income	Rent	Notes
\$28,000	\$700	Free Lunches
\$40,000	\$1000	Reduced Lunches
\$50,000	\$1250	Avg. City Salary
\$55,000	\$1375	Avg. ISD Salary

30%

~9 UNITS FOR AGAPE  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

\* Based on HUD guide of housing cost at or less than 30% of income

# EMPOWERING SUPPORT SERVICES



COUNSELING &  
COACHING



CHILDCARE

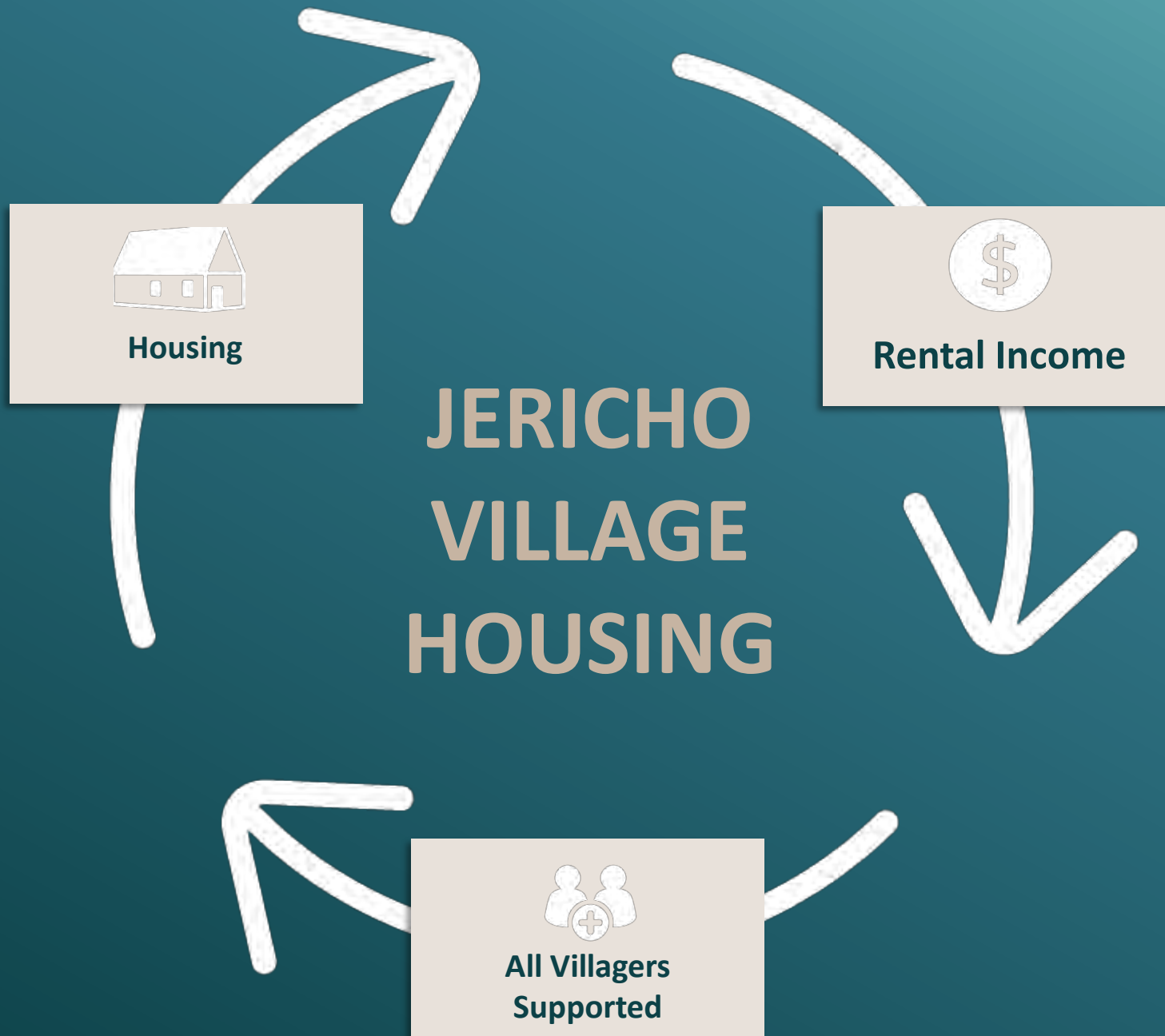


EDUCATION  
OPPORTUNITIES



TRANSPORTATION

—— *ONSITE SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT FOR ALL VILLAGERS* ——



- ✓ **ECONOMICALLY  
ATTAINABLE HOUSING**
- ✓ **SELF-SUSTAINING**
- ✓ **HELPS ALL VILLAGERS  
RETAIN STABILITY**

# LET'S MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE TODAY!



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# MISSION



**Agape Resource & Assistance Center's** mission is to provide safe, stable housing and transformational services to homeless single women, moms and their children that empower them to move from crisis and poverty to fulfilling, self-sustaining lives.

Located in East Plano, Agape's Housing 4 Hope program provides its clients – affectionately referred to as Agapeans – with holistic, empowerment support services including safe, stable housing, childcare, transportation and education to higher income. These transformational services provide Agapeans the ways and means to overcome the primary barriers to economic and emotional stability and move to fulfilling, self-sustaining lives not limited or defined by their past.



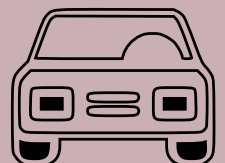
Housing



Education, Vocation



Childcare



Transportation

## WHO Agape Serves

While the **WOMEN** and **CHILDREN** who come to Agape have their own unique stories and experiences, they have many characteristics in common:

85%

have survived family violence, sexual assault or human trafficking

90%

enter Agape employed at wages at or below the poverty threshold

100%

are educated, with some holding a post-secondary degree

100%

are experiencing homelessness

## HOW AGAPE Helps

At Agape there is a **HOME**, there is **HELP**, and there is **HOPE**.

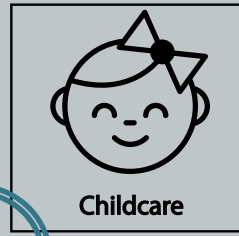
Securing a safe and stable transitional home is just the first step on the healing journey for the women and children who come to Agape. During their 6- to 12-month stay, Agapeans participate in trauma-based group counseling and individual therapy, as well as receive compassionate, accountability-based casework and critical life and job skills training.

Agape's holistic and transformational Housing 4 Hope program aligns with the Texas Women's Foundation's key issues that are interwoven in the fabric of economic security for women, girls and their families. These are education, child care, health insurance and housing.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, Agape identified transportation as a key issue for women in Collin County due to the lack of widely accessible public transportation.

## Here's a closer look at **Housing 4 Hope**:



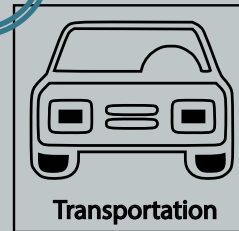
- Provide immediate safe, stable housing
- Address barriers to renting
- Apply for housing subsidies
- Evaluate models to achieve equitable housing



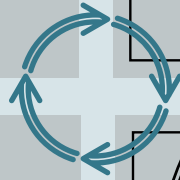
- Facilitate needed childcare
- Advocate at schools, with childcare providers
- Provide academic tutoring, social/emotional counseling
- Organize fun, enriching, STEAM-based experiences



- Prepare for the workforce
- Assist with job placement
- Provide financial management skills training
- Facilitate improved financial stability



- Assist with car repairs, title loans, and tickets surcharge
- Provide loaner cars
- Facilitate purchasing a used, reliable car
- Teach auto care and maintenance skills



Since its founding as a faith-based non-profit in 2013, of the women and families who stayed at Agape over 90 days and completed the program, over 80% have graduated and look forward to a life with hope for themselves and their children.<sup>2</sup> **Upon graduation, Agapeans have :**

- ☒ Secured a safe, stable home
- ☒ Attained a vocational path with upward mobility
- ☒ Improved their economic stability and workforce skills
- ☒ Increased their emotional stability
- ☒ Obtained affordable, reliable childcare and transportation

Lasting transformation takes time, patience, compassion and faith, and Agapeans have embraced those cornerstones and are well on their way towards healing and living fulfilling, self-sustaining lives.

## MORE About AGAPE

Founded in 2013 by Rev. Janet Collinsworth, Agape has grown from 2 beds and a crib to supporting 8 housing units with 45 beds. When Janet began her work with nonprofit organizations and mission ministries, she became aware of some troubling information happening in her home community of Plano. The number of individuals in Collin County experiencing homelessness dramatically increased starting in 2008 and 75% of those individuals were single women and women-led families.

Most of those women became homeless because they fled situations of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. At the time, there was little to no infrastructure in Collin County to support this vulnerable group of women and children. Janet saw a need and was inspired to act, bringing Agape Resource and Assistance Center to life. After 30 years in the corporate world, Janet turned her expertise in business and accounting to serve her community through nonprofit and servant ministry.

- Agape is one of the most God felt places I have ever known. They opened their doors when I had no place to go and gave my child a safe place to stay where I could raise her on my own terms.
- Nancy & Nina



- Being part of Agape helped me realize I am stronger than I was. Agape taught me to serve, but also saved me. My children and I were shown genuine love and acceptance.
- Cathy



# In the shadows of Collin County

In 2017, 15.6% of Collin County residents lived at or below the poverty threshold – more than 1/3 were children.

**\$1,500**

Median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Wylie.

**19%**

19% of Wylie families live at or below 185% of poverty threshold

**28%**

28% economically disadvantaged<sup>3</sup> Wylie ISD students with family income of ~\$40K- can support monthly housing cost up to \$1k<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Students eligible for free or reduced



## What is poverty?

Federal poverty guidelines say a family of four earning less than \$26,200/year is in poverty – regardless of city of residence.

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## Women are the face of Poverty in Texas

2.3+ million women in Texas earn less than the poverty threshold.

31% of Texas households in poverty are led by a single mother.



## Income inequality is widening in Collin County

The bottom fifth of earners<sup>1</sup> saw a 6% decline in inflation-adjusted income over the past 10 years.

<sup>1</sup> Those living at or below the poverty threshold

Real income loss means with the rising costs of living in Collin County, families have less buying power to cover basic needs such as housing and food.



## Housing costs are too high

The median housing burden<sup>2</sup> for all of Collin County households is 28%.

<sup>2</sup> Median gross rent as a percentage of household income

**ONEDAY<sup>TM</sup> there will be an inclusive community of desirable, economically attainable rental homes in Collin County –**

**AND THAT DAY IS COMING SOON.**





ONEDAY™, a new venture from Agape Resource & Assistance Center, is an innovative solution to expanding safe, stable and desirable economically attainable housing in Collin County. Building on the success of its Housing 4 Hope program, Agape will partner with local municipalities to develop a series of inclusive urban villages offering mixed income rental homes and empowerment support services that provide individuals and families with the tools needed to retain or attain economic, emotional and physical stability.

Jericho Village, the ONEDAY™ flagship, will feature 32 multi-family units in quadruplex homes, a community center, a community garden, outdoor living areas and a playground.

## Jericho Village



20 units available to the community at sliding scale income-based rates. Incentives will be offered to veterans, public servants, teachers and the local workforce.



12 units will serve as housing for Agape's transitional program and will be available at a cost-based rate to other organizations helping people move out of vulnerable situations.



All Villagers will have convenient access to assistance with procuring childcare, transportation, workforce training, increased financial literacy and counseling.



**Jericho Village Rendering**

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**ONEDAY™**, a new venture from Agape Resource & Assistance Center, is an innovative solution to the debilitating lack of economically attainable housing in Collin County. Homes that are economically attainable is not only the catalyst to end homelessness, but also the foundation of homeless prevention. Building on the success its Housing 4 Hope program, Agape will partner with local municipalities to develop a series of inclusive urban villages offering mixed income rental homes and support services that provide individuals and families with the tools needed to retain or attain economic, emotional and physical stability.

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By 2025 Agape plans to add at least 3 urban villages in Collin County through its ONEDAY™ initiative. The vision is to demonstrate that communities that include a component of income-based rental units are efficient and effective, as well as provide a just solution to affordable housing. Agape will advocate the success of these urban villages and encourage municipalities to incentivize housing developers to increase the availability of economically attainable housing. Additionally, the income generated from community units will be reinvested to increase Agape's capacity to serve additional women-led families through their Housing 4 Hope program.



N. Winding Oaks Drive



ONE DAY there will be a desirable community where our neighbors can find comfortable and economically attainable rental homes. Where and abused mom and her children can live safely and receive the critical life services she needs to start over. Where people on fixed income can enjoy stable homes. A place where children can play together while families visit around the neighborhood picnic tables and enjoy life in safe community.

That day is coming soon.

CONTACT US



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# AGAPE TESTIMONIAL

"AGAPE helped me to grow and develop as both a woman and a mother. Being at AGAPE helped me transition into self-sufficiency. I am grateful for AGAPE and how it helped me in becoming an independant woman and mother."

— Beth

## CONTACT US

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## ABOUT US

AGAPE Resource and Assistance Center, Inc., a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, began operations in 2013 as a holistic, innovative, servant ministry of peace and justice committed to provide housing and transformational support services to homeless women, moms and their children that empower them to move from crisis and poverty to fulfilling self-sustaining lives.

We do this through collaboration, advocacy and service delivery to provide safe, stable housing, transformational support services and empowering hope to single women with a focus on single moms and their children.

## Did you Know...

There is a homeless problem in Plano and Collin County.

1

There are no emergency shelters & less than 350 shelter / housing beds serve all Collin County.

2

Over 4,000 people were turned away EACH YEAR 2012 - 2018 from Collin County shelters & housing agencies; 75% were single women, most with children 10 years & under.

3

Extended stay hotels serve as "homes" on school bus routes.

4

The % of PISD children on free/reduced lunch has MORE THAN DOUBLED from 14% in 2010 to 32% in 2019.

5

As of 2019, nearly one in four Collin County students is economically disadvantaged. Economically disadvantaged students drop out at 3 times the rate of others in Collin County.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **Donate Gifts & Time**  
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- car repair
- childcare
- legal support
- mentoring/tutoring
- gift cards
- supply drives
- sponsor a family or event

- **Volunteering**  
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## AGAPE Testimonial

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-Carole

According to the Collin County Point-in-time Homeless Census, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness continues to increase each year. The point-in-time census provides a reliable estimate of people experiencing homelessness, but it's suspected that the true numbers are significantly higher. Additionally, many individuals and families are currently suffering from COVID-19 displacement and are housing-insecure. It's estimated that there are at least 6,500 households that are "one crisis away" from being homeless, many of which are headed by single mothers.



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## THE 2020 COLLIN COUNTY HOMELESS CENSUS SHOWED

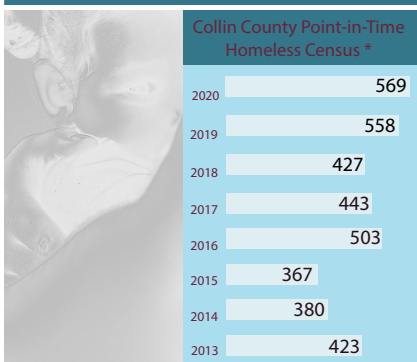
**1 IN 3**  
Were Children

**1 IN 5** Were fleeing  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE

**66%**  
HELD  
JOBS

**1352**  
STUDENTS  
in all Collin County ISDs  
self-reported as experienc-  
ing homelessness

## TOP 5 UNDERLYING REASONS FOR HOMELESSNESS IN COLLIN COUNTY:



**30%**  
Unable to pay  
rent/mortgage

**28%**  
Unemployed

**18%**  
Domestic  
Violence Victim

**16%**  
Lack of affordable  
housing

**16%**  
Other

**Of children who spend more than ½ of childhood in poverty, 45% are in poverty by age 35<sup>1</sup>**

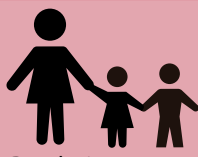
\* Conducted annually in January



Less than  
**350**  
shelter and  
agency beds



Overflowing  
shelters forced to  
turn away more  
than **4,000**  
residents each  
year



Results in many  
families turning to  
extended stay  
hotels as de facto  
"homes"

Collin County has  
the second  
highest median  
income of  
**\$96,051**  
but bottom fifth of  
earners earning  
**\$24,200**  
for a family of 4 in  
2020

**6% Decline**  
in inflation-adjust-  
ed income over  
the past 10 years  
**RESULTS:**  
families have less  
buying power to  
cover basic needs  
such as housing  
and food<sup>2</sup>

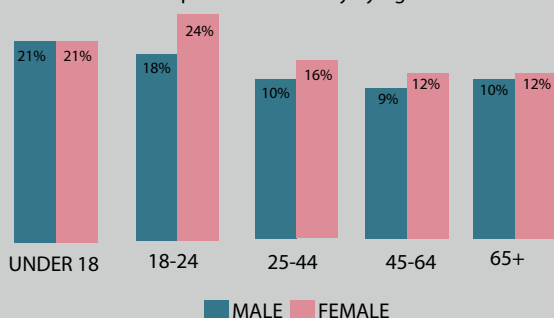
In 2017 **15.6%**  
Collin County  
residents live at or  
below the poverty  
threshold

**1/3**  
ARE CHILDREN<sup>3</sup>

HUGE income gap  
between men and  
women  
**2.3 Million**  
women in Texas  
earning less than  
the poverty  
threshold<sup>4</sup>  
\$ \$ \$ \$

## WOMEN ARE THE FACE OF POVERTY IN TEXAS

Percent of Population in Poverty by Age in Texas<sup>4</sup>



Texas Poverty by Household Type<sup>4</sup>

**8%**



MARRIED COUPLES

**17%**



SINGLE-FATHER

**31%**



SINGLE-MOTHER

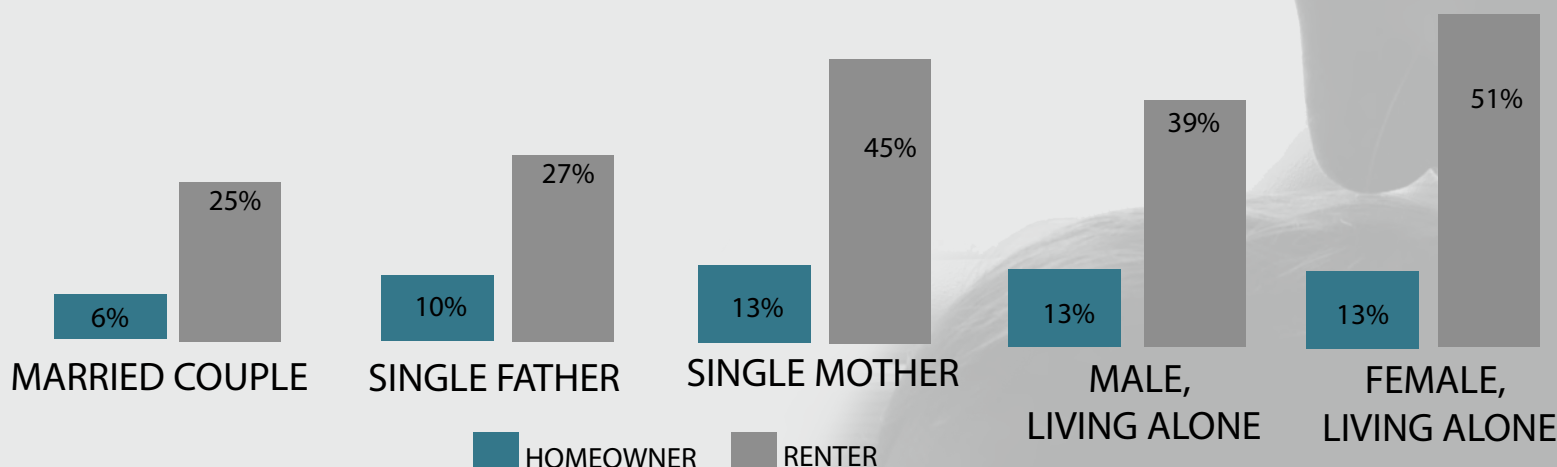
# WOMEN AND HOUSING BURDEN

For most Texas women, housing is their largest monthly expense. Traditionally, the rule of thumb is to budget spending less than one-third of one's monthly income on housing. When a family pays more than that, they are "housing cost burdened," meaning there may not be enough money left for essentials like groceries, medicine, transportation and childcare.

## TEXAS HOUSING COSTS ARE TOO HIGH!

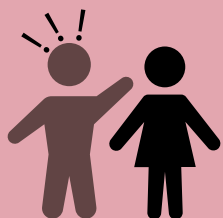
	TEXAS HOMEOWNERS	TEXAS RENTERS
Housing Cost Burdened Spending >30% of income on Housing	<b>21%</b> 1.3 Million Households	<b>45%</b> Nearly 1.7 Million Households
Severely Housing Cost Burdened Spending >50% of income on Housing	<b>8%</b> Over 490,000 Households	<b>22%</b> Over 807,000 Households

## Housing Burden by Homeownership Status and Family Type in TX



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS

Majority of domestic violence (DV) survivors are women



**90%**

of survivors who seek family violence services will experience **HOMELESSNESS** at least once as a result of fleeing an abusive relationship<sup>4</sup>

Almost

**1/2**

will be homeless **TWO or MORE times**<sup>4</sup>

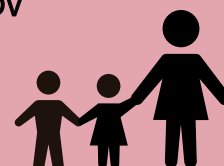
**50%**

of all women who are homeless report that DV was the immediate cause of their homelessness<sup>5</sup>



**80%**

of mothers experiencing homelessness were victims of DV<sup>6</sup>



COVID-19 pandemic has driven an increase in several risk factors for DV, including reduced access to resources and increasing stress, financial difficulties, and social isolation.<sup>6</sup>

The Texas Council on Family Violence recently found the highest unmet need for survivors was housing. Two key supports for DV victims are transitional housing and rapid re-housing programs.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Center for Childhood Poverty

<sup>2</sup> Collin County Economic Opportunity Assessment, CFT

<sup>3</sup> The Institute for Urban Policy Research, UT Dallas

<sup>4</sup> Economic Issues for Women in Texas 2020, TWF

<sup>5</sup> National Coalition for the Homeless

<sup>6</sup> American Psychology Association