

A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA NIESS-MAY

SafeHouse Center (SHC) is comprised of an extraordinary group of powerful people working together with clarity of purpose and a commitment to social justice. The passion and dedication to our work is a source of continuous awe and inspiration to me. From staff to board members to our volunteers, it takes us all working together to provide a safer future for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Survivors face a multitude of oppressions intersecting with the trauma they experience from their abusive partners. Some of these include mental and physical disabilities, immigration status, culture, religion, gender, sexual identity, race, ethnicity, human trafficking, and equal access for male victims. These barriers further complicate their ability to access safe services and support.

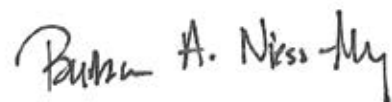
SHC continues to identify and address all forms of injustice. In collaboration with community partners, law enforcement, judicial allies and volunteers, we have strengthened and enhanced accessibility to our services and programs over the past year, and will continue to find ways to reach even more.

Additionally, the #MeToo Movement puts SHC at the front door of a change in our culture. Survivors are finding the courage to come forward and say - "Yes, this happened to me too and I will no longer remain silent." SafeHouse Center is proud to be there to help everyone who has a story or who has been triggered by this extraordinary social media movement. As you can imagine, it can also be overwhelming. For instance, our 24-hour crisis line has seen a 69% increase in calls this year alone due to the movement.

Generations of survivors have endured years of being shunned in careers and in social circles if they dared to speak up. The movement we are experiencing now is asking all of us, men and women, to become advocates and to speak up for survivors.

The trauma that survivors experience often affects the lives of other family members, neighbors, employers, first responders, and health care workers. The reality is that #MeToo affects #YouToo. To that point, as we navigate the increased demand for our services, we ask you to continue to stand with us. Truly, without your help, we would not be able to meet the needs of so many.

In safety, support and hope,



Barbara Niess-May, MPA, MSW
Executive Director



SERVICES & PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT WITH SURVIVORS

HELPLINE CALLS (JAN. - AUG. 2018)

2,622 The number of people who called SHC's toll-free 24-hour crisis line and received information about domestic violence, sexual assault or shelter requests. These include referral calls to other community agencies.

SURVIVORS IN SUPPORT GROUPS (JAN. - AUG. 2018)

263 The number of people who attended one of our free, drop-in support groups. Groups include Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Language Specific, Men's, LGBTQAI, and Life After the Relationship Ends.

A SURVIVOR STORY

Beth's Story (Age 41) Name Changed

Trying to live with a chronic mental disability can be difficult enough, but for me, the group home I was living in was not the safe place I had hoped for. I thought I was making a good friend but what I didn't know was that there was a monster befriending me. When I tried to say no from unwanted advances from him, I was physically assaulted and the only way I could escape the sexual violence was to jump out the second story window. After my stay in the hospital from my injuries, the mental health agency I had been working with got me in contact with SafeHouse Center. If I didn't have this safe place to heal, I have no idea where I could have turned. I have no family and no one willing to help me, so SafeHouse Center was my only hope. The man who assaulted me is in jail and as for me, I will try to get my life back and work with my advocate to gain my independence. I am grateful they were there, and still continue to support my healing.

VOLUNTEER HOURS (JAN. - AUG. 2018)

1,241 The number of people who participated in volunteer training and provided direct or indirect volunteer services at SHC. These hours include 24-hour response teams, 24-hour crisis line, and our children's program. Volunteers are the backbone of our success and are greatly appreciated.

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM VISITS (JAN. - AUG. 2018)

242 The number of times that our sexual assault response team advocates made a visit to either the hospital or the jail after a sexual assault survivor had been admitted. This is up 61% from 2016.



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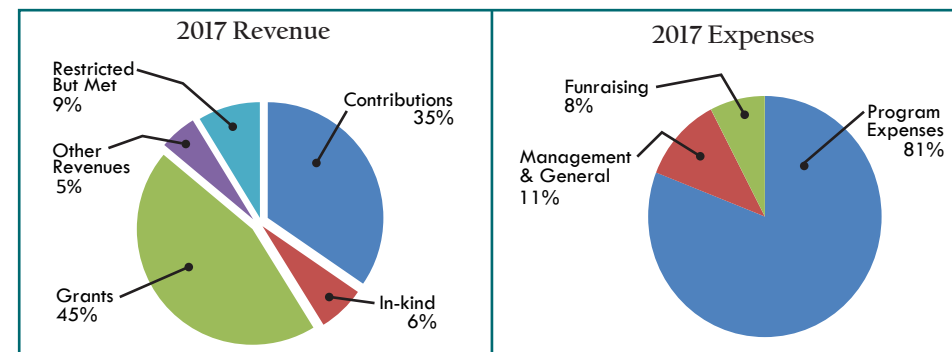


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Financials FY 2016/17

Operating Revenue	Audited 2017
Contributions	\$ 818,109.00
In-kind	\$ 155,283.00
Grants	\$ 1,061,511.00
Other Revenues	\$ 123,030.00
Restricted contributions whose restrictions were met	\$ 206,130.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 2,364,063.00

Operating Expenses	Audited 2017
Program Expense	\$ 1,908,526.00
Management & General	\$ 269,217.00
Fundraising	\$ 179,976.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,357,719.00
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ 6,344.00



Our mission is to provide safety, support, advocacy and resources for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their children, and to work relentlessly to change the systems and attitudes that allow this abuse to continue.



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