



## Oasis in Union County



37-year old April entered Oasis with her two teenage sons, frightened and alone. April married her husband when she was only 17 years old. She stated their relationship turned abusive when she got pregnant with her eldest son at the age of 18. April tried for many years to work on their relationship, because she felt it was very important for her children to have their father in their life. April disclosed years of emotional abuse, financial abuse, black eyes, broken bones, and traumatic nights fearing for her life. She was finally able to flee the relationship when her husband became physically abusive to their oldest son. April feared the abuse would continue to escalate and worried one of her children would become seriously injured. With the help of OASIS advocates and Kentucky Legal Aid, April was able to obtain a protective order from her husband. She then decided to end their 20-year marriage by filing for divorce. April attended many groups while residing in shelter that included education on domestic violence, financial literacy, budgeting, life skills, parenting, grief and loss, and healthy relationships. April not only gained education from the program, but she also learned to love herself again. She successfully completed the OASIS program, obtained independent housing, and obtained her first job. April hopes by educating her sons and leaving their abusive father, she has stopped the cycle of violence in her family and prevented her sons from becoming statistics.

## How Dollars Help Our Clients



**\$100**

A gift of \$100 would purchase household supplies a victim needs when obtaining housing.

**\$500**

A gift of \$500 would purchase a needed car repair so that a client could obtain employment and/or attend college.

**\$1,000**

A gift of \$1,000 would pay for tuition for a victim's education.