



Annual Report
2014

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Definitions



Domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and/or coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion, that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners.

Sexual violence is any verbal, visual, written/typed, or physical act that breaks someone's sense of trust and/or safety and is sexual in nature. Sexual assault is any sexual contact or intercourse without the person's consent. Consent cannot involve force, pressure, manipulation, or threats.

Mission Statement

Hope House of South Central Wisconsin, in cooperation with the community, provides advocacy and shelter to people affected by domestic/dating violence and sexual assault and works to prevent these issues through awareness and education in Sauk, Columbia, Juneau, Marquette, and Adams Counties.

Vision Statement

We envision a community where healthy relationships prosper and all people live free from fear and the threat of fear.

We form a circle of Hope.
We pass the flame to one another.
If my candle goes out, yours will light it.
Together we make a brighter light...
And each candle promises something of its own:
that darkness is not the last word."

~David McCauley

Philosophy Statements

- ✿ We believe that all individuals have the right to live free from abuse, oppression and violence.
- ✿ We believe that domestic and sexual violence are motivated by a sense of entitlement and a desire to maintain dominance over others.
- ✿ We believe that societal attitudes and cultural norms allow and encourage the abuse of power to control others.
- ✿ We are committed to working toward social change through direct services, community education and systems advocacy.
- ✿ We are committed to ensuring services are accessible to all victims of domestic and sexual violence regardless of race, color, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, disability, sexual preference, religious or political belief or affiliation.
- ✿ We are committed to working in partnership and collaboration with law enforcement, health care providers, schools, county human services, other service providers and communities of faith to help individuals and families achieve successful outcomes.
- ✿ Our approach to working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is based on a philosophy of empowerment. Empowerment is the premise that individuals have the capacity to make choices about their lives and be responsible for their decisions. To be empowered requires opportunities to gain a level of self-awareness and to develop knowledge and skills in order to effectively identify and evaluate options and consequences.
- ✿ Working from a strength-based approach, we believe that individuals have or can develop strength and the resources – both intrinsic and extrinsic – to work through the pain and trauma of domestic and sexual violence. A strength-based approach respects and values individual and cultural differences and commonalities and is based on principles of sharing and collaboration.

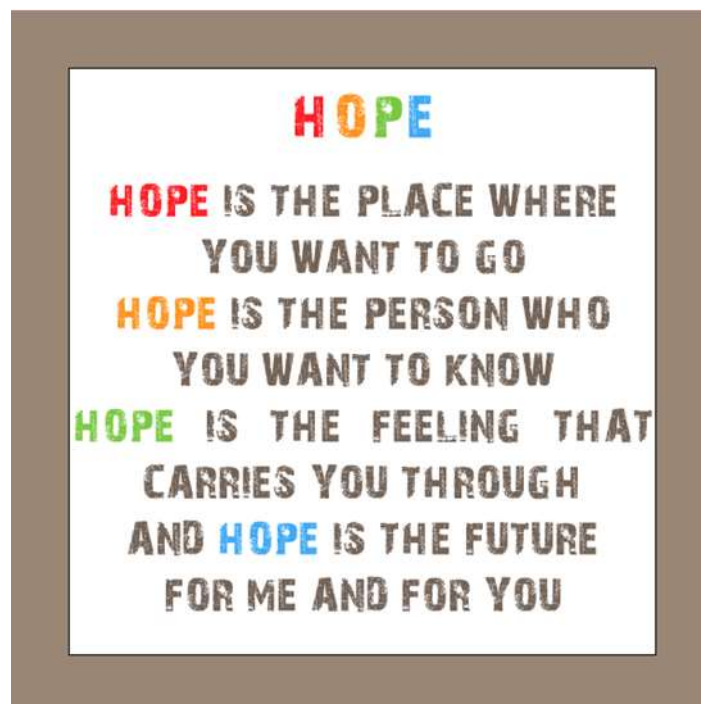
Long-Range Strategic Goals

Goal 1: To consistently deliver high quality, culturally appropriate, evidence-based, trauma-informed crisis intervention and support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault that are geographically accessible for residents of Sauk, Columbia, Adams, Juneau and Marquette Counties.

Goal 2: To promote measurable improvements in community awareness and understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault and to take action on unique community priorities for promoting victim safety and offender accountability on behalf of the residents of Sauk, Columbia, Adams, Juneau and Marquette Counties.

Goal 3: To develop an organizational culture that demonstrates respect in all interactions with a team of employees engaged in the Hope House mission, working together to provide excellent services that exceed community expectations.

Goal 4: To improve the capacity of Hope House to increase non-restricted revenues in order to sustain quality services at a steady or growing rate and to reduce dependence on fluctuating grant revenues.



Hope House Services

All Services Are Free & Confidential

A 24-hour helpline staffed by trained personnel provides safety planning, support, **information and referrals** for victims, family members, professionals, and the general public.

Emergency shelter is provided for individuals seeking safe temporary housing. Food, clothing, and personal care items are also provided. Typical shelter stays are less than 30 days, but may be extended for extenuating circumstances. **Emergency transportation** to shelter is provided when necessary.

Supportive counseling focuses on individual safety planning, exploring options, and empowerment. Advocates provide education on the intersections of abuse, trauma, substance abuse, and mental health. **Support groups** are offered for both adults and children.

Advocacy involves helping a victim obtain resources or services from another agency. Advocates help individuals navigate complicated systems or proceedings and are available to accompany victims seeking medical, legal, financial, and housing services. Ongoing support may be provided for days, weeks, or months. In the case of complex criminal justice issues, support is often provided for longer than a year.

Legal advocacy is available with an on-staff attorney to help individuals identify and utilize legal strategies in order to achieve safety and is available for court accompaniment when needed.

Children's programming provides specialized services to help children and youth affected by domestic or sexual violence. Advocates also assist with school arrangements for children residing in shelter to ensure that education is not interrupted while families are in transition.

Community education is provided to youth and adults to inform them of the services available to those affected by domestic and sexual violence, to raise awareness of the prevalence and the realities of domestic and sexual violence, and to mobilize their involvement in prevention.

"I am really grateful to Hope House staff & program. It has allowed me to set goals & appropriate boundaries to get a job and apartment. Community living is not easy; especially when everyone is in trauma-However given the situation the staff at Hope House was amazing. I really enjoyed my group meetings on Mon. & Thurs. I feel it was very helpful & informative on the emotional level and helped me have a positive format in learning more techniques and information. I am grateful that even though I have my apartment to move into I still can attend groups. Not only has my physical concerns been addressed, Hope House has also been a very powerful tool for my emotional healing too!" ~ a survivor

2014 Program Services

HOTLINE CALLS:

Answered 4,080 calls from 1,794 unduplicated callers.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES:

Provided Shelter and Residential Services to 95 families (**95 women and 73 children**) for a total of **5,636 bed-nights of shelter**.

NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES:

2,018 individuals received non-residential services (this includes individuals who continued to receive services after they left shelter).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Provided 567 Educational Presentations to 54,101 Attendees.

SAUK COUNTY:

1,794 Hotline Calls
277 Educational Presentations
(42,835 Attendees)

COLUMBIA COUNTY:

879 Hotline Calls
123 Educational Presentations
(4,963 Attendees)

ADAMS COUNTY:

303 Hotline Calls
34 Educational Presentations
(1,459 Attendees)

JUNEAU COUNTY:

423 Hotline Calls
80 Educational Presentations
(2,746 Attendees)

MARQUETTE COUNTY:

250 Hotline Calls
49 Educational Presentations
(1,913 Attendees)

OTHER LOCATIONS:

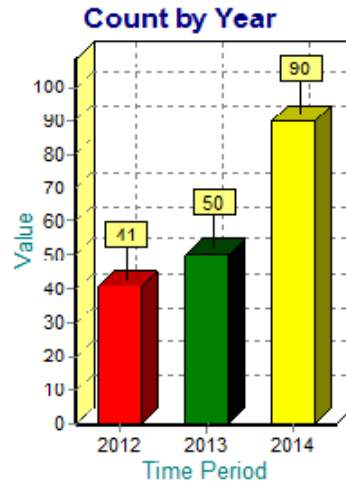
426 Hotline Calls



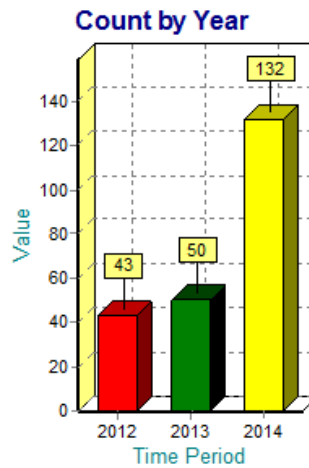
2012-2014 Services Trend Reports:

In 2014 we experienced a large increase in the request for services for two populations of victims: teens and elderly victims. We believe this increase in teens seeking services is a result of the presentations and prevention work done in schools over the past years. We also believe that the increase in elderly victims seeking services is a result of the presentations that we have coordinated with community meals.

Increase in Teen Clients (Ages 13-18) 2012-2014:



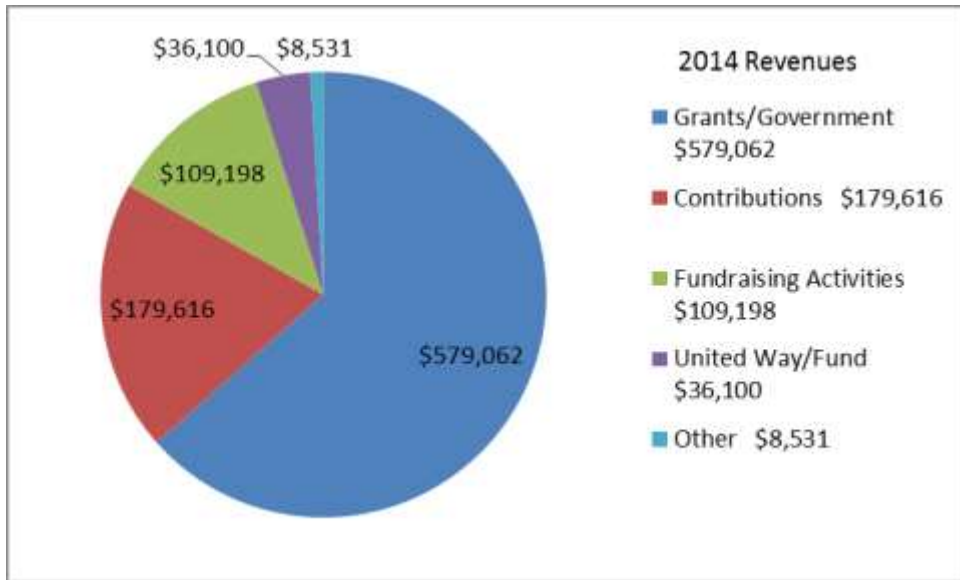
Increase in Elderly Clients (Age 60+) 2012-2014:



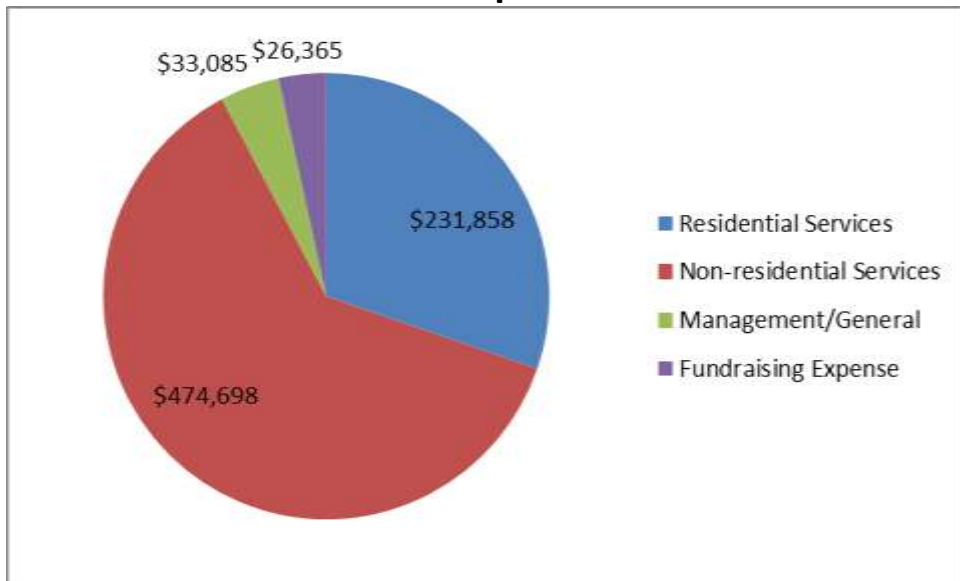
2014 Financial Information

| Assets | | Liabilities and Net Assets | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Current Assets | \$607,198 | Current Liabilities | \$95,639 |
| Property & Equipment | \$580,873 | Long-Term Liabilities | \$307,701 |
| Long-Term Investments | \$72,644 | Total Liabilities | \$403,340 |
| Intangible Assets | \$1,649 | | |
| | | Net Assets | \$859,024 |
| Total Assets | \$1,262,364 | Total Liabilities & Net Assets | \$1,262,364 |

2014 Revenues



2014 Expenses



OUR DEDICATED STAFF

Executive Director

Ellen Allen

Community Ed/PR Program Manager

Jess Kaehny

Administrative/Grants Manager

Siobhan Allen

Programs and Services Manager

Danielle Barth

Legal Advocate/Attorney

Heidi Henkle, JD

Volunteer/Resource Coordinator

Beth Ferstl

Support Services Coordinator

Laci Pustina

Client Services Advocates

Kristine Snow

Natalie Schoenoff

Brittney Sauer

Family Advocate

Beth Holt

Shelter Advocates

Joy, Claire, Erica, Christina,

Crystal, Khloe

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Volunteers

*In 2014, 101 people volunteered
3,143 hours of service to Hope
House. We thank each and every
one for sharing their time and
talents with us!*



Thank You!

With the support of our grant funders, countless individuals and families, businesses, foundations, service organizations, and communities of faith we have been able to raise awareness and funding to provide services for people in our community who are affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Every gift is critical to our ongoing success and each one is greatly appreciated.

Together we are saving lives – Thank you for providing Help and Hope for those in need!

~The Hope House Staff and Board of Directors~

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