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The Shelter earns Charity Navigator 4-Star and Candid Platinum Transparency ratings

Naples, FL February 2026 – The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is proud to announce that it has earned a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator for the 15th consecutive year. This is Charity Navigator’s highest possible rating and designates The Shelter as an official “Give with Confidence” charity based on Charity Navigator’s criteria.



Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that The Shelter for Abused Women & Children exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in our area of work. Only 2% of the charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have received at least 15 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that The Shelter for Abused Women & Children outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Shelter for Abused Women & Children apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators including Impact & Results, Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community, and Leadership & Adaptability.

In addition to the Charity Navigator rating, The Shelter is proud to have earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid, previously recognized as GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency. This designation demonstrates The Shelter is an organization focused on measuring our progress and results to provide current and potential funders accurate and detailed information. The designation is only awarded to charities illustrating the highest level of responsible fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.



To achieve the Platinum Seal of Transparency, The Shelter provides our most recent years’ worth of data, viewable on our website. In addition, The Shelter exceeded Candid’s recommendations to provide 3-5 years' worth of data, by providing over 10 years of data on our website. To earn the Platinum Seal of Transparency, The Shelter also completed all requirements for the Bronze, Silver, and Gold seals.