

Annual Report

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SAFEHOUSE
CENTER

Building communities
free of domestic violence
and sexual assault

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Finding Hope During a Pandemic

Letter

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

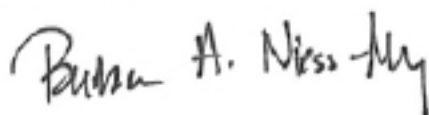
This year has been an especially difficult time for survivors, service organizations, and our community. We have all had to adjust to the challenging new circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we have experienced grief and trauma in our personal and professional lives. However, this has also been a year of tremendous creativity, innovation, and perseverance.

SafeHouse Center, along with our donors, supporters, volunteers, and community partners, came together in unprecedented ways to support each other in this time of need. We could not be more proud of our dedicated staff and everything that they have been able to achieve supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. We adapted during the pandemic to remain accessible to our clients with no breaks in service and that alone is an amazing achievement.

While we have been able to find hope we also know that survivors face complex decisions and a wide range of barriers preventing their ability to safely escape abusive partners or seek help due to sexual assault. In times of a pandemic, when mobility is constrained, social distancing measures are imposed, economic vulnerability increases, and legal services are scaled back, challenges for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault can be exacerbated.

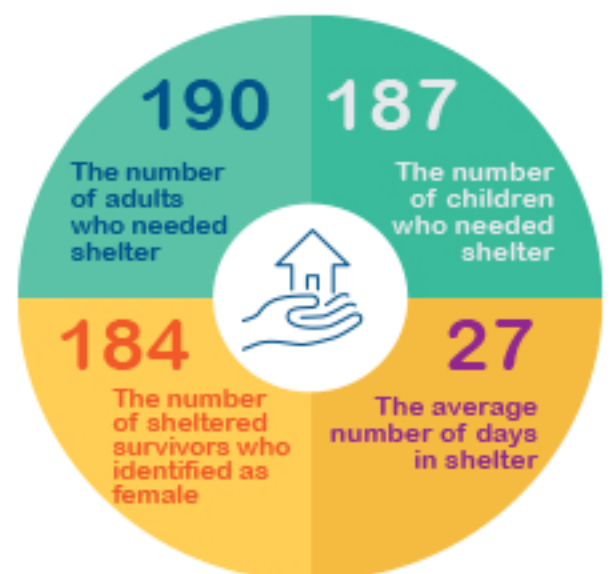
We hope that you will continue to support our work as we prepare to enter 2021 with a renewed determination to find ways to remove any barriers that survivors face. Together, we can provide hope to those who need us most.

Gratefully,



Barbara Niess-May
SafeHouse Center, Executive Director

Sheltering in 2019



Highlights

Programs and Services

In response to the pandemic we found creative ways to continue our free programs and services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Some of the highlights included:

- First and foremost, we never closed our shelter or halted the 24-hour helpline and 95% of programs stayed active.
- We moved counseling sessions to phone calls or video conferencing.
- For survivors who did not have computers we provided tablets and helped with wifi costs.
- Support groups were also moved to video conferencing.
- For school age children we set-up a virtual classroom so they could attend school just like their classmates.
- For safety, we enhanced our firewall and provided easier access for survivors to internet services, that used to be done in person before the pandemic.
- Volunteer training was offered by video conferencing.
- Even though many local operations were suspended, we worked with our judicial partners to make sure that personal protection orders could be processed and served.



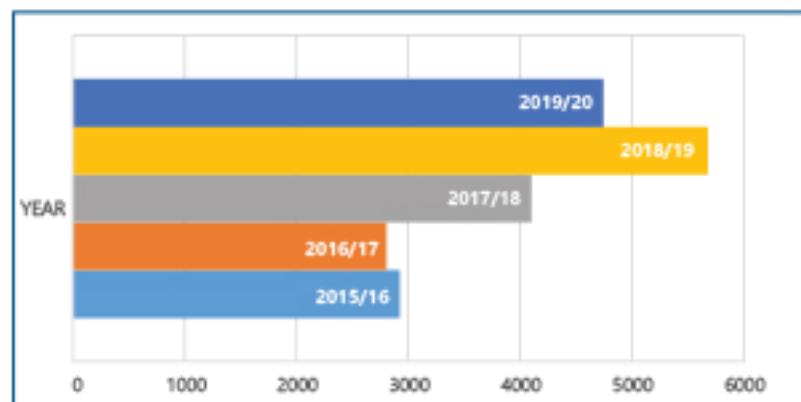
Transitional Housing

Domestic violence is one of the primary causes of homelessness for women and their children in the United States. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, between 22 and 57 percent of homeless women and children are homeless due to domestic violence, with 38 percent of all survivors of domestic violence experiencing homelessness at some point in their lives due to domestic violence.

Safe and affordable housing is one of the primary barriers for survivors in our community. While SafeHouse Center provides a temporary emergency housing option for survivors and their children, it is not a long-term solution.

Recognizing this need in our community, SafeHouse Center applied for and received Transitional Housing Assistance Grants and is now able to provide rent for up to 24 months.

Calls to the 24-Hour Helpline



The chart above reflects the helpline calls from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. When our state was in a stay home phase from March 2020 through July 2020, our call volume dropped significantly, which we know was because many survivors did not feel safe reaching out. Our phones are now reaching unprecedented call volumes.

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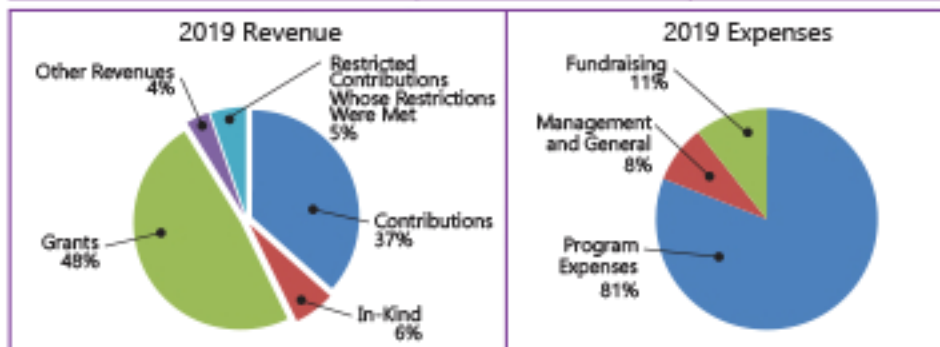
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Financials FY 2018/19

Operating Revenue	Audited 2019	Audited 2018
Contributions	\$ 1,002,368.00	\$ 1,008,857.00
In-kind	\$ 168,531.00	\$ 172,716.00
Grants	\$ 1,325,330.00	\$ 1,101,777.00
Other Revenues	\$ 93,918.000	\$ 100,438.00
Restricted contributions whose restrictions were met	\$ 146,732.00	\$ 186,650.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 2,736,879.00	\$ 2,570,438.00

Operating Expenses	Audited 2019	Audited 2018
Program Expense	\$ 2,225,546.00	\$ 1,960,462.00
Management & General	\$ 232,010.00	\$ 271,021.00
Fundraising	\$ 291,630.00	\$ 193,778.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,749,186.00	\$ 2,425,261.00
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ (12,307.00)	\$ 145,177.00



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