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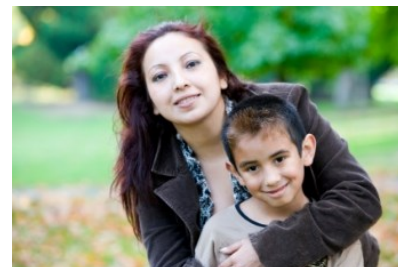


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2014/2015

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~Kathy Calvin, CEO

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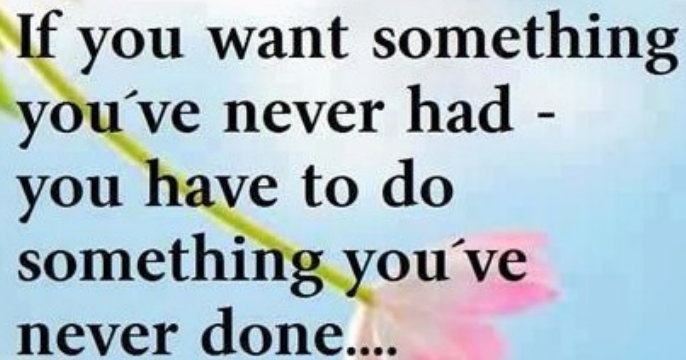
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Along with the individuals and businesses listed
above, SafeCenter received numerous
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Message From the Executive Director

SafeCenter is proud to have completed our 32nd year of serving survivors. I am happy to share that the agency is healthy and continues to receive top ratings from Abraham & Gaffney, PC through the annual audits. This past year, the agency used over 90¢ of every dollar on direct services.

SafeCenter is fortunate to have talented, dedicated and passionate staff committed to providing services to ensure the safety and security of survivors which guides them on their path to healing. Our agency continues to be committed to providing meaningful, empowered access through shelter, housing, advocacy and counseling for all survivors.

SafeCenter has been working tirelessly to address domestic and sexual violence in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. We have focused our efforts on increasing relationships with law enforcement and other systems that impact the elimination of domestic and sexual violence. SafeCenter assists the victims in healing and has been working with community partners on the accountability of the offenders of these crimes. We, as a community, will not see an end to domestic and sexual violence until we address the offenders who are committing the crimes and the communities that allow it to happen. With your support of SafeCenter, you are part of eliminating domestic and sexual violence. We still have many survivors to reach and still need your support.

Tonya Avery
Executive Director

Agency Programs

Emergency Services

SafeCenter operates a 24-Hour Crisis Line seven days a week, 365 days a year. It is often the first step many victims take in developing a safety plan and learning about resources and options available to them. The emergency shelter is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, serving adult and children victims of domestic and sexual violence. It is an environment free of violence which allows clients to receive safe shelter and emotional and physical healing. While at the shelter, families have access to services including individual and group supportive counseling, legal advocacy, referrals and transportation.

Domestic Violence Programs

Domestic violence is commonly described as a pattern of behavior in which an abuser has learned to use force, manipulation and fear to control a family member or intimate partner. Abuse involves the deliberate domination and control of a person using the following means: physical assault (hitting, pushing, shoving, strangling, etc.), sexual violence (unwanted, forced sexual activity), stalking, emotional, psychological and financial abuse. Through both individual and group counseling, adults and children are assisted in identifying the effects of domestic violence on their lives. They then have the opportunity to discover ways to recover from abuse.

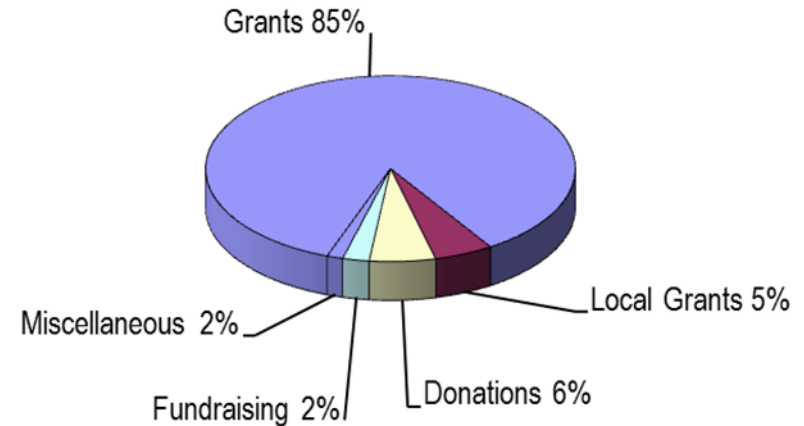
Sexual Assault Programs

Sexual assault takes many forms including attacks such as rape or attempted rape, as well as any unwanted sexual contact or threats. Usually a sexual assault occurs when someone touches any part of another person's body in a sexual way, even through clothes, without that person's consent. Some types of sexual acts which fall under the category of sexual assault include forced sexual intercourse (rape), sodomy (oral or anal sexual acts), child molestation, incest, fondling and attempted rape. Through individual therapy and group counseling, adults and children are assisted in identifying the effects of sexual assault on their lives. They then have the opportunity to discover ways to recover from the assault.

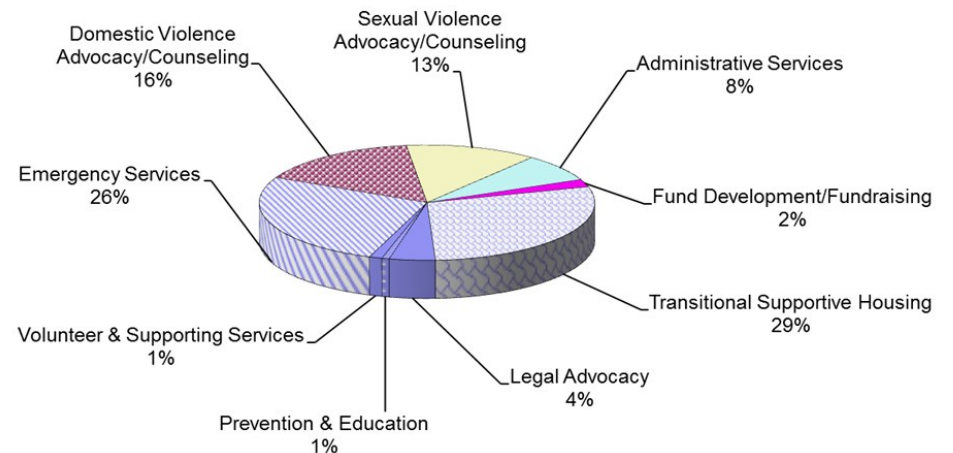
Revenue & Expenses

Year Ending September 30, 2015

2014/2015 Revenue



2014/2015 Expenses



Assets & Liabilities

Year Ending September 30, 2015

ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$	98,988
Current portion of pledges receivable		2,400
Due from State of Michigan		88,751
Due from others		60,825
Total current assets		250,964
Fixed assets		
Land		33,614
Buildings		373,147
Equipment		129,752
Less: accumulated depreciation		(141,658)
Total fixed assets, net		394,855
Other assets		
Security deposit		125
Total other assets		125
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	645,944
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	5,170
Accrued wages		12,730
Accrued vacation		8,547
Current portion of long-term liabilities		4,820
Security deposits payable		601
Other accrued liabilities		6,103
Deferred revenue		-
Total current liabilities		37,971
Noncurrent liabilities		
Noncurrent portion of long-term liabilities		350,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES		388,938
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		257,006
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	645,944

Transitional Supportive Housing Programs

The Transitional Supportive Housing Programs offer secure safe housing in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties for families over a 24 month time period. Over the course of the program, clients have the opportunity to gain independence while utilizing all of SafeCenter's services. The program will design and promote services that will seek to work with participants to:

- Strengthen financial independence
- Promote self-determination
- Cooperate and collaborate with other agencies and services that can assist participants in reaching their individual goals
- Assist in maintaining a peaceful, non-violent home environment
- Assist in obtaining and maintaining resources that will promote independent living
- Strengthen confidence and feeling of empowerment through independent living

Legal Advocacy

In the midst of dealing with stalking, physical, sexual and emotional abuse, Advocates help clients understand the legal process to utilize court systems. Legal Advocacy refers to empowering methods of assisting a victim or group of victims in obtaining legal and human rights. This may include providing victims with legal information and options, accompanying them through the legal system or advocating for them within the legal system. It also includes emotional support, encouragement and problem solving related to legal issues.

Prevention and Education

We are continually in contact with schools, community and service organizations, and agencies and businesses, educating about domestic and sexual violence and lending information and resources to assist in the prevention of violence.

Volunteer Program

As a nonprofit organization, SafeCenter relies on the support of individuals and community groups to help fulfill its mission. The success we have been able to achieve would not be possible without those who give so generously of their time.

A client perspective

My girlfriend and I had been together since high school. We had a beautiful daughter and I had that dream of the perfect family. The family I never had when I was a child. I worked hard to provide for my family and give them the life we had planned, but it was never enough. I was constantly told I needed to find a job that would make more money while she refused to work because that was a man's duty. She was often cold and distant. When I asked her to spend time with me, she refused. When I tried to spend time with friends or on my hobbies, she would verbally attack me for not spending time with my family, calling me a "deadbeat dad" and exploiting a painful part of my own childhood just to hurt me. It was impossible to meet her expectations with such inconsistent "rules", but I tried every day. One afternoon, I attempted to have a conversation with her about how I was feeling neglected and unloved. She assaulted me. My friends teased me and made me feel like I wasn't a man because I "allowed" it to happen and couldn't "handle" her. It took so much strength to share my story and they made me feel weak in return. Before I knew it, I had no real friendships left and I hadn't spent time with my extended family in months. Even though I knew she assaulted me and that it was wrong, I did not think it was abuse and I definitely would have never called it Domestic Violence. I met with a SafeCenter advocate and learned abuse happens to a lot of people, including men. When my advocate showed me the Power and Control Wheel, I was surprised to see many of the things that had been happening in my relationship. Through my sessions with my advocate, I learned about healthy relationships and equality. I also learned that I did not deserve to be treated badly or abused and that other people's actions did not define who I was.

Statistics

	Adult	Children	Total
Shelter Residents Served	—	—	129
Clinton County	21	15	36
Shiawassee County	55	38	93
Shelter Bed Nights	—	—	4765
Clinton County	429	469	898
Shiawassee County	2134	1733	3867
Non-Residential Domestic Violence Clients	—	—	177
Clinton County	55	7	62
Shiawassee County	92	23	115
Clients Served in Sexual Assault Program	36	24	60
Group Attendees	—	—	605
Clinton County	—	—	281
Shiawassee County	—	—	324
Clients Served in Transitional Housing	—	—	110
Clinton County	10	22	32
Shiawassee County	27	53	80
Hours given by volunteers	2,409		
Value of hours given by volunteers	\$36,133		

- * 97% of shelter residents reported learning additional ways to plan for their families' safety.
- * 98% of families served at the emergency shelter reported making positive changes in their lives during their stay.
- * 96% of individuals and families served reported prompt phone and in person contact when they sought help in a time of crisis.