



Annual Impact Report FY 2022/2023

**Shattering the myths of abuse and
empowering survivors of domestic
violence to reclaim their freedom**

Women In Distress of Broward County



Total Served

2,494



46,865

A record number
of bed nights

15,756

Advocacy, counseling,
and therapy hours



10,315

Community
members received
Education & Prevention
training



Percentage of
police reports
classified as high
lethality **increased**
from **30% to 66%**



Over 240 children
received free & safe
childcare in the first
6 months of the
Children's Enrichment
Center being open

Survivors with children can access no cost, dependable childcare at the Children's Enrichment Center (CEC) on our secure campus. The CEC serves as a protective resource for children whose parents need to go to a job interview, attend a court hearing, look for housing, or attend WID services on campus – essential steps in healing from the trauma of abuse and building self-sufficiency and long-term stability.

Letter from Board Chair & CEO Women In Distress of Broward County

Domestic violence continues to cast a persistent shadow over our community. While the effects of the pandemic recede, the lasting impact on domestic violence endures. In the past year, we provided a record number of emergency shelter nights, and saw an alarming increase in cases where domestic violence was deemed to have a “high likelihood for lethality.” The service statistics within this Annual Report serve as a stark testament to the ever-growing need within our community. In these trying times, **victims face even greater hurdles as they endeavor to secure their freedom and safety, while grappling with additional stressors such as rising housing costs and inflation.**

As we approach our 50th year of service, we look back at our modest beginnings – a four-bedroom shelter in 1974. Today, we have developed into one of the largest domestic violence agencies in the nation, featuring a 136-bed shelter that welcomes all, including victims' pets. Our commitment mirrors the inclusive spirit of our community, as we serve victims without regard to status, race, age, religion, or gender, challenging misconceptions about survivors and the gravity of domestic violence. At Women In Distress (WID), we stand steadfast, expanding our efforts to support all survivors and addressing their diverse needs. However, we cannot do this alone; it is the support and dedication of our community that makes our work possible.

Your unwavering support is the driving force behind our work. It enables us to provide year-round emergency shelter, respond to crisis hotline calls every two minutes, provide thousands of counseling sessions, protect survivors with restraining orders, and drive lasting change within our community. Our vision extends beyond crisis intervention; we envision a world where survivors not only escape crisis but also emerge stronger than ever, reclaiming their power.

At WID, our resolute spirit is guided by dedicated volunteer Boards of Directors and Trustees who ensure that WID is equipped to confront the challenges that lie ahead. In the face of an affordable housing crisis in South Florida, an economic climate that erodes market earnings, and the perpetual challenge of recruiting and retaining essential personnel to support victims of domestic violence, our determination remains unwavering.

Our Mission

is to stop domestic violence abuse
for everyone through intervention,
education, and advocacy.



While WID has expanded its services to assist survivors, the blight of domestic violence remains obstinately resistant. We are faced with a disheartening reality – the numbers of those affected by domestic violence show no sign of decreasing, even as the domestic violence awareness movement gains momentum. Despite the rising resources available for victims of domestic violence, the barriers to freedom persist, and in some cases, they become even more formidable. Despite these disheartening statistics, our optimism remains unwavering. WID steadfastly believes in a world free from domestic violence. Our commitment to **ending the cycle of domestic violence abuse for everyone** through education, intervention, and advocacy is stronger than ever, thanks to the support of our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have invested in our mission, contributing to a year of unparalleled success. It is our honor to stand shoulder to shoulder with partners like you, ardent advocates for the needs of our community. **Together, we exemplify the enduring power of resilience, as we strive to help every survivor reclaim their power and find freedom and safety.**



Linda L. Parker, Ph.D.
President and CEO



Sean Riley
Chair Board of Directors

You don't know me but you saved my life.

After enduring years of abuse in every form imaginable, I reached a breaking point that almost cost me my life. It was at that desperate juncture that I found my way to Women In Distress.

The journey from victim to survivor is an arduous one, and I could not have made it without your support, and WID's compassionate and dedicated team. The shelter provided me with a safe haven, shielding me from the physical and emotional torment I had endured for far too long. The counselors and support groups offered me a lifeline to begin the process of healing, and the legal advocacy team helped me to navigate the complex legal path towards justice and freedom.

The overwhelming support I received from Women In Distress not only helped me regain my physical and emotional strength but also gave me something more precious – the belief that I was worth saving and that I had the potential to rebuild my life.

Today, I stand as a survivor, not a victim.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being my beacon of hope during my darkest hours, and helping me see my authentic self, free from the lies my abuser once told me.

– Ann

87¢ of Every Dollar
raised went back to programs
and services to heal survivors.



A key measure in our highest possible
4-star Charity Navigator rating



Revenue **\$9,992,678**

Government Grants	\$6,186,937
Gifts/Corporate/ Foundations	\$1,604,512
Thrift Store/In-Kind	\$1,496,294
Investment Earnings	\$117,489
Special Events	\$587,179
Other	\$267

Expenses **\$10,447,921**

Programs	\$9,000,816
General Fundraising	\$816,434
Management General	\$630,671



Our Impact Partners

Our community is a source of strength and safety for survivors. Support from our community leaders and Impact Partners is critical to keeping families safe from domestic violence.

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