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### **Third Marda's House purchased with Greene County ARPA funds**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – The Rebound Foundation's transitional housing program called 'Marda's House' was awarded \$40,000 from Greene County's federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on Oct. 11, 2022.

The money was used to purchase, renovate, and furnish a third home for women and children seeking temporary shelter from domestic violence.

The organization established a Springfield hub in 2018 and is led by Founder and Director, Christina Ford. The housing program is named after Ford's mother, Marda.



“We would not have been able to purchase the home without that amount of money,” said Ford. “It allowed us to make an impact. Housing is a basic unmet need for women who suffer domestic violence. We’re now able to help countless people in that one home.”

Most of the families helped by the Rebound Foundation were already living in emergency shelters and referred by other organizations.

“Often survivors will go back into an abusive situation or experience homelessness because they don’t have a next step,” said Ford. “Some our former residents tell me they’re now stable and received permanent housing after staying at Marda’s House. They often say they don’t know what they would have done without transitional housing.”

The newest Marda’s house is currently reserved for a single family experiencing domestic violence. However, each home can be rearranged for several single women, depending on the need.

The home will house multiple individuals or families in a year. Ford says it’s a quick turnaround but families tend to stay for two to six months at a time.

“We would love to expand if the need is there,” said Ford. “We will also continue our prevention education to our youth to make sure they understand how domestic violence affects them.”

Women who need help from domestic violence situations can contact the nonprofit by calling 417-860-4599 or emailing [info@thereboundfound.org](mailto:info@thereboundfound.org).

Ford says she’s very thankful for both the Greene County funds as well as the help from the Greene County ARPA team, who worked with smaller organizations without full-time grant writers, to make sure their applications were accurate and submitted on time.



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