

State Fiscal Year Annual Report

2016

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016



The mission of WomenSafe is to provide emergency shelter and support services to survivors of domestic violence throughout Northeast Ohio.

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Next survey date:
Summer 2018

A message from the Executive Director:

"Thank you for helping us, help others." Over the last year, I have heard my colleagues say this phrase, or one similar to it, to any WomenSafe supporter. As we complete our 36th year of service to survivors of domestic violence and as we approach our 10-year anniversary of being located at "the Green House," I do not believe there is a more appropriate statement. For 36 years YOU, our wonderful supporters, have contributed in-kind and financial donations; awarded the agency generous grants; volunteered your time either at the shelter or the Resale Shoppe; and acted as an advocate for not only WomenSafe, but also families who are fleeing violence. We continue to provide help, empowerment, and hope to those searching for it in the darkest of times. However, because of YOU... there is a light.

Community has become much more than face-to-face. Between Facebook, Twitter, and the newsletter, we are able to showcase our agency like never before. WomenSafe had quite the year for new projects and partnerships! Through the support of the Lake-Geauga Fund of the Cleveland Foundation and United Way Services of Geauga County, we began the Empowered Parent Program to meet the parenting needs of survivors of domestic violence. It has been incredible to observe the continual success of this program! In addition, we are unbelievably grateful to have received over \$50,000 from ABB, Inc. for their 2015 Fundraising Season. Their donation was the result of countless hours of hard work and dedication donated by the amazing employees at ABB, as well as a match from the ABB Foundation!

We cannot ignore that over 7,500 hours of volunteer hours were provided this year. Our quilt raffle, which is spearheaded by Nancy Zamrzla, an outstanding volunteer, had a record year of over \$16,000 raised in unrestricted funds for WomenSafe! For our Fall Luncheon, we were able to meet and create partnerships with remarkable individuals. News Anchor Danita Harris from News Net 5 spent the afternoon with us to emcee the event and the lovely ladies from Alpha Chi Omega at Case Western Reserve University, whose philanthropic focus is domestic violence awareness, volunteered at the event. The sold-out Fall Luncheon was a true success and an absolute blast!

We ended our year by receiving not only financial support from the Northern Ohio Golf Charities & Foundation, but also an invitation to attend the Bridgestone Invitational. They treated us like VIPs by offering this once in a lifetime experience. We were able to not only tell the WomenSafe story with volunteers at the event, but also let them know how their donation of time and financial support was saving lives.

It is very humbling to showcase just a few of the faces, places, and events that allowed for WomenSafe to continue providing free services and advocacy to survivors of domestic violence. My hope is that support and wonderful happenings continue on into the next year and for many years as we continue to end the cycle of domestic violence.

Thank you for helping us, help others... live.

Most sincerely,



Andrea R. Gutka, M.Ed., MCHES
Executive Director

Year in Review

3,175 crisis calls via COPEline

91% of survivors reported knowing more ways to plan for their safety

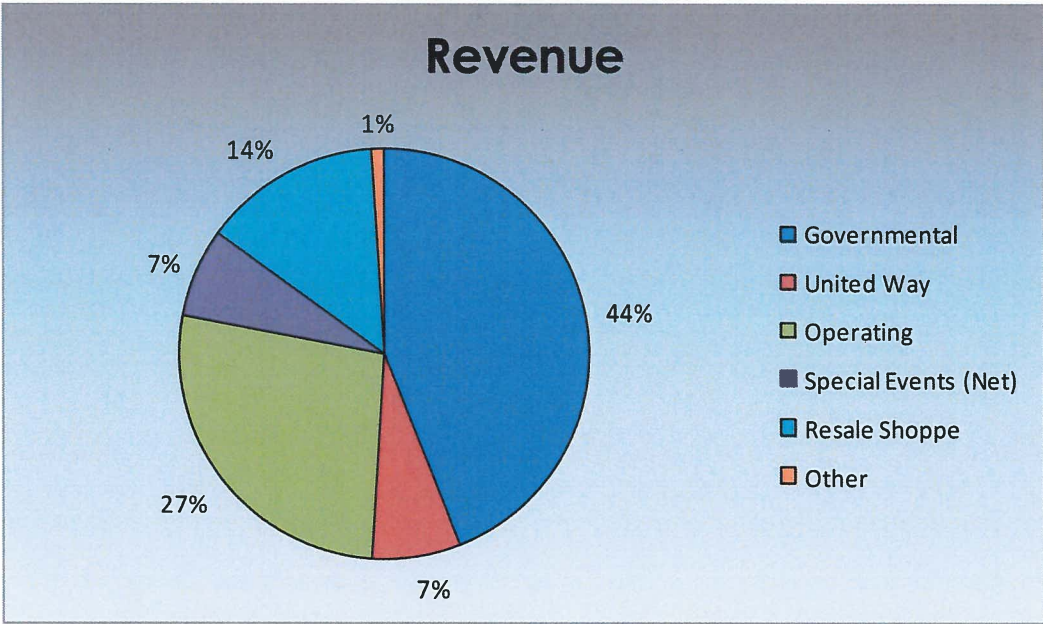
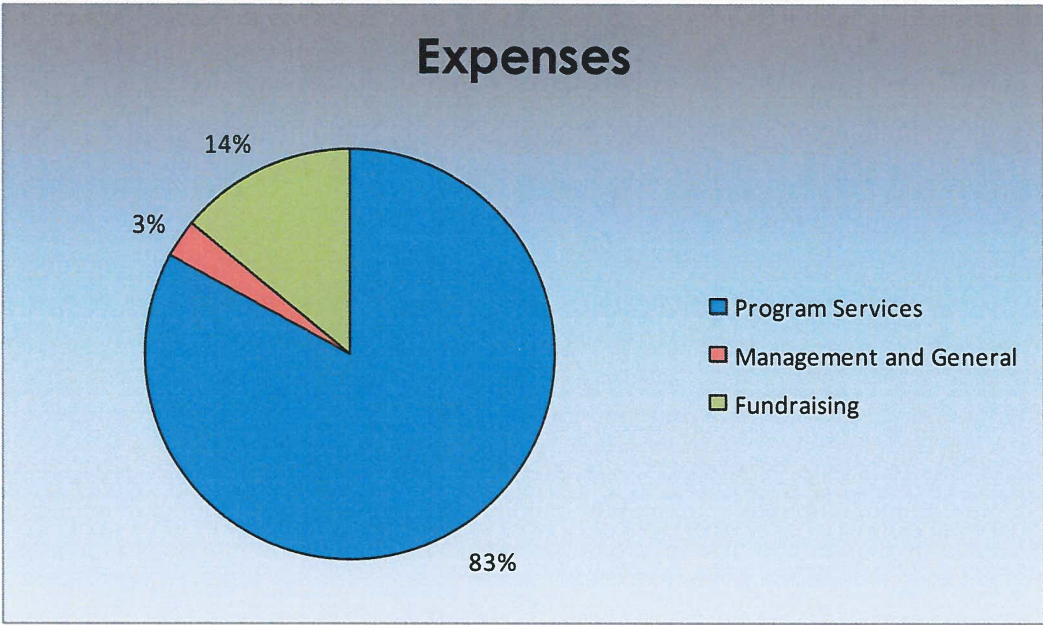
94% of survivors reported feeling less alone since working with WomenSafe

4,532 individual supportive counseling and advocacy interactions

Through the Healthy Relationship Program, 4,083 students received the vital education, tools, and information to avoid becoming part of the cycle of domestic violence, pursue healthy relationships, and help someone in an unhealthy relationship.

6,061 emergency shelter nights were provided to 108 adults and 88 children

Expenses and Revenue



**To see the detailed, audited report for Fiscal Year 2016,
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House

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