

BECOME A ROOM STEWARD

HELP SUSTAIN THE SPACES WHERE HEALING HAPPENS EVERY DAY

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EVERY ROOM HAS A STORY

THE NEED: WHY SAFE SPACES MATTER

For someone escaping abuse, a room at RESPOND is never just a room. It is where fear gives way to safety, uncertainty becomes a plan, and isolation is met with compassion.

As RESPOND has grown, so have the spaces where healing begins. Our Community Services Center, Administrative Support Center, and Emergency Shelter are more than buildings. They are places where survivors find safety, support, and the resources they need to rebuild their lives. While every survivor's journey is unique, one thing remains constant: healing starts with a safe place.



THE VISION: EVOLVING OUR PARTNERSHIP

RESPOND's Next Chapter Gala brought our community together to celebrate our vision for the future. Building on that momentum, we are expanding our sponsorship model into year-round Room Stewardship partnerships, offering organizations the opportunity to invest in a space that represents safety, healing, and new beginnings.

Through ongoing engagement, recognition, and annual renewal, Room Stewards become lasting partners in RESPOND's mission and the journey of survivors we serve.



THE INITIATIVE: BECOME A ROOM STEWARD

Galas create annual sponsors. Stewardship creates annual partners.

When you become a Room Steward, you become part of what moves RESPOND forward. Your support fuels the spaces where survivors find safety, healing, and hope for every person who walks through our doors.

SPACES TO STEWARD

CONNECTION, COLLABORATION & MISSION SPACES

SPACES THAT STRENGTHEN RESPOND'S ABILITY TO SERVE SURVIVORS AND ADVANCE THE MISSION.

RESPOND'S WELCOME AREA

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$10,000

For many survivors, healing begins here. This welcoming space offers compassion, dignity, and reassurance from the moment someone walks through our doors, helping them take the first steps toward safety and a more hopeful future.

This is where Anaya, a survivor who came to RESPOND with nothing in her hands, was welcomed with care. She was told that she was "no longer going to go through this alone."

LEADERSHIP & VISION OFFICE

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$7,500

Where RESPOND's mission is guided and its future is shaped, this office supports the decisions and planning that sustain survivor-centered services and lifesaving resources.

COLLABORATION ROOM

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$5,000

A space where staff come together to strengthen survivor support through collaboration, reflection, training, and problem-solving. By equipping advocates with shared knowledge and resources, this room helps ensure survivors receive coordinated, compassionate care.

MISSION SUPPORT CENTER

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$1,500

The foundation that keeps RESPOND's programs strong, this space is home to the Finance, Human Resources, and Development teams that provide the resources, funding, and infrastructure needed to advance our mission and sustain lifesaving services.

CORE SYSTEMS HUB

STEWARDSHIP FILLED • NOT AVAILABLE

\$1,000

The technology center that keeps RESPOND's essential services connected, secure, and running smoothly. These systems allow staff to communicate, protect information, and provide uninterrupted support to survivors.

RESPOND's leadership and operational teams provide the foundation that allows every service to reach survivors effectively. From managing resources and systems to guiding organizational strategy, this work ensures RESPOND can continue providing accessible, survivor-centered services to **over 3,000 survivors** annually.

ROOM STEWARD RECOGNITION: 10/01/2026–09/30/2027
WITH RENEWAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



SPACES TO STEWARD

ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY RESPONSE SPACES

SPACES WHERE SURVIVORS ACCESS ADVOCACY, RESOURCES, AND CONNECTIONS TO SUPPORT.

COMMUNITY STABILITY OFFICE

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$4,000

A space where leadership and advocacy come together to strengthen survivor support. Led by RESPOND's Community Intervention and Education Program Director, this office provides guidance, collaboration, and support to counselors as they help survivors move beyond crisis, navigate resources, and build pathways toward safety, stability, and independence.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE ROOM

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$3,000

A space where advocates respond to support line calls, provide counseling, and connect survivors to the services they need. This space allows RESPOND to offer immediate, trauma-informed support and ensure survivors are met with compassion during moments of crisis.

"She was my only real advocate, she welcomed me with open arms and never gave up on me."
- **Mariah**, Survivor and Support Line Caller

SURVIVOR RESOURCE CENTER

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\$1,000

A central access point where survivors and community members can access educational information, financial and housing resources, guides, and support materials. By connecting individuals with the physical resources they need, this space helps create pathways toward safety, stability, and independence.

RESPOND's Advocacy & Community Response Spaces provide survivors and community members with the support, resources, and education needed to address domestic violence and build safer communities. Through advocacy, crisis response, prevention, and outreach, this work ensures survivors can access compassionate support while strengthening awareness and response systems across the community.

Each year, RESPOND answers hundreds of support line calls and distributes thousands of outreach materials to ensure individuals have access to critical resources, information, and pathways to safety.



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SPACES TO STEWARD

SAFETY & SHELTER SPACES

SPACES THAT PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SAFETY, STABILITY, AND CARE FOR SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES.

SHELTER OPERATIONS OFFICE

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$3,000

A space that supports the coordination, leadership, and daily operations that make RESPOND's shelter a safe and supportive place for survivors. Through planning, problem-solving, and oversight, this office helps ensure families receive consistent care, resources, and support throughout their shelter experience.

"Their door was always open. Every morning, my toddler would run to the office and greet the team there."

- **Josephine**, Survivor and Emergency Shelter Resident

SHELTER BEDROOM

2 OF 3 REMAINING

\$2,500

A private and secure space where survivors and families can begin their journey toward healing after leaving an unsafe situation. These rooms provide a sense of safety, comfort, and stability as survivors take the first steps toward rebuilding their lives.

NOURISHMENT CENTER

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$1,500

Leaving an abusive situation often means leaving everything behind. This space ensures survivors and their families have immediate access to food and essential supplies, offering comfort, dignity, and stability from the moment they arrive.

RESPOND's emergency shelter provides survivors and families with immediate safety, supportive services, and resources during a critical time of transition.

Our shelter helps survivors stabilize, plan for the future, and begin rebuilding their lives. ***In this past year, RESPOND's shelter served over 40 individuals with 24/7 care and support.***



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HOUSING & STABILITY SPACES

SPACES DEDICATED TO HELPING SURVIVORS MOVE FROM CRISIS TOWARD LONG-TERM INDEPENDENCE.

HOUSING PATHWAYS OFFICE

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$3,000

A leadership space where RESPOND's Housing Director guides the strategy, coordination, and advocacy that help survivors move from crisis to stable housing. The work done here strengthens housing services and expands pathways to long-term safety and independence.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT ROOM

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$2,000

A dedicated space for RESPOND's Young Adult Housing team (RYA) to focus on supporting young adults ages 18–24 with stabilization, goal setting, and individualized care to help them move forward confidently and independently.

"Yes, she was my counselor but I also thought of her as a friend. She called regularly just to check up on me and my baby; it was genuine and comforting." – **Mia**, Survivor in RESPOND's RYA Program

HOUSING SOLUTIONS HUB

1 OF 1 REMAINING

\$1,500

A dedicated space where survivors receive personalized guidance through often complex housing processes. Here, RESPOND's housing advocates help navigate applications, connect to resources, and remove barriers on the path to safe, stable housing.

Every housing space at RESPOND supports survivors on their path toward long-term stability and independence. These spaces allow advocates to help navigate housing options, connect to resources, and create plans for a safe future. This includes dedicated housing support for young parents, helping families build stability and create a strong foundation for their children.

Over the past year, RESPOND provided more than 230 housing support services, helping survivors and families take critical steps toward securing safe, stable homes and rebuilding their futures.



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STEWARDSHIP EXPERIENCE

BUILDING A LASTING CONNECTION

Becoming a Room Steward means becoming a partner in RESPOND's mission. Stewards build a meaningful connection to the spaces they support and the impact they help make, with personalized recognition opportunities that bring them closer to RESPOND's work.

- **A Meaningful Connection to Impact:** Receive updates throughout the year sharing how your support strengthens RESPOND's programs and helps survivors access safety,
- **A Recognized Commitment to the Community:** Your partnership is recognized through a stewardship plaque displayed in your sponsored space and RESPOND's digital channels.
- **An Invitation Into RESPOND's Mission:** See your support in action through facility tours, staff conversations, and opportunities to connect with our mission.
- **Opportunities to Deepen Your Partnership:** Enhance the spaces you support, connect with RESPOND's mission, and see your impact firsthand.

Not every supporter needs to steward an individual room to be part of the story.

With a \$500 commitment, you can become a Community Supporter and join others investing in the safety, stability, and healing that takes place in our Community Service Center. Community Supporters will be recognized together in a dedicated display at RESPOND.

Larger stewardship opportunities may include customized engagement and recognition experiences tailored to your organization and the space you steward.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

To reserve a space or discuss customized naming recognition and pledge schedules, please contact us. If you're ready to become a room steward today, please visit www.respondinc.org/donate/room-steward/ to join this community of supporters and make a lasting impact.

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS



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