

## Helping families rebuild their lives for 45 years!

2019 Annual Impact Report ~ July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



# The Hope of a Future Without Domestic Violence

Thank you for joining us in this mission to break the cycle of domestic violence through education, intervention and advocacy. We're giving voice to the brave survivors of domestic violence and their children who say, "Thank you. You saved our lives."

We are proud to share this Impact Report. It highlights the 4,126 people served by Women In Distress last year, thousands of emergency shelter nights, counseling and therapy hours, and calls to the 24-hour Crisis Hotline. Certainly, these numbers tell part of the story and reinforce the growing needs that exist right here at home. We are also pleased to report to our donors that 86 cents of every dollar of support goes back to programs and services for survivors.

However, it's the stories behind these numbers that tell the real story. It's the story of how a family fleeing in the middle of the night, now has a safe home, Mom has a job, the kids are happy in school, and they have celebrated a peaceful birthday together for the first time. A favorite memory from this past year is a little six-year old boy getting his own bicycle for the first time, with a huge smile on his face. Together with his mother and two sisters, the family was heading out to a new apartment to call home. Mom got a bicycle, too, and that was her transportation to a new job. The cycle of domestic violence can be broken – and a bicycle may indeed be an important part of the change.

Innovative programs such as the *Imagine a World Where Love Doesn't Hurt* and other sessions delivered by our Education & Prevention team's outreach to schools, college campuses and workplaces; Injunction For Protection Legal program with attorneys who can help survivors get restraining orders; and the Economic Justice program with training and job readiness continue to grow. Our Pet Shelter, in partnership with the Humane Society of Broward, is a bright spot of safety.

A highlight of the year was Women In Distress receiving a \$1 million grant from The Jim Moran Foundation last fall that



Kim Bentley
Chair Board of Directors

Mary Riedel President and CEO

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Immediate Past Board Chair

provided funds to sustain and strengthen our organization and also provide an endowment for the WID Pet Shelter.

From all of us at Women In Distress – our staff, Board, Trustees, volunteers, and especially the families we are privileged to serve – thank you for sharing another important year in our history as we mark the 45th anniversary of serving our community.

#### **2018 Fiscal Year Financial Report** July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 Revenue \$8,615,269 **Government Grants** \$4,313,417 Gifts, Corporation & Foundation Contributions \$1,705,500 Thrift Store & Other In-Kind Donations \$924,865 **Thrift Store Revenue** \$508,048 86¢ of Every Dollar Special Events \$558,104 Capital Campaign Contributions \$577,325 went back to providing critical services for survivors **Investment Earnings** \$24,033 of domestic violence Other Revenue \$3,977 **Expenses** \$8,234,063 **Program Services Expenses** \$7,045,275 Fundraising, Events & In-Kind Expenses \$718,754 Management & General Expenses \$470,034







# 4,126 } Women, children and men were provided with life-saving services

such as emergency safe shelter, 24-hour Crisis Hotline, therapy and many other critical wrap-around services to empower domestic violence abuse survivors for a new life free of violence.

- 34,342 Advocacy, Counseling and Therapy hours were provided to survivors and their children which helped heal the emotional scars of domestic violence abuse so that survivors could begin to rebuild their lives.
- 29,486 Safe emergency shelter nights were provided to 548 survivors, and included food, clothing, safety planning, counseling and therapy, and pet assistance and shelter. Nearly 60% of the survivors served in the emergency shelter were children ranging in ages from newborn to teens.
- 25,370 } 24-hour Crisis Hotline calls were answered, a critical lifeline to those in need of help. An average of 2,114 calls a month helped survivors with emergency shelter placement, counseling and therapy outreach services, relocation information, legal referrals, and other homeless related inquiries and referrals.
- 20,045 Community members and youth attended educational and professional programming at 550 community events focused on reducing and eliminating violence in our community by providing education of domestic violence tools for healthy relationships.
- 531 Survivors were helped with our Injunction For Protection Legal program with legal services such as filing for and maintaining injunctions for protection in order to keep themselves and their children safe from their abuser.
- 368 Survivors were provided with Economic Empowerment services such as financial stability, coaching and assistance, removing the largest barrier to survivors living safe, independent lives. This program also provided survivors with career counseling, workplace skills, computer literacy, communication skills and English as a Second Language classes.

# Our mission is to stop domestic violence for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy.

## Thank You to our Volunteer Leaders

Our dedicated Board of Directors and Board of Trustees work together with staff to fulfill our mission of keeping families safe. Volunteer leaders reflect the communities we serve and guide our mission.

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