



# Press Release



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## Nonprofits Partner For Greater Good

**Begin:** The Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter ([www.nwaws.org](http://www.nwaws.org)) and the Ozark Natural Science Center ([www.onsc.us](http://www.onsc.us)) have teamed up for the joint benefit of clients in the region.

During the October 2 – 3 weekend, approximately fifteen shelter residents visited the ONSC campus in the Bear Hollow Natural Area for a specialized residential field science program customized for the NWA Women's Shelter.

Programming during this special, immersive excursion included Ozark natural history field investigation, hands-on science classes, a campfire program and night hike and conservation/stewardship discussions. Participating clients represented a cross-section of school-age participants.

The joint program comes as a result of funding received by the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter through the Walton Family Foundation. NWAWS Executive Director Angie Albright and ONSC Executive Director Beth Stephens cite the partnership as an excellent example of their shared goal for regional nonprofits working collaboratively.

“Through our partnerships we have confirmed what we already know: Northwest Arkansas is a giving, caring community with many people and agencies committed to serving those in need,” says Albright.

“Hundreds of organizations in Northwest Arkansas work every day for the greater good of our community. When we work together, our accomplishments have far stronger impact,” agreed Stephens. “We're greater than the sum of our independent parts.”

Both NWAWS and ONSC are tenants of the Center for Nonprofits at St. Mary's in Rogers, where synergy among nonprofits results in such mutual accomplishments every day.

**About NWAWS:** The Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter (NWAWS) provides free emergency shelter, food and clothing to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault as well as a free 24-hour crisis phone line and services to clients. Additional offerings include court advocacy, Spanish bilingual services, children's advocacy and programming, community education, support groups, counseling, and a volunteer program.

**About ONSC:** The Ozark Natural Science Center (ONSC) is a nonprofit field science and environmental education and conference facility. ONSC offers summer camps and adult, family and corporate programs but is best known as the site of life-altering excursions for public and private school students from Arkansas and beyond. ONSC is in the Bear Hollow Natural Area on Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission land in the Arkansas Ozarks and features lodges, indoor and outdoor classrooms, an observation deck and hiking trails.

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