

**WOMENSAFE
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2017
ANNUAL REPORT**

JULY 1, 2016-JUNE 30, 2017



A message from the Executive Director:

Looking back on this past year, I am incredibly grateful for the abundance of support WomenSafe has received from the community. This support has come in the form of advocacy, finances, labor, volunteering, time, and donations—all to help survivors of domestic violence overcome the trauma they experienced and the challenges they encounter.

It has been amazing to witness the Domestic Violence Task Force expand to include organizations outside of Geauga County. In 2017, Task Force members more than doubled. This network helps survivors receive more referrals to additional supports throughout Northeast Ohio. With the collaboration of the Domestic Violence Task Force, we are putting an end to domestic violence by developing strategies for enhancing the safety of survivors, advocating throughout various community services and situations, and providing members with the essential education on how to respond to domestic violence.

Through the collaboration with Leading Lady, we created our first event partner sponsorship—a sponsorship level that allows a business to sponsor all of WomenSafe's events for the year. The support of Leading Lady and continual support of Mark Corrado, President and Owner, has proved the community's dedication to helping families thrive.

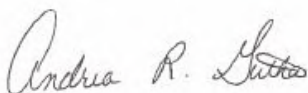
Grants, individual, and corporate giving are imperative in helping us improve our service delivery through additional employees, materials, and equipment to meet the unique needs of survivors of domestic violence. This past year, we received a grant from the Western Reserve Junior Service League to help install a door for our sensory room. The sensory room provides clients with an available calming area specifically dedicated to de-escalation, healthy coping skills, and relaxation. This space is also for clients with sensory processing disorders and limited communication skills. In addition, with the continual support from United Way Services of Geauga County and the Lake-Gauga Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, we were able to further develop the Empowered Parent Program to reduce the waitlist.

We cannot overlook the continual help we have received from Tim Reagan, our maintenance volunteer, and the wonderful employees at ABB. This past year, specifically, we were able to renovate many of our offices and Resident Care Specialists' area with donated office units and supplies from ABB to create more space for service delivery.

Fiscal Year 2017 was the year of service delivery progress, exceeding event goals, recruiting more advocates, and most importantly, continuing to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence. I am proud of how the agency continues to grow and learn how to better our services and ourselves so we can provide the free services survivors of domestic violence deserve.

Thank you for your support—we truly could not do this without YOU.

Sincerely,



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

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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

Year In Review

3,158 crisis calls via COPELine

93% of clients stated they know more ways to plan for their safety

“The services and the people are wonderful, supportive and more like a family than I have ever known. I couldn't get through this without them.”

-WomenSafe's Client

167 adults resided in shelter

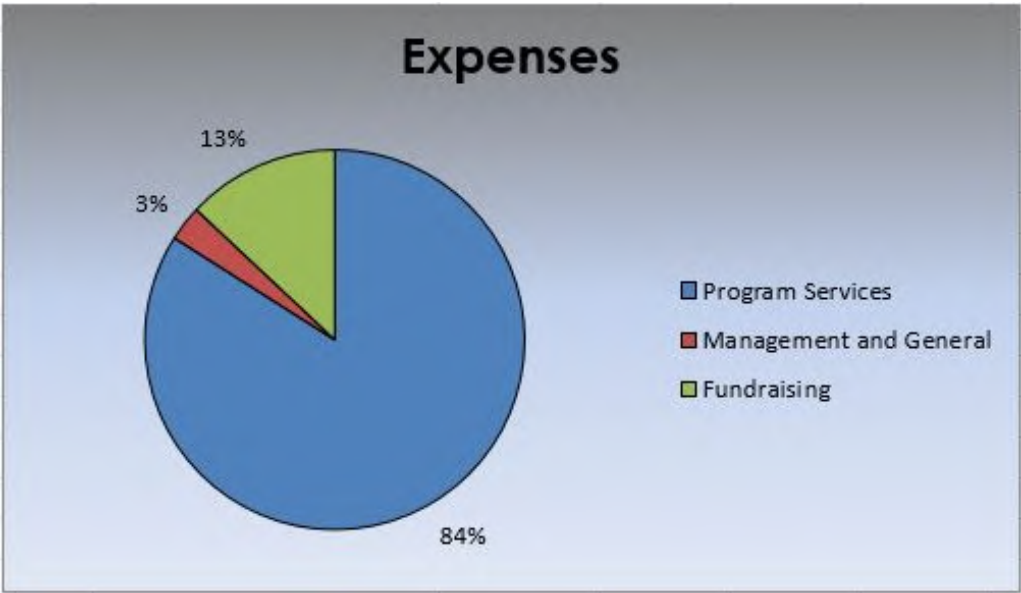
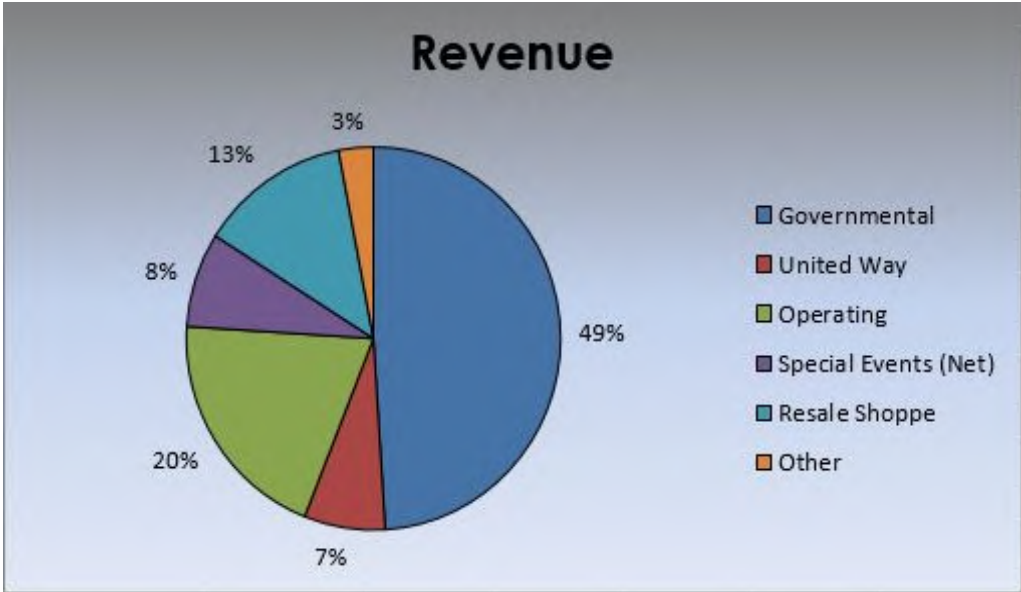
74 children resided in shelter

9,976 shelter nights were provided

114 children received outreach services

372 adults received outreach services

Expenses and Revenue



To see the detailed, audited report, please contact Andrea Gutka at agutka@womensafe.org or 440-286-7154 x224.



Providing Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Emergency Shelter... Counseling... 24-Hour Hotline
Court Advocacy... Art Therapy... Relocation Assistance
Aftercare Programs... Empowered Parent Program... Community Education

All services are provided free of charge

For 24-Hour Support, Call COPELine 1-888-285-5665

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