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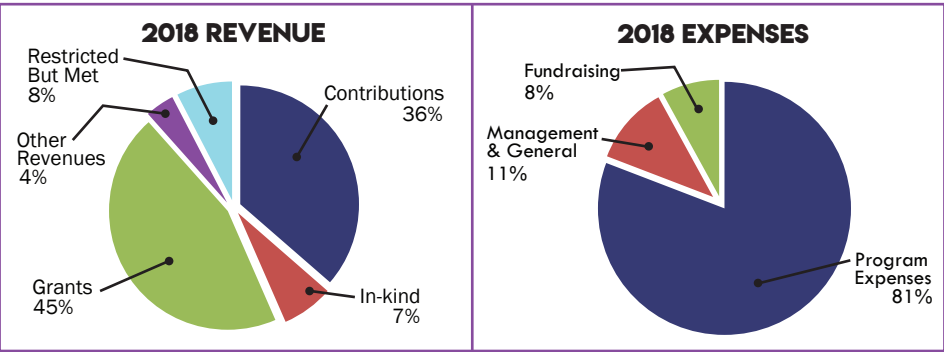
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FINANCIALS FY 2017/18

Operating Revenue	Audited 2018	Audited 2017
Contributions	\$ 892,088.00	\$ 818,109.00
In-kind	\$ 172,716.00	\$ 155,283.00
Grants	\$ 1,101,777.00	\$ 1,061,511.00
Other Revenues	\$ 97,348.00	\$ 123,030.00
Restricted contributions whose restrictions were met	\$ 186,650.00	\$ 206,130.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 2,450,579.00	\$ 2,364,063.00

Operating Expenses	Audited 2018	Audited 2017
Program Expense	\$ 1,961,110.00	\$ 1,908,526.00
Management & General	\$ 271,109.00	\$ 269,217.00
Fundraising	\$ 193,842.00	\$ 179,976.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,426,061.00	\$ 2,357,719.00
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ 24,518.00	\$ 6,344.00



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MOVING  
FORWARD



SafeHouse Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose 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. All of our programs and services are 100% confidential and free.



SERVICES



SUPPORT



SHELTER

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DEAR SUPPORTERS

As I look back at the long history of SafeHouse Center and our mission to end the systems and attitudes that have allowed domestic violence and sexual assault to continue, I find myself asking the question that many are asking today - are we at a tipping point in this work?

Daily we see courageous survivors coming forward asking for one simple thing – to be believed. This moment could have real lasting changes. The potential exists for victims of harassment and assault to know that they are not alone and that their experiences are valid, and for predators to no longer pretend that their actions are simply 'boys being boys'. But, we're not there yet. Even now there are still women and men who are experiencing harassment and assault. These people are not famous, they don't have an audience to support them or lift them up, and sadly, they are not likely to expect anything resembling justice.

What this means is that it is up to all of us, men and women, **to move the mission forward**, and to make sure that every survivor's voice is heard. Each survivor deserves to receive the services and programs they need. Most importantly, we must always support the brave survivors who come forward. To truly tip this discussion and mission beyond silence and fear we do need your support.

This past year we expanded services and programs to help survivors of sexual assault. In the face of the growing number of sexual assault survivors who are reaching out to us, we applied for and received funding from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) specifically for these individuals. Our sexual assault advocates can provide crisis-based counseling to any sexual assault survivor over 14 years of age.

Additionally, to help survivors find safe housing we applied to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive transitional housing vouchers. We have a dedicated housing manager who is collaborating with other Washtenaw County organizations such as SOS, Avalon Housing, and the Washtenaw County

Housing Alliance to make sure that survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault are not left out of the homeless equation in our community.

We are continuing to expand our prevention services with our Teen Voice peer-to-peer education program, and we are working with the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Ypsilanti Public Schools. When students speak up about sexual violence and harassment their peers listen. Themes like healthy relationships, respect, and consent will be the focus of this work.

In closing, I add that it is an honor to continue to work with the inspirational, talented, and committed individuals who make up SafeHouse Center. From our volunteers, board, and staff, you have our promise that we will work together with your support as we continue to pursue safety and justice for all survivors.

In safety, support and hope,

*Barbara A. Niess-May*

Barbara Niess-May, MPA, MSW  
Executive Director



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Many people in our community think of SafeHouse Center when they are seeking assistance due to domestic violence, but we also serve survivors of sexual assault.

SafeHouse Center advocates are available 24 hours a day to meet with survivors of sexual assault who call the police, or go to one of the area hospitals for medical treatment or evidence collection. Advocates provide in-person support and information to survivors and their friends and family members throughout this process. Hospital and law enforcement staff contact our 24-hour response team as necessary.

SafeHouse Center advocates also provide counseling, legal advocacy and access to support groups, and any other services that a sexual assault survivor might need.

SURVIVOR STORY

*NOTE: Some details and the name of the survivor have been changed to protect the survivor's identity.*

The SafeHouse Center (SHC) 24-Hour Response Team responded to an area hospital after a call from the police. Mary had been severely physically assaulted by her assailant. She and the assailant had been dating for just a few months, and Mary was fearful that he may kill her. Following the initial contact at the hospital, Mary eventually utilized SafeHouse's Walk-In services to process what had happened and then decided she would press charges.

Mary continued to receive counseling with her SHC advocate and attended a drop-in support group while her criminal case was in its initial stages. Mary's assailant was charged with multiple counts of felony level domestic violence, witness intimidation, and interfering with the survivor's attempts to call the police.

It took about a year for her trial to begin. To provide support, our legal advocate accompanied Mary and was with her before and after her multiple-hour testimony.

The Prosecutor was also able to locate previous survivors of the assailant who agreed to testify against him. While the whole process did take some time, in this case Mary's assailant was found guilty on all charges by a jury.

The SHC advocate attended the assailant's sentencing with the Mary who wrote a victim impact statement in which she shared the effects of the traumatic abuse on her daily life. Mary also shared that she had been able to overcome her feelings of guilt and self-blame, and she was able to move forward with her life knowing that she had gotten the justice she had hoped for.

