

# Meet Amanda.



Even though Amanda and her husband were married for 18 years and started a successful business, she kept so busy she didn't recognize the warning signs of domestic abuse. The day came, however, when life got a lot scarier, to the point that she was walking on eggshells with her 10-year-old son, trying not to make daddy mad.

After a year's separation, Amanda's husband started making visits. Getting him to leave and not stay so late was hard. After he started breaking in, she learned he was on amphetamines. One night, Amanda's son walked in when her husband was hitting her in the face. When her son tried to help, his dad pushed him into the dresser, leaving him with a permanent scar.

***"I'm very grateful to ACH. It's very important to know that this can happen to anyone. It does not discriminate at all." - Amanda***

After entering the Families Together program at ACH, it was her son who reassured Amanda that they were now safe. Over time, they once again became excited about their future and her son feels there's nothing he can't do.



## Families Together

Families Together provides transitional housing for single mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence. Each year, one in three women in Tarrant County experience domestic violence.

Domestic violence murders were declining for three years before the pandemic hit, with just eight reported last year. By October 2020, Tarrant County had seen 18 domestic violence murders, surpassing 2016's high of 16.

Families Together offers a safe and stable living environment while mothers and children work to overcome the trauma that led to their homelessness and return to independent living. Families receive intensive case management and therapeutic services designed to help them heal from the trauma and victimization they've experienced. They gain the skills they need to promote long-term self-sufficiency, obtain stable housing, and return to independent living.

**1 in 3**

**Women Experience  
Domestic Violence**



**Domestic Violence  
Murders Past Four Years**