



## Mary's Story of Survival

### If escaping was so easy...

Mary\*, is an American born woman married to a Middle Eastern man, and a mother of 3 girls who used to live overseas. One daughter moved to Texas to continue her studies. During a trip to visit their daughter, the father became very abusive. Mary and her daughters escaped the dangerous situation and sought safety at Peaceful Oasis Shelter. **They were very depressed and felt there was no hope in returning to their home as their safety was at risk.**

During their stay at Peaceful Oasis they received case management, counseling and legal services. With persistence and hard work, Mary actively sought out employment to set her on the path to financial self-sufficiency. She qualified to move into our transitional housing and finally felt happy and secure with her daughters in her new apartment.

Her older daughter continued with her studies. Mary's good fortune continued with the good news of her approval for affordable housing. She continues to take great strides towards achieving her goal of creating a better life for herself and her children. They are now living with piece of mind and happiness and is very thankful for the services and support

*\*Name has been changed to protect her identity.*