



# **2014 Annual Report**

## **Advocating against domestic and sexual abuse...**

2014 was a year of growth. We remained devoted to providing trauma informed care and services to the 1,455 women, men and children who entered our doors and/or called our crisis lines. Although the majority of persons receiving free and confidential services from our team of 18 dedicated advocates were from La Crosse, Trempealeau, Monroe, Vernon, Crawford and Houston Counties, we reached as far as Florida!

We continually committed to build collaboration with others in our surrounding communities and this was evident with the steady growth of partnerships during the year: An affiliation with the Occupational Resource Center (ORC) of La Crosse in the *2nd Chance Resale Store*; the recipient along with Options Clinic, of a Building Networks Grant and the start-up of a local Feminism on Tap (FOT) with YWCA and Options Clinic. In addition, team members continued to participate on community committees and boards related to domestic and/or sexual abuse, mental health, AODA, elders, disabled persons etc.

With the knowledge that there are several areas in which improvement would enhance our trauma informed care, by the end of the year we began to whisper the words *shelter in Trempealeau County* and *a larger shelter in La Crosse*.

We are extremely grateful to our supporters for without their commitment to our mission we would not be able to grow our services. Together we can save lives.

*Ann Kappauf*

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Executive Director

# How we advocate against abuse...

## Shelter



Shelter is a safe home for women, children and men. An advocate is available 24 hours a day to assist with personal care items, safety planning and crisis counseling. We consider this a place to heal from abuse, become empowered and regain hope.

## Crisis Line



Victims and survivors, as well as family and friends who are concerned for a victim of abuse, are provided with immediate crisis assistance, advocacy, support, resources, safety planning and options counseling. We see the crisis line as the central access point for all of our services.

## Youth & Family Advocacy



We believe the future cycle of abuse can be broken. Therefore we teach children about healthy relationships and how to communicate their needs and emotions without using aggression toward others. In addition, we offer assistance to the non-offending parent.

## Trauma Specialist



We promote the emotional and psychological healing from abuse with free and confidential therapy provided by our Master's level therapist. Victims and survivors may choose individual and/or group therapy sessions.

## Resource Advocacy



We are ushers to the assistance that victims and survivors may need with housing, employment, and benefits. We are the teachers of self care, empowerment and safety. We believe in empowering victims and survivors to reach the goals they have set for themselves.

## Diversity Outreach



We support the rights of all people and provide trauma informed care regardless of a person's age, gender, sexual orientation race, color, religion, national origin, social class or differing ability. We assure that victims and survivors of an underserved population receive all of the same services provided to others and that these services are provided according to their diverse needs.

## Legal Advocacy



We are not attorneys and we can not give legal advice. We help guide victims and survivors through civil and criminal justice court processes. We can explain forms and civil court proceedings such as domestic abuse and harassment injunctions, etc. We will also provide support during court.

## Transitional Housing



We provide victims and survivors who have resided in our shelter an opportunity to participate in our structured housing program that addresses barriers in their life. Our goal is to assist them in reaching self-sufficiency by addressing their self-identified goals in employment, education, income, permanent housing, parenting, transportation etc as they break the goals down into achievable tasks.



## Domestic Abuse Reduction Team



A collaboration with the City of La Crosse allows our advocates to work with law enforcement to provide intense intervention to victims and survivors with a high risk potential for on-going violent episodes and injuries. DART results in earlier intervention with the victim/survivor.

## Safe Havens



This family exchange and visitation program is a collaboration between the County of La Crosse, The Parenting Place and New Horizons. The services facilitate healthy parent/child contact in a family friendly environment while reducing abuse during child exchange. The child(ren), victim/survivor and the offending parent are all recipients of this program in one form or another.

## Sexual Assault Advocacy



This program is specific to Trempealeau County. Victims and survivors can expect support, safety planning, resource advocacy, referrals and options. Services are provided whether or not the person chooses to report to law enforcement.

## Domestic Violence Advocacy



Advocacy for victims and survivors of domestic abuse have been offered to persons in Trempealeau County for over 27 years. Advocacy consists of individualized safety planning, options counseling, information, referral, housing advocacy, employment advocacy, support group and legal advocacy.

## Volunteer & Intern Program



Each year over 75 volunteers and interns provide a minimum of 8,000 hours of combined services! Volunteers can choose to experience the hands-on route and work directly with victims and survivors via the crisis line or one of our other service programs. If they prefer to work behind the scenes, they may become involved with sorting food donations or assist in planning special events. We cherish our volunteers!

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## Did you know...

8,952 bed nights were provided to 217 victims in 2014. This included 87 children!

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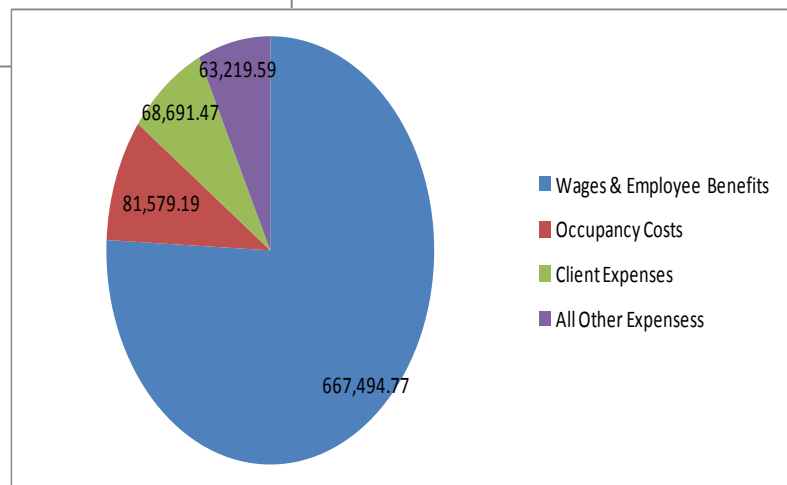
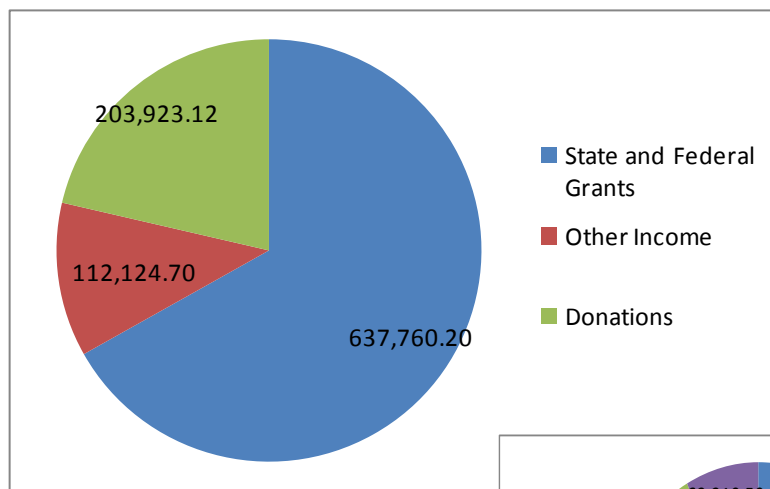
## Expense

Wages & Employee Benefits	\$667,494.77
Occupancy Costs	\$81,579.19
Client Expenses	\$68,691.47
All Other Expenses	\$63,219.59
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$880,985.02</b>

## Revenue

State & Federal Grants	\$637,760.20
Other Income	\$112,124.70
Donations	\$203,923.12
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$953,808.02</b>

**Surplus** \$72,823.00



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