

Programs and Services

OVERALL

- Over 2,000 people were served through our programs and services
- Core services in all programs include: safety planning, domestic violence (DV) education, crisis intervention, Trauma Informed Care framework, advocacy, education, support group, etc.
- 80-95% of all participants report that, due to TWSH's services:
 - their knowledge of DV and its effects has increased
 - they are informed of community resources
 - they have a personalized safety plan
 - their sense of well being has improved

CRISIS INTERVENTION HOTLINE

- 2,138 Callers received support and information through the 24 hour crisis intervention hotline

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- A total of 14,504 safe nights, were provided to 231 women and 178 children
- Length of stay 42 days - 56 days
- 2,000+ units of services provided hope and healing
- 17,258 nutritionally balanced meals were served

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

- 178 children were served
- 75% of parents reported the children's self esteem improved
- 75% of children reported they recognized signs of bullying

AFTERCARE PROGRAM

- Continued support, advocacy and financial empowerment through Aftercare program to 113 adults and children
- A total of 85% of participants self-reported an increased level of financial self-efficacy, decreased violence and abuse, and increased hope for the future
- A total of 95% of participants served through the Aftercare program resided in a physically and emotionally safe affordable home

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- 1,000 people received education about the dynamics domestic violence and its effects on victims and children, and how to get help

SURVIVORS' STATEMENTS

" My life (my child's and my own) would be on a different path if it weren't for all of you... the Life Coach at the agency... gave me insight and strength, and I am grateful for that.... The group facilitator in the support group that I attended was instrumental in providing me with strength and direction and showing me I did not have to continue my life as a victim. I survived a horrible experience, and may not have done it, if it hadn't been for them and TWSH."

"All my life I have escaped my abuse through alcohol. I couldn't work, lost my daughter, and constantly struggled just to get by. Today, I'm sober, living an abuse free life, loving my new career as a CNA, and I have my daughter back. I could not have achieved all that I am without the help of TWSH. I am forever grateful for the help in turning my life around. "

Contributors From Our Community

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

In 2015, The Women's Safe House (TWSH) entered its 38th year of service in the St. Louis community, directly assisting over 2000 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and indirectly aiding hundreds more in the St. Louis region.

An Annual Report is always an opportunity to look back at the highlights and successes of our work over the past year. As you review this report, you will see first-hand the vital work we accomplished. I hope in doing so, you also gain a sense of how much you've done to help TWSH assist individuals and families to break free, to heal and transform their lives. We could not do this work without the support of our staff, volunteers, advocates, and donors.

My favorite part of the annual report is reading the touching statements from the people we've assisted. What resonates with me is how our assistance has made a new future possible for them. I hope as you read their words you'll realize that you helped make these changes possible. Donations from our community members provided innovative programs and support that would not have been available without your help... and your donations leveraged grant funds for vital core services.

After more than three decades of doing this work, we are tackling an even bigger goal. We're committed to providing the highest quality services to persons experiencing intimate partner violence. We've redefined our service model, challenging ourselves to develop programs and strategies that focuses on trauma that women and children have endured in their lives. How will we do this? By engaging our whole community in awareness, prevention and early intervention initiatives... so one day, our community may be violence-free. You're reading this report because you already care. Thank you!

We would like to thank all donors, whether in-kind or monetary for your generosity and support. We could not have offered the breadth or depth of our services without your commitment. In 2015, a moderate percentage of TWSH budget was a direct result of the generosity of our friends, neighbors, and business partners. Together, you have had an enormous, positive impact on our work. This report demonstrates how your collective support provided life-altering outcomes for our constituents.

Thank You!



VOLUNTEERING

Additional support comes from volunteers. These valued volunteers play a critical role at The Women's Safe House. Volunteers serve as crisis intervention hotline, shelter workers, child advocates, community educators, and administrative support. During the past year, 555 volunteers contributed 4,700 hours of service which, when valued at \$21.31/hour, is a contribution equivalent to \$100,157. Many are college interns in our community who are able to get experience at The Women's Safe House through our partnership with numerous higher education institutions. The board of directors devoted countless volunteer hours to the Women's Safe House in 2015.

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SERVICE OF DELIVERY SYSTEM



The Women's Safe House service delivery includes, crisis intervention & prevention, trauma informed care framework, individual defined advocacy and empowerment.

OUR MISSION

The mission of TWSH is provide safe shelter and transitional living services to battered women and their dependent children and to empower women to make informed choices about their futures.

OUR VISION

The vision of TWSH is provide a safe environment where women and children may escape the danger of violence, receive high quality comprehensive services, advocacy and support to heal, and begin to break the inter-generational cycle of abuse.

Thank you so much for helping us to empower women and children fleeing from intimate partner violence

Your time and your dollars directly impacted the lives of all those mentioned in this report, and so many more.

We cannot accomplish this work of empowering women and children in the St. Louis community without your help, so thank you for joining us as such faithful supporters.

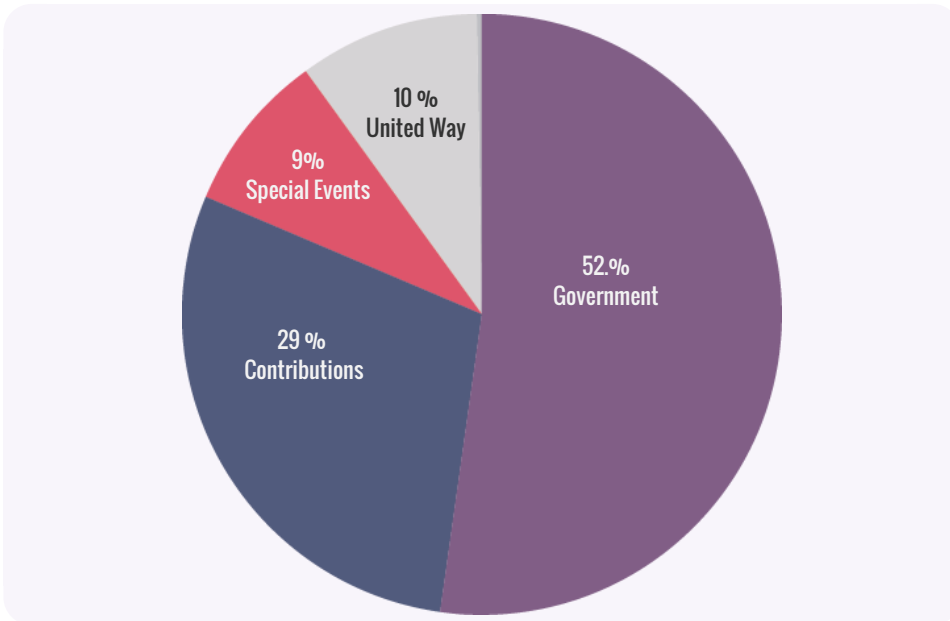


**The women and children,
executive team, staff and
board members, Thank You!**



Financial Statement

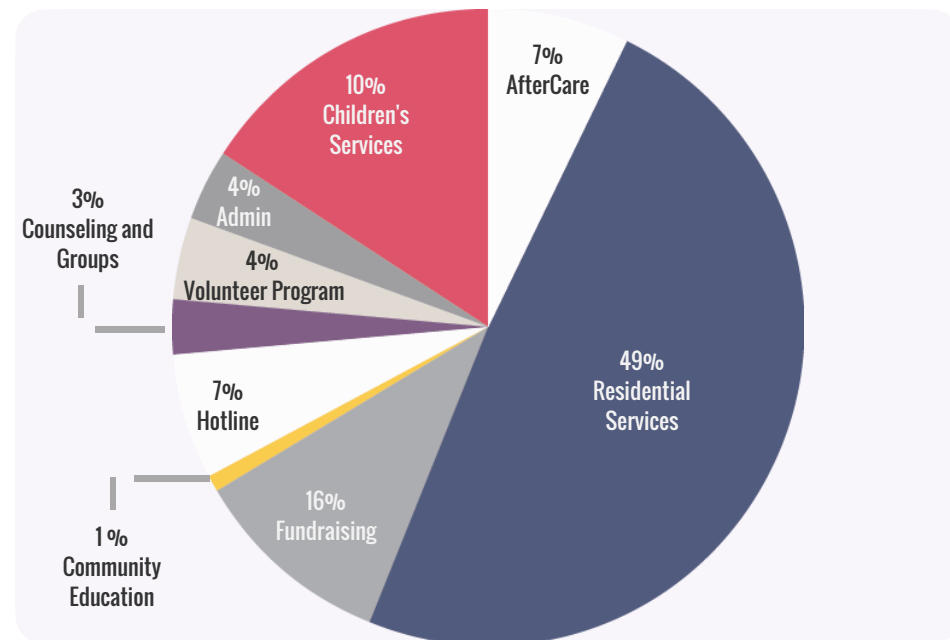
WHERE THE REVENUE COMES FROM (\$1,526,594)



FINANCIALS: AT-A-GLANCE	
Revenue	\$1,526,594
Expenses	\$1,533,177
Increase in Net Assets	\$(6,583)
Total Ending Net Assets	\$1,264,209

REVENUE SOURCES		
Government	\$800,949	52.47%
General Contributions	\$445,304	29.17%
Special Events	\$130,048	8.52%
United Way	\$149,252	9.78%
Interest/Loss on Sale of Investments/Other	\$1,041	0.07%
Total Revenue	\$1,526,594	100.00%

WHERE THE FUNDS GO (\$1,533,177)



PROGRAM EXPENSES		
AfterCare	\$111,329	7.26%
Residents' Services (incl CM)	\$751,321	49.00%
Children's Services	\$157,139	10.25%
Community Education & Prevention	\$12,541	.82%
Hotline	\$98,858	6.45%
Individual Counseling & Support Groups	\$42,728	2.79%
Volunteer Program	\$61,669	4.02%
General & Administrative	\$58,354	3.81%
Fundraising	\$239,238	15.60%
Total Expense	\$1,533,177	100.00%