

## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

***October 4, 2006: -- Martinsville, Indiana:*** The Faith and Community Technical Support (FACTS) program, a collaboration between Baylor University's Program on Prosocial Behavior and the state of Montana's Office of Victim Services (OVS), has awarded \$50,000 to Desert Rose Foundation, Inc. to help fund the operations of the Desert Rose Transitional Shelter located in Morgan County, Indiana.

FACTS oversees a national grant competition, which provides funds to support small, rural faith-based and/or community-based programs that provide services for victims of domestic violence and offers technical assistance to those organizations receiving funds.

Victims of domestic violence residing in rural communities face unique challenges that are often times exacerbated by the geographic isolation that comes with living in rural areas, says Dr. Byron Johnson, professor and director of ISR. "For example, the delivery of social services in remote communities may be too late or even absent. This project is designed to be intentional in building capacity so that appropriate social service delivery can be made available even in remote places."

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