

THE WOMEN'S SAFE HOUSE

2007 Annual Report to the Community



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*The mission of
The Women's Safe House
is to provide safe shelter
and support services to
battered women and their
dependent children to
empower women to make
informed choices about
their futures.*

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Calendar year 2007 marked the thirtieth (30th) anniversary of The Women's Safe House and its ongoing mission to provide safety, shelter, and support to those women and their dependent children seeking to escape the devastating grip of domestic abuse. As the oldest and largest domestic violence shelter in the metropolitan St. Louis area, we are extremely proud of the assistance that we have been able to provide to the multitude of women and children who have sought refuge in our shelter over the last three decades. We are equally proud of the critical role that our organization has played and continues to play in assisting our community address and combat the socially destructive impact of domestic violence.

At its current capacity, The Women's Safe House can provide safe shelter for 50 abused women and their dependent children at any given time. In 2007, The Women's Safe House served 270 women and 246 children who spent a total of 16,869 bednights in our facility (almost 4% more than last year). The average length of stay of our residents continues to rise and, in 2007, reached 33 days. We believe this trend is a reflection of the quality of the services we offer and the benefit that these services are providing to those residents of the shelters. Such services include comprehensive case management, an expanded children's program, and our AfterCare program—pursuant to which residents leaving the shelter can receive an additional 12 months of support as they develop the resources necessary to transition to an independent, violence-free life. In 2007, the AfterCare program provided 60 women and 83 children with ongoing support, emergency rental and utility assistance, and links to community resources.

Calendar year 2007 witnessed the implementation of several new and exciting programs and initiatives at The Women's Safe House. Through our PEPP-CAN program ("Parent Education Program to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect") we retained a full-time, licensed therapist who works with resident mothers in developing an individualized plan to address the unique relational strains and behavioral challenges that so often arise between an abused mother and her dependent children. The Safe House also retained the part-time services of a registered nurse to assist residents both in addressing their immediate healthcare needs and in developing a long-term plan to promote and improve the resident's overall health and well-being.

In 2007, the Safe House also began participating in a pilot project initiated as part of the federal Family Violence Prevention Services Act under which the Safe House seeks feedback from residents on various "assessment" and "outcome" measures designed to assist the organization in evaluating the effectiveness of its different programs. By participating in this project, the organization believes it will gain a much greater insight into how its programs are assisting residents and what, if any, changes or additions need to be made to enhance these programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the women and children whom the organization serves, please allow me to express our extreme thanks and appreciation to the donors, volunteers, and staff members whose outstanding efforts and contributions enable The Women's Safe House to offer the level of safety and quality of support that we provide to abused women in our community and their dependent children. It is only through the tremendous generosity and support of dedicated and caring individuals such as yourself that our organization is able to have the impact it does.

Most gratefully,

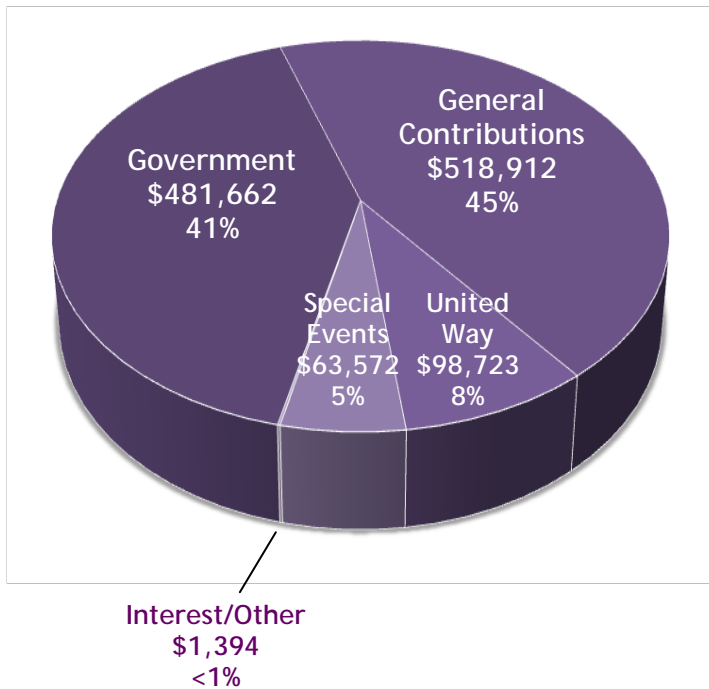
David D. Farrell
2007 Board President

In 2007...

- **16,869** bednights were provided by The Women's Safe House.
- **1,542** crisis calls were answered with compassion and care by trained staff and volunteers.
- **436** families were turned away because The Women's Safe House was full.
- **516** victims of domestic violence were given safe shelter: Residents are staying 10% longer than in 2006.
- **60** families received ongoing support through the AfterCare Program.
- **246** children attended structured programs and support groups while they were with their mom in shelter.
- **Over 3,000** people were educated about domestic violence through 78 community presentations.
- **375** volunteers provided 3,322 hours of services to victims and their children.
- **89%** of the families served had an annual income of under \$10,000.
- **2** new positions were added to The Women's Safe House staff: a parish nurse and a licensed therapist.
- **88%** of our residents were from St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

2007 Revenue

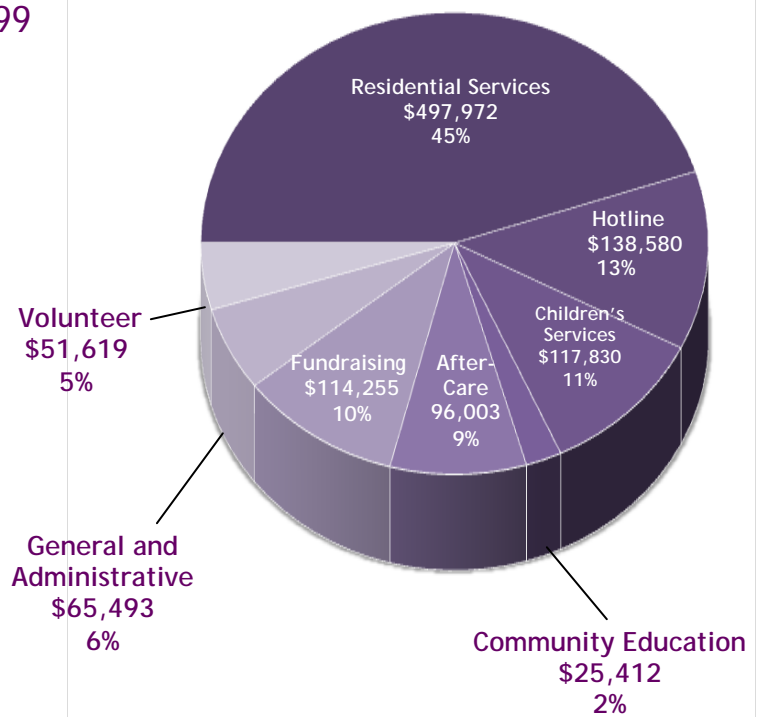
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2007 Expenses

Net Revenue
\$57,099

\$1,107,164



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