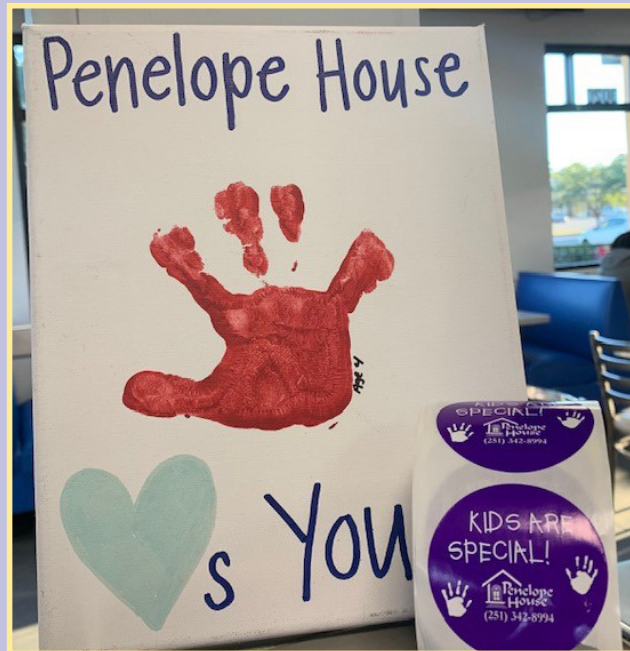




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2022 ANNUAL REPORT



The mission of Penelope House is to provide safety, protection, and support to the victims of Domestic Violence and their children through the provision of shelter, advocacy, and individual and community education.



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Director's Message

In many nonprofit agencies, staff wear several different hats. In 2022, I added the hat of "owner" during the comprehensive shelter expansion project that was funded by the CARES Act. Throughout 2022, while the shelter remained open, meetings began with selecting an architect firm and then selecting a construction company; once they were in place and plans were finalized and approved, construction began in April- to expand the shelter to provide additional offices, meeting rooms, and client rooms. The expansion was needed to allow one family unit per room and increase space for social distancing. I am so thankful for Mr. Greg Saad, who took on the role as Volunteer Project Coordinator; without his guidance and unwavering support, this project would not have been possible. Nor would it have been possible without the attention to detail from Goodwyn Mills Cawood and Waverly Construction of Alabama. OAC (owner, architect, construction) meetings continued throughout the project and the expected completion of the shelter expansion is February 2023. I know staff and board members will be thrilled! Thank you to all who played a part in this expansion adventure- including ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) who administers these funds from the federal government. It certainly takes an entire team/ village for dreams to come true- whether it's simply providing an awesome Christmas for those in shelter to helping a client move into our Transitional Living Program to the largest construction project I have ever been a part of! As Cinderella said, "A dream is a wish your heart makes..." - keep the faith as dreams do come true!

Tonie Ann Coumanis Torrans, LMSW



Greg Saad and Tonie Ann at the 2022 Annual Meeting

President's Message

Dear Members,

As I write this message, I am remembering Penelope House during my first year as an Advisory Board member in 2012. The organization welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to share in volunteer and mentorship opportunities with transitional living clients. Penelope House has always been an organization that can adapt and overcome financial and social economical changes to consistently service the needs of the community. I've come to think of Penelope House and our wonderful team as a family organization that provides advocacy, mentorship, and support to many that are experiencing domestic violence. Our community of professionals, board members and sponsors, provide a network in which Penelope House has become increasingly reliant when facing new challenges and opportunities.

I am proud of our successes over the last few years and would like to recognize our board for raising the bar and adapting during uncertainty post COVID. In the years ahead, we will continue initiatives that will support Penelope House and help add to the longstanding legacy of excellence that is presented every day through the works of our hardworking Director, Tonie Ann Torrans, diligent staff, and our awesome community board members.

Looking forward to an Outstanding 2023!!

Yours Truly,
Dana M Polk



Nick's Kids Foundation Luncheon

Ambassador's Message

This year 2022 has been the hardest of my life. In July I lost my husband of 61 years. I want to tell you about Nick. In 1978 when I said I wanted to start a shelter for battered women, when everyone thought I was out of my mind and my Social Work peers said I was committing professional suicide, my husband stood solidly by my side and supported me completely. When his friends and coworkers asked if he beat me, he refused to respond (which is what I had asked him to do). This was not about me or him, it was about the hundreds and thousands of victims who were being abused every day and had nowhere to go. Nick took years of teasing, questioning and suspicion with quiet dignity. Not only that, he became one of Penelope House's greatest supporters and volunteers.

I remember one occasion when he was helping me at the shelter, a little boy approached him and asked if he was his father. Nick tearfully responded that he was not but that he loved him and wished him well.

Nick, a life time restaurateur and director of food services for the Mobile Metro Jail which often housed over 1,200 inmates on any given day, over saw the kitchen at Penelope House. He loved to visit, inspect the kitchen and food storage areas and give advice and direction to the staff, all on a voluntary basis.

He was passionate about our fund raisers and was the best ticket seller that we ever had. His favorite event was the Chocolate Festival where he oversaw the Chocolate Martini booth. He and a fellow AHEPAN made all of the martini's and kept us well supplied from the start of the day until the end. A well loved man, many flocked to the Martini Booth to speak to Nick and share a joke or laugh. He will be so sorely missed this year and I know many will come to the booth just to find him. His chair will be empty.

Thanks to all our friends, DOP, AHEPA and those I know and don't know for the outpouring of sympathy following his passing in July. Thanks to all for the most generous contributions to Penelope House in his memory.

Kathryn Coumanis, MSW, Ed.D, LCSW



Kathryn, Nick, and Elizabeth Horiates at the 2022 Mobile Chocolate Festival

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Annual Meeting



Holiday Luncheon



Parading to promote the
Mobile Chocolate Festival



Serving Staff Ice Cream

Services

CRISIS HOTLINE A crisis hotline is answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide counseling, information and referral services to families in abusive situations.

SHELTER: Emergency shelter for victims in intimate partner violence and their children is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Victims who are admitted for shelter care are provided a safe place to stay while assessing their life situation and setting goals for the future. Shelter services include food, clothing, case management, advocate services, vocational counseling and children's services.

COURT ADVOCACY: Court Advocates assist domestic violence victims in Mobile, Washington, Clarke and Choctaw counties to navigate within the court system. The advocates provide information to victims about their rights and options in the legal system, assist with obtaining warrants and protection orders, and accompany them to court, both criminal and civil. One of the advocates is located in the Mobile Government Plaza Complex to assure services are readily available to the Domestic Violence Court and for victims needing assistance in filing some form of protection order.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: The Children's Program services are provided in the shelter and through referral to community agencies as needed. Recreational activities are scheduled for children with assistance from volunteer groups. Support groups are provided for shelter and outreach children. A full time child advocate provides individual support.

VICTIM SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings are held weekly. These groups are conducted for both victims in shelter and on an outreach basis. The group's purpose is to provide support as well as education about issues related to intimate partner violence and to empower the individual to make safe choices for themselves and their children. Children's support groups are also provided in coordination with victim support groups.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Penelope House provides workshops and speaking engagements directed toward the prevention of family violence through education. Workshops are routinely provided for other professionals such as medical, social services and law enforcement on the dynamics of intimate partner violence, the effects of violence on children and the prevention of family violence.

PREVENTION EDUCATION: The Penelope House school-based Prevention Education Program is for grades Pre-K through 12. The purpose of the program is to help children understand that abuse and violence is wrong, no one deserves to be abused, how to be safe when abuse is occurring in their home, and to never keep abuse a secret. Children are taught to recognize inappropriate adult behaviors and who they can turn to for help. The program also teaches teenagers about the warning signs and dynamics of unhealthy dating relationships and how to seek help if they are in an abusive relationship.

OUTREACH SERVICES: Services are provided to victims who do not request shelter care but are in need of assistance in dealing with intimate partner violence. These services include domestic violence education, support groups, legal referral, victim advocacy, vocational counseling, housing referral and assistance with victim compensation.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING COMMUNITY: A Transitional Living Community (TLC) provides housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence (with or without children) who are homeless as a result of the domestic violence and who meet the VOCA guidelines. They must agree to develop a case plan, with the assistance of the Case Manager, which will lead to permanent housing within 24 months. Clients will receive Life Skills classes dealing with subjects such as financial literacy, homeownership, budgeting, parenting and other issues that will assist them in moving towards independence and self-sufficiency. While in the TLC program, our clients may also avail themselves to all of the services provided by Penelope House and its staff

PROJECT ID ABUSE: A domestic violence data collection and perpetrator identification program. Project ID Abuse identifies abusers in twenty south Alabama counties, tracks their criminal histories and provides partners in the project vital information to assist in the arrest and prosecution of domestic violence offenders. Project ID Abuse has been funded by the Department of Justice - The Office of Violence Against Women. Project ID Abuse was commissioned by the Mobile County Domestic Violence Task Force in July 2005 and has been administered through the Mobile County District Attorney's Office.

PENELOPE'S CLOSET: Penelope's Closet is located at 2907 Old Shell Road, Mobile, Alabama. It continues to flourish due to the combination of location, loyal volunteers, donors, and the public. It is absolutely an essential component to our mission. Penelope's Closet provides our clients with clothing and other necessities at no cost. All proceeds from the Closet return to the shelter to further assist victims and their children.



Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall



Staff Attending a Workshop



*Wearing Orange in February
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month*

Service Statistics

In Shelter

Adults sheltered	258
Children Sheltered	340
Total Client Service Hours	8,662.00
Total Nights (Units) of Shelter Provided	6,055
Crisis Calls	1,746
Meals Served	18,380

Victim Support Group Participants

Adult Support Groups	47
Adult Attendees	330
Child Support Groups	15
Child Attendees	36

Court Advocacy

Adult Clients	7,845
Children	6,565
Court Appointments with Clients	6,710
Clients Assisted to obtain protection from abuse or no contact orders	1,206

Prevention Education

School Based Program (K-12)	
Total Reached	18,801

Volunteers

Volunteer Hours	8,867
Value of Volunteers Hours	\$88,670.00

ADMINISTRATION

<i>Coumanis, Kathryn</i>	<i>Ambassador</i>
<i>Pearson, Mercedes</i>	<i>Grant Manager</i>
<i>Platis, Ellen</i>	<i>Human Resource Coordinator</i>

<i>Scott, Caryn</i>	<i>CFO</i>
<i>Sledge, Angela</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
<i>Torrans, Tonie Ann</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>
<i>Williams, Deirdre</i>	<i>Grant Writer</i>

PROGRAMS

<i>Baluyut, Joann</i>	<i>Cook</i>
<i>Brown, Katherine</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate Admin Asst</i>
<i>Brutkiewicz, Maria</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Buchel, Ansley</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>Burroughs, Stacy</i>	<i>Facilities/Shelter Manager</i>
<i>Byrd, Jasmine</i>	<i>Transitional Living Asst Coordinator</i>
<i>Canady, Whitney</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Clikas, Elaine</i>	<i>Receptionist</i>
<i>Clikas-Murphree, Kristen</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate Supervisor</i>
<i>Dortch, Daviette</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>Duncan, Joan</i>	<i>Prevention Ed/Volunteer Coord.</i>
<i>Fleming-Shinn, Gina</i>	<i>Prevention Ed Assistant</i>
<i>Granger, Hilary</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>Herren, Brooke</i>	<i>DataBase Specialist</i>
<i>Horton, Kelsey</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Howard, Heather</i>	<i>Thrift Store Mgr Asst.</i>
<i>Jacobs, Betty</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Johnson, Miya</i>	<i>DV Case Manager</i>
<i>Jones, Sharon</i>	<i>SAIL Specialist</i>
<i>LaDuna, Shirley</i>	<i>Thrift Store Associate</i>
<i>Lambert, Karen</i>	<i>Child Advocate</i>
<i>Lolley, MaKayla</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Pappas, Jennifer</i>	<i>Transitional Living Coordinator</i>
<i>Parker, Deborah</i>	<i>Cook</i>
<i>Peazant, Cleo</i>	<i>Cook</i>
<i>Phillips, Fulinda</i>	<i>Crisis Counselor</i>
<i>Pope, Jillian</i>	<i>Rural County CA/SAIL Specialist</i>
<i>Pryor, Farren</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Reis, Rachele</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Robinson, Karen</i>	<i>Thrift Store Manager</i>
<i>Scott, Allison</i>	<i>Outreach Counselor</i>

<i>Seldon, Kirara</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Shirah, Amanda</i>	<i>Children's Program Coord.</i>
<i>Soutullo, Douglas</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Thomas, Regina</i>	<i>Transportation Aide</i>
<i>Thompson, Breanca</i>	<i>Prevention Ed. Assistant</i>
<i>Vesely, Karlene</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>Wainwright, Heather</i>	<i>Night/WE Supervisor</i>
<i>Ward, Keri</i>	<i>Shelter Advocate</i>
<i>Weldy, Yazmina</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>White, Nancy</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>Williams, Savannah</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>
<i>Williams, Waconda</i>	<i>Court Victim Advocate</i>



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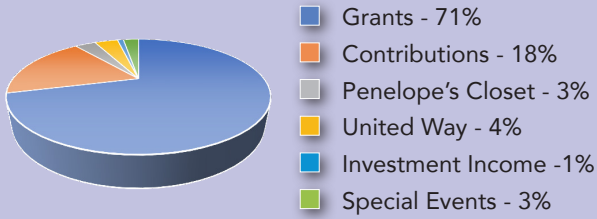


Jeremiah Castille DV Awareness Luncheon



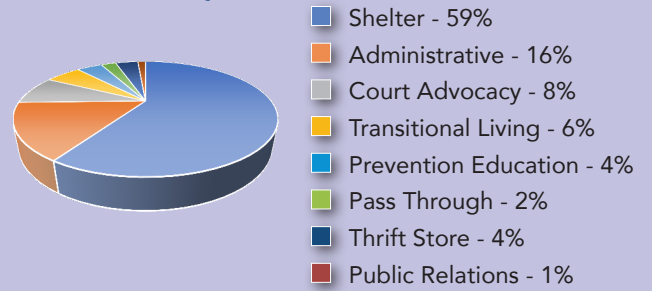
Mobile Chocolate Festival

2022 Income



*Based on 2022 Budget of \$3.9 million

2022 Expenses



2022 Foundation/Trust Contributions

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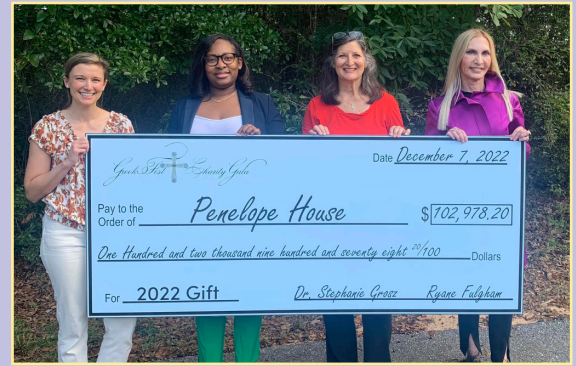


AHEPA District 1

2022 Greek Fest Charity Gala

The 6th Annual Greek Fest Charity Gala was held on November 5, 2022. Penelope House was selected by the Greek Fest Charity Gala Board to be one of the recipients of the proceeds of the Gala, along with the Orthodox Christian Network. The GALA was true to its name! Held at the Hellenic Center at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, over 200 guests enjoyed an elegant evening of dining, dancing, and fellowship in the beautiful atmosphere of being in Greece created with panoramic videos. Due to the hard work of the Chairpersons, Dr. Stephanie Grosz and Ryane Fulgham, and their dedicated board members, both Penelope House and the Orthodox Christian Network each received over \$100,000.00. Penelope House was honored and very appreciative of the generous support of the Greek Fest Charity Gala.

The pictures are of some of the Penelope House Board who attended that Gala and the ceremonial check presentation by the Gala Chairs to Penelope House staff.



Check Presentation



Board Members attending Greek Fest Charity Gala

2022 Memorials

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Callieroy Andreades
Courtney Ashley
Dr. James Bailey
Sancha Johnson Barnes
Tina Buckley
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Ethel Catranis
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Theodore High School



Alliance Therapy Dogs

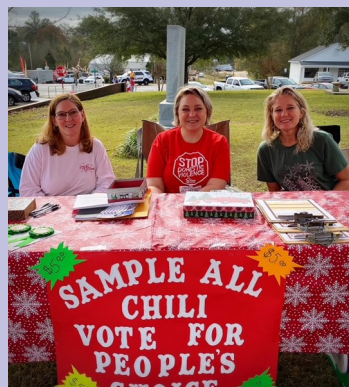


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Washington County DV Task Force Chili Cook-off



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