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Restoring Hope

2017 Annual Report

The Safe Center dedicates this annual report to our

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Each of you are recognized for your continued generosity and dedication to providing for those that are in need of services, and for your faith in the work being done here each and every day. Thank You!

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A LETTER FROM THE SAFE CENTER LI'S BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

2017 was a year of planning, teamwork and preparation for the future.

This was an exciting year of growth and transition at The Safe Center. As we continued to grow and develop our services throughout the year, we were also preparing for the retirement of Co-Executive Director Sandy Oliva. Sandy's leadership combined with a longtime dedication and commitment to keeping those most vulnerable within our communities safe and free from harm is her legacy as is the foundation that will further support the future growth of our agency. As Sandy signs her last annual report as Co-Executive Director with Cindy Scott, please join us in wishing her a peaceful and happy retirement. Joshua Hanson, Director of the Child Advocacy Center, assumed the role of Associate Executive Director effective January 1, 2018.

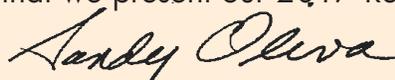
Our impact each year continues to be far reaching and is apparent in a number of ways. 2017 agency highlights include the following:

- The Safe Center assisted more than 5,000 survivors and families impacted by Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Trafficking and Child Abuse. Our staff collectively provided more than 52,000 vital services to these individuals and their families, including mental health services, group counseling sessions, housing, legal assistance, emergency assistance and advocacy within the Criminal Justice, Civil, and Family Court systems. Our trained hotline staff responded to 6,976 calls from survivors and community members seeking guidance and services, and the Child Advocacy Center responded to 829 allegations of child abuse.
- The Safe Center Board, Leadership, and Staff completed the strategic planning process and established a 3- year plan focusing on financial systems, program enhancements, development, and communications.
- Through a generous grant, The Safe Center was able to work with a professional film company to produce its "Restoring Hope...In Their Words" Survivor Video. This inspirational piece features four client interviews and highlights each person's journey from victim to survivor.
- In conjunction with the Gural Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island, The Safe Center will be an integral part of the United Jewish Association-Federation's Project Hope. This initiative seeks to provide victims of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault living in underserved South shore communities with educational programs and easy access to direct services and legal assistance.
- Our Education Department staff trained public safety officers at area colleges on how to better serve/respond to victims of abuse. The Education Department trained The Merchant Marine Academy academic staff, Hofstra Medical School students, and Huntington Hospital staff regarding the identification of victims of human trafficking.
- Due to our proximity to Island Harvest's Food Bank and the generosity of the local Stop & Shop, Safe Center clients in need of food for their families will now have easy access to healthy non-perishable food choices.

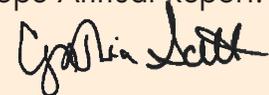
As you continue to read about The Safe Center's programs and services and its accomplishments this past year, please know that we could not have provided this next level of support without your continued faith and support. It is with great pride that we present our 2017 Restoring Hope Annual Report.



Stephen G. Bondi
President



Sandy Oliva
Retired Executive Director

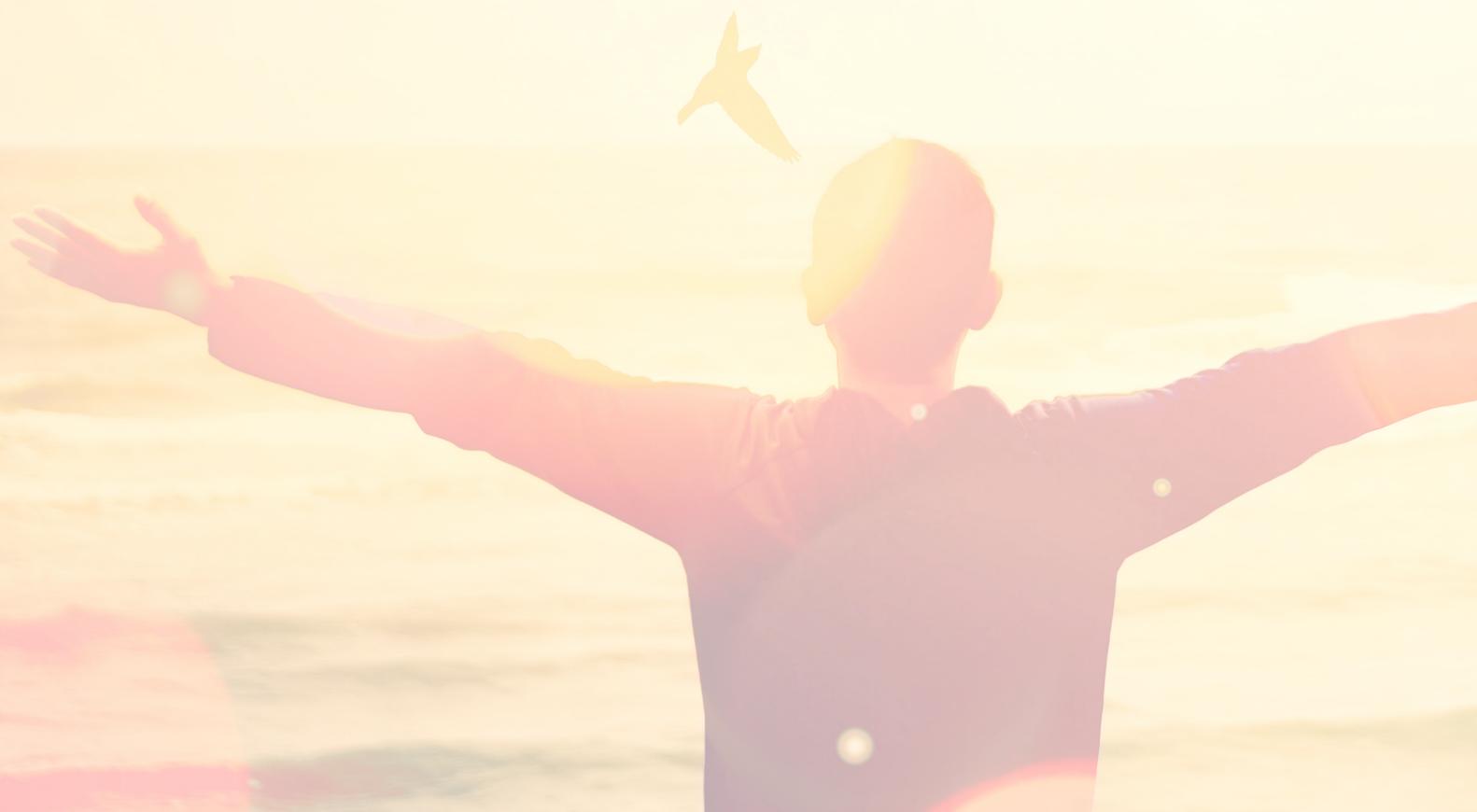


Cynthia G. Scott
Executive Director

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

“There was never a night
or a problem
that could defeat
sunrise or hope.” 

-Bernard Williams



CRISIS INTERVENTION

THROUGH THE HOTLINE

24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Safe Center Hotline gives those in need of crisis intervention access to agency services with safety of the caller always being a primary concern. Crisis Intervention Counselors are prepared to assess each situation and offer emotional support and service assistance, whether the caller seeks information or expresses needs that must be addressed immediately.

In 2017, the Safe Center Hotline responded to 5,848 calls from victims of domestic violence, 1,094 calls from victims of rape/sexual assault and 34 calls from victims of sex and labor trafficking.

IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM

Victims of domestic violence or sexual assault may also seek help from a trained Safe Center SAFER (Survivor Advocate for Emergency Response) Volunteer who is ready at any time to assist victims brought to hospitals in Nassau County and surrounding areas.

SAFER volunteers provided support to 230 rape/sexual assault victims and 48 domestic violence victims in 2017.

WITH THE POLICE

Through the Police Project, law enforcement officials connect domestic violence victims to The Safe Center where they can receive the necessary services critical for beginning a life free of abuse. Police Officers from county and local police departments responding to a domestic violence incident provide victims with information about The Safe Center's services while also notifying agency staff who will then reach out to the victims to inform them of available help.

2,207 people were given access to the Safe Center's programs and services through its collaboration with Nassau County law enforcement on the Police Project.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

ADULT VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Safe Center Advocates provide a wide range of services to adult victims of abuse including the elderly who can be mistreated physically and/or emotionally or exploited financially. Services offered to all adult victims include intake and application assistance, telephone and face-to-face support, follow-up contacts with victims and their non-offending family members, advocacy, information and referrals, emergency assistance, as well as accompaniment to forensic interviews, medical exams, Criminal Court and Family Court proceedings.

294 people received over 3,188 services from the Safe Center's Adult Victim Advocate Program in 2017.

RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

Sexual Violence takes many different forms. However, one thing always remains the same, that it is never the victim's fault. Victims, regardless of gender, that suffer from sexual violence (including adult victims of current assaults and/or adult victims of past childhood sexual abuse) respond uniquely to the various types of trauma, and each victim's recovery process will be different. When a victim of sexual violence connects with The Safe Center, our specially-trained trauma counselors immediately begin providing them with a myriad of services that include individual and group counseling. The effects of sexual violence can feel devastating; however with support, compassion, and time, a victim can be healed, and their lives can be restored.

480 victims received counseling through the Rape & Sexual Assault Services Program in 2017. Counselors facilitated 103 support group sessions and 2,497 individual counseling sessions.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING

Victims of partner violence live with fear, secrecy, isolation and shame. Overcoming these barriers to healing is essential if victims are to establish safe, independent, productive lives and healthy relationships in the future. Through one-on-one counseling, victims can build trusting, supportive relationships with trained counselors who specialize in helping domestic abuse victims. Group counseling offers the victim a chance to connect with other survivors and regain hope.

590 domestic violence victims received counseling services in 2017. Counselors facilitated 132 group sessions and 2,167 individual counseling sessions during the year.

*"We know that our families healing process will take time but I definitely know it will only make us much stronger."
-Caregiver of a 14 year old sexually assaulted by peers*

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES & PREVENTION

HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEPARTMENT

The Safe Center's Human Trafficking Department works with the Nassau County Human Trafficking Intervention Court and facilitates Nassau County Safe Harbour Program. The department serves female and male domestic- and foreign-born victims of sex and labor trafficking. Services include individual and group therapy provided by licensed clinicians, court advocacy, crisis counseling, community referrals, supportive services, and case management. Department staff offer trainings regarding human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation to professionals and community members. Services are provided in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Russian.

134 adult victims of human trafficking were served in 2017.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION COURT

The Nassau County Human Trafficking Intervention Court was created with the goal of shifting the perception of individuals arrested for prostitution from a criminal-based perspective to a victim-centered approach, including the incorporation of trauma-informed individual and group counseling, case management and court advocacy in lieu of jail time. Through this initiative, there has been a significant shift in the way prostitution is viewed by the justice system and community, supporting individuals who have been systematically exploited by pimps, traffickers, johns, and buyers.

SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM

In 2014, Nassau County was designated as one of the first counties in New York State to receive Safe Harbour funding from the Office of Children and Family Services. Safe Harbour programs are collaborative initiatives to develop comprehensive networks of child welfare professionals, law enforcement, prosecution, medical personnel and service providers to identify and respond to the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Nassau County's Department of Social Services designated The Safe Center as the primary referral source for child trafficking cases in the County. In 2017, the Safe Harbour program expanded its reach to serve victims of technology-facilitated exploitation (child pornography). The Safe Harbour staff all work directly with the Child Advocacy Center and in the community. This ensures that both youth and their families receive a trauma-informed, multi-disciplinary response.

The Safe Harbour Program received more than 140 referrals in 2017

Therapy Dogs at The Safe Center

Certified Therapy dogs are an integral part of The Safe Center team. Jax provides affection, comfort and love to clients as needed.

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite the darkness.”

-Desmond Tutu



SAFE HOME & SHORT TERM HOUSING

SAFE EMERGENCY HOUSING AND SAFE HOME

Persons who are fleeing from their homes find safety and respite from desperate and often dangerous living situations at The Safe Center's Safe Home. This comfortable home, whose location is kept confidential, is Nassau County's only shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Under the guidance of experienced staff, survivors can begin the healing process and think about their future as they begin the process of rebuilding their lives. When needed, The Safe Center will also find alternative safe housing.

In 2017, 154 domestic violence victims and 117 children received safe housing through The Safe Center. Of those, 79 adults (78 women and 1 male) and 40 children were housed at the Safe Home. 123 adults and 101 children were found alternative or out-of-area housing (48 adults and 24 children received both services).

HORIZONS HOUSING PROGRAM

Funded on the federal level by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, this program is considered a Rapid Re-Housing program. Services provided include short-term housing support for survivors of domestic violence that are considered homeless or fleeing a domestic violence situation and do not have other resources.

Eligible individuals and families who participate in this program receive assistance in identifying and securing housing. Once housed they receive continued case management and advocacy services, as well as monthly rental subsidy from the program based on each participant's income.

The goal of the program is to rapidly house people, provide them with supports and connect them with resources that will help them to sustain permanent housing once they have moved on from the program.

30 adults and 18 of their children were housed in The Safe Center's Housing Programs in 2017.

TRAUMA-INFORMED YOGA AT THE SAFE HOUSE FOR ABUSED FAMILIES

Generous funding provided by United We Om has enabled our agency to include weekly yoga classes, facilitated by a certified trauma informed yoga instructor, to victims of domestic violence residing at the Safe Home. Yoga has the ability to reach our clients suffering from the traumas they have experienced and assist with the healing process at every level of their being—physical mental, emotional, and spiritual.

"THERE WAS A MOTHER ON HER FIRST DAY AT THE SAFE HOME WHO WAS VERY OVERWHELMED AND QUESTIONING IF SHE MADE THE BEST DECISION FOR HERSELF AND HER CHILD. ON THIS DAY OUR YOGA INSTRUCTOR WAS COMING AND THIS CLIENT PARTICIPATED IN THE CLASS THAT EVENING. PARTICIPATING IN THE CLASS HELPED HER TO FEEL MORE CENTERED AND HELPED HER TO MANAGE HER FEELINGS, SHE WAS ABLE TO START TO BE AT PEACE WITH HER DECISION AND REMAINED IN THE SAFE HOME. AFTER THAT FIRST NIGHT SHE PARTICIPATED IN YOGA EVERY WEEK WHILE SHE REMAINED AT THE SAFE HOME AND STAFF REPORTED SEEING A MARKED DECREASE IN HER ANXIETY, WHICH HELPED HER TO BETTER BE ABLE TO SUPPORT HER CHILDREN. THE PROGRAM ALSO CREATES A BOND BETWEEN THOSE THAT LIVE IN THE SAFE HOUSE REGARDLESS OF CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES." -DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

LEGAL SERVICES

LEGAL SERVICE AND COURT ADVOCACY

The Safe Center's Legal Department provides essential legal services and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, elder abuse and rape and sexual assault in Nassau County. Attorney representation and advocacy are available for custody and visitation matters, child and spousal support, family offenses, divorces, immigration, and for other legal issues arising from the abuse. To meet those needs, the agency's Attorneys, Court Advocates, and Pro Bono Attorneys who collaborate with the Legal Department provide services in the Supreme Court and Family Court of Nassau County, the Domestic Violence and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, and also advocate with the criminal justice and law enforcement systems. The Legal Department is prepared to address the unique challenges the legal system poses for the unserved and underserved populations, such as the Latino and Muslim communities, and those lacking proficiency in the English language. In addition to having attorneys on staff and arranging Pro Bono attorney services, the Legal Department offers internships and externships to qualified law students who exhibit a sincere interest in assisting victims of abuse.

In 2017, 816 people received 7,232 legal services. Attorneys worked with 442 people and Court Advocates assisted 139 people.

PRO BONO PROJECT

The Safe Center Pro Bono Project supplements the availability of legal services provided by the agency staff attorneys and recruits attorneys for pro bono representation to underserved clients. The agency also offers an established Mentor/Mentee program which pairs inexperienced attorneys with seasoned matrimonial attorneys. Training offered through the Pro Bono Project include the "Impact of DV in your Legal Practice" and the "Effect of DV in Matrimonial Proceedings".

In 2017, pro bono lawyers accepted 69 new cases and continued to work on approximately 45-50 cases that were assigned prior to 2017. The Pro Bono Project recruited and trained 50 potential new volunteer attorneys.

*"The people I spoke with throughout the duration of my divorce were very compassionate. I was in a very complicated situation and The Safe Center was able to answer all of my questions. Without the support and encouraging help I received, I would not have had the strength to create a better life for myself and my daughter."
-Domestic Violence Survivor.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

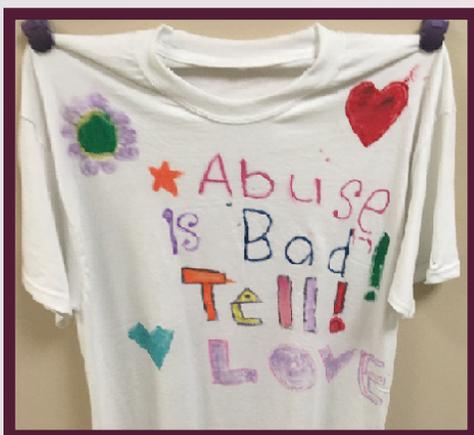
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

The Nassau County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is the only CAC in Nassau County and one of the finest CACs in the state. Housed at The Safe Center's Bethpage facility, the CAC offers a child-friendly setting where children can feel safe to talk to specially-trained investigators about the abuse allegations, and where service providers can help children and their family members recover in the aftermath of abuse. The co-located Multidisciplinary Team is comprised of the following Nassau County partners:

- The Safe Center's Child Victim Advocate, Children's Mental Health, and Rape/Sexual Assault Programs
- Nassau County Police Department's Special Victims Squad
- Nassau County Child Protective Services Sex Abuse and Severe Physical Abuse Units
- District Attorney's Office
- County Attorney's Office
- Nassau University Medical Center's SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) and SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) programs
- Nassau County Probation – Criminal and Family Divisions

In 2017, The Safe Center's Rape & Sexual Assault program was added to the Multidisciplinary Team. They were formally added to team meetings to provide guidance on mental health services to sexual assault victims over 18 and to the caregivers of children who have been sexually abused.

In 2017, the Child Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team responded to 829 allegations of child abuse.



T-shirt painted by child survivor



Child waiting room for interviews and medical exams

"I was scared to find help. I wasn't sure what was going to happen. I wanted to protect my child who was the "abuser" and also knew I had to get help and support for both of my children—if nothing changed, I wasn't being a good mom. Everyone I talked to here made me feel better about it. I have a much better understanding of what happened. I feel completely different compared to how I felt when this first happened. I was looking for help and this place is exactly what I was looking for."

-Parent of Child Abuse Survivor

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Safe Center's Children's Mental Health Department helps child victims heal and break the cycle of abuse. The program provides trauma-focused mental health services to children and adolescents impacted by domestic violence, sexual abuse, teen dating violence, and commercial sexual exploitation/trafficking. Services include:

- Crisis intervention
- Intake/assessment
- Individual and family therapy
- Parent guidance
- Advocacy and case management
- Referrals and linkage to other service providers
- Group work services & programs:
 - **Project Kidz Talk©** (family group work program for child victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending family members)
 - **Healthy Relationships Group** (for teen dating violence victims and those at risk)
 - **Children's DV Support Groups** (for elementary and middle school children)
 - **Teen Trauma Survivors Group** (for survivors of all forms of interpersonal violence)
 - **Caregiver Resource Group** (drop-in group for caregivers of child victims of sexual abuse)
 - **Parenting to Break the Cycle** (parent support group for domestic abuse survivors)
 - **Active Parenting** (parenting skills group)

The Safe Center maintains strong relationships with mental health clinics throughout Nassau County and the neighboring counties to accommodate families with transportation challenges. The agency has developed a partnership with the outpatient child and adolescent psychiatry clinic at Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) in order to better serve the needs of child victims who also require psychiatric services. Most clinics do not split these services, meaning families would have to choose between trauma-informed mental health services and psychiatric services. Now, child victims are able to be seen at The Safe Center for counseling services and NUMC for their psychiatric needs.

165 children received mental health services at The Safe Center in 2017. Counselors facilitated 100 group sessions and 1,696 individual and family sessions. Project Kidz Talk©, our support group for child victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending family members, served a total of 13 families (14 caregivers and 24 children) in 2017.



"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child"

-James C. Dobson

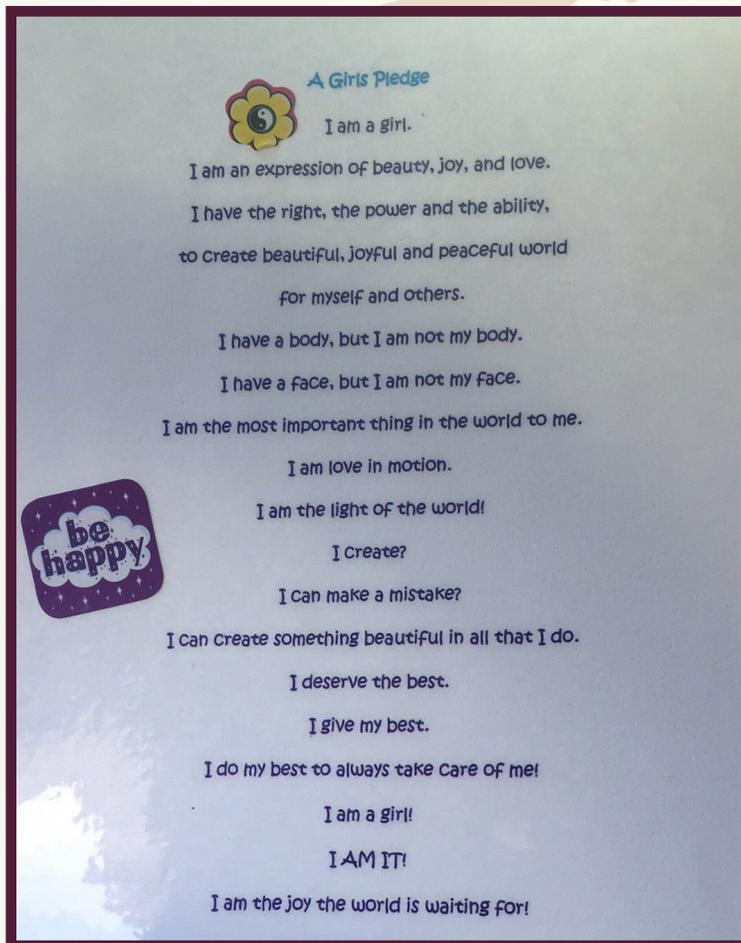
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CHILD VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

For over 20 years, the Child Victim Advocate Program has been an integral component of the Child Advocacy Center's Multidisciplinary Team Advocates support child victims and their families from the first day the case is received through the prosecution and beyond. The Advocate Program also assists families in addressing concrete needs (i.e., transportation, housing referrals, etc.) as well as providing information and support for families involved with the Child Advocacy Center. Advocates are available to accompany families to medical appointments, meetings with the District Attorney and any court appointments including Grand Jury, trial proceedings and sentencing. Referrals for community services are provided and ongoing follow-up contact is maintained as needed throughout the life of the case.

The Safe Center's Sex Abuse Case Coordinator facilitates information-sharing between Nassau County's Department of Social Services and community treatment providers to ensure child victims receive appropriate, trauma-informed services.

In 2017, the Child Victim Advocate Program provided direct services to 779 individuals.



Poem written at the 2017 Girls Retreat

GIRLS AND BOYS RETREATS

Sponsored by a generous grant from The Junior League of Long Island, The Safe Center Annual Boys' and Girls' Retreats are offered to Safe Center minors receiving programs and services offered through the Child Advocacy Center and Children's Mental Health Services. These all-day events are geared towards encouraging relationships, boosting self-esteem, team building, trust and fun while reducing isolation.

The Girl's Retreat #GIRLPOWER was held in August 2017. This all-day retreat provided "ice breaker" activities, facilitated group discussion, and workshops. Workshops included yoga and an arts and crafts session presented by 1-800 FLOWERS' "Summer of a Million Smiles" program. 36 girls were in attendance.

The Boy's Retreat was also held in August at the Cradle of Aviation. Nine participants, ranging in age from 8 to 16, spent a full-day touring the museum and planetarium, attending workshops, and playing old arcade games in the video game exhibit.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

The Safe Center's Substance Abuse Specialist and Substance Abuse Case Coordinator work collaboratively with Nassau County Child Protection Services to address cases where there is concern that substance usage has impacted a caregiver's ability to safely care for their child(ren).

The Substance Abuse Specialist provides substance abuse testing, assists with case planning and disposition, and participates in joint field visits with Child Protective Services Workers. The goal of the testing is to link caregivers with substance abuse services, supporting their ability to parent their child effectively.

The Substance Abuse Case Coordinator is able to work with Child Protective Workers to facilitate linkages with local substance abuse treatment centers and to assist with connecting caregiver's with the appropriate level of care.

In 2017, the Substance Abuse Specialist conducted 186 tests on behalf of the Department of Social Services. The Substance Abuse Case Coordinator connected 20 people to substance abuse treatment in 2017.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAM

In 2017, increased efforts were made to raise awareness about teen dating violence to reach more teens in need of help. Although girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, this population is very often underserved. Intervention through our Children's Mental Health Department and prevention through our Education Department have been very well-received and resulted in more of a demand for programs and services. Our Healthy Relationships Group, a support group for teen dating violence victims and teens at risk, has proven to be incredibly successful. In 2018, The Safe Center will be working to further develop and expand services for this underserved, often hidden, population.

DENIM DAY 2017

On Denim Day people are encouraged to wear jeans (denim) in order to raise awareness surrounding the issue of rape and sexual assault. Denim day was developed as a response to a 1992 case tried in Italy in which a judge blamed a victim for her clothing. A 45-year-old driving instructor was accused of rape. When he picked up an 18-year-old girl for her first driving lesson, he raped her for an hour, then told her that if she was to tell anyone he would kill her. Later that night she told her parents and her parents agreed to help her press charges. While the alleged rapist was convicted and sentenced, the Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction in 1998 because the victim wore tight jeans. It was argued that she must have had to help her attacker remove her jeans, thus making the act consensual.



"I WAS USED TO HIM TEXTING ME FIFTY TIMES A DAY, AND ALWAYS WANTING TO KNOW WHERE I WAS AND WHO I WAS WITH. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WAS EMOTIONAL ABUSE. HE SHOVED ME A FEW TIMES, BUT I GUESS I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT SINCE HE DIDN'T HIT ME, HE WAS A GOOD GUY. THANK YOU TO THE SAFE CENTER I NOW KNOW WHAT A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE." -SURVIVOR TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Safe Center's Education Department is committed to raising awareness of interpersonal violence issues across Nassau County by educating individuals and system responders to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to all forms of abuse and sexual violence. The Department trains individuals from a variety of fields, including:

- law enforcement
- child protection
- educators
- community members
- mental health professionals
- attorneys
- judges

The Safe Center also provides trainings to people of all ages to help increase awareness about family violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. School-based prevention programs are offered to middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities, and focus on sexual assault prevention and healthy relationships. The Safe Center is an authorized provider of continuing education units for Social Workers, allowing us to provide continuing education workshops based on the latest research in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and the effects of trauma on individuals and families.

In 2017, The Safe Center educational staff facilitated 618 trainings for 15,240 attendees along with 90 community outreach events where 3,788 people stopped by our tables to get information about our services.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The Safe Center's Enough is Enough Initiative is funded by New York's Department of Health to collaborate with Colleges and Universities in Nassau County. The goal is to reach students in their daily lives to raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual violence and how it can be prevented. The Safe Center, in partnership with Colleges and Universities throughout Nassau County, is engaging students in the critical dialogue regarding how to keep their campus communities safe.

The Safe Center is currently working with New York Institute of Technology, Adelphi University, Hofstra University, Molloy College, LIU Post, Nassau Community College SUNY Old Westbury, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, as well as with the Merchant Marine Academy.

The Safe Center facilitated 77 Enough is Enough trainings in 2017 reaching 2,976 attendees consisting of faculty, staff, and students.



B.A.C.A (Bikers Against Child Abuse) after they attended an Enough Abuse Training

ENOUGH ABUSE CAMPAIGN

The Enough Abuse Campaign is a prevention initiative designed to empower parents and community members to reduce the occurrence of child sexual abuse. The Safe Center is the only approved Enough Abuse training site on Long Island. Through ongoing trainings, the agency continues to expand the network of community members who have been trained to protect children.

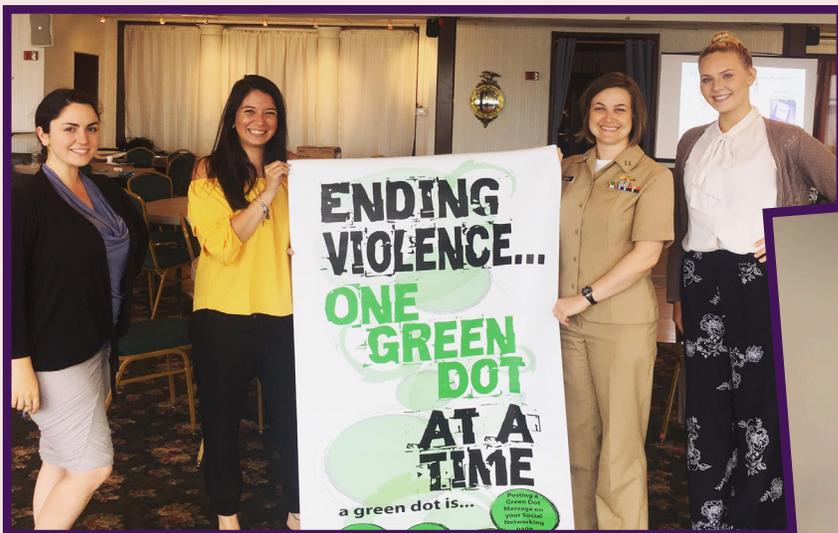
In June 2017, The Safe Center recruited and trained 12 volunteers, which increased the pool of available Enough Abuse facilitators to nearly 50. These trainers are available to go into the community to train parents, professionals and community members on how to keep children safe from abuse.

In 2017, a total of 431 people were trained on how to recognize and keep children safe from abuse during 28 different facilitated Enough Abuse trainings. To date, we have educated over 1,000 adults throughout the Long Island community about Enough Abuse.

MANY FACES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

In April, The Safe Center, in collaboration with LIU Post and the Nassau County Department of Social Services, facilitated the 7th annual Many Faces of Family Violence Conference. Nationally-known author, workshop leader and consultant Lundy Bancroft provided the keynote address and a workshop on understanding the dynamics of Domestic Violence.

The event was a full day of workshops related to various facets of interpersonal violence attended by nearly 500 social workers, human services practitioners, psychologists, Child Protective Services caseworkers, law enforcement officers, teachers and school staff, juvenile justice workers and counselors from Long Island and New York City.



The Safe Center Educators Presenting to the Merchant Marine Academy academic staff



Adelphi University presents an award to The Safe Center for its excellence in its Enough Abuse Program

SUPPORTING THE SAFE CENTER



Although The Safe Center is largely supported through government contracts and grants, 15 percent of annual revenue for 2017 was raised through individual support, foundation grants, special events and campaign fundraisers which included Taste That Jazz Food and Beverage Tasting, Swing for Hope Golf Outing, Every Home A Safe Home Gala and 2017 Season of Giving. Other revenue raised income accounted for less than 1% of total revenue. Both monetary and in-kind donations were also received via third-party fundraisers from associations, advocacy groups, local businesses, corporations, colleges and university clubs and local legislators who selected The Safe Center to be the recipient of their efforts as their “charity of choice.”



Supporters of The Safe Center also generously contributed to the 2017 School Supply and Holiday Gift Card Drives as well as The Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund, which directly benefited our client families.

In 2017, 300 children from client families receiving services from The Safe Center received gift cards to purchase school supplies and 300 children belonging to over 200 families received holiday gift cards to purchase gifts and other necessities during the holiday season.



The Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund collected over \$28K in monetary donations that are designated toward the purchase of basic client necessities including food, clothing, bedding, personal hygiene, toiletries, and transportation expenses (metro cards, gas cards, and cab fare).



“My choice to donate to The Safe Center is multifaceted. I wanted to transform my own suffering into something positive; something that would benefit other kids who have endured heinous sexual abuse and suffer the consequences. May my contribution help those gain refuge at this much needed place and be of assistance in the healing process.”

- Safe Center Donor and Survivor of Child Sex Abuse





The Safe Center's 2017
Every Home A Safe Home
Annual Gala
Honored Sandy Oliva

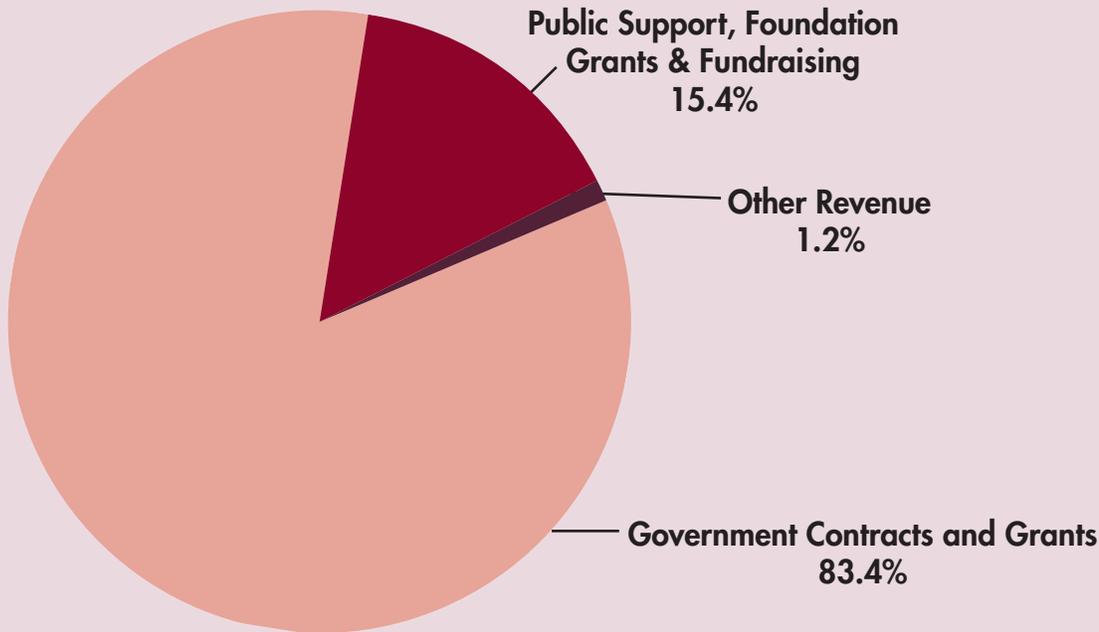
for 32 years of service as Executive Director and her commitment to the safety and well-being of those who live and work in our communities.

The Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund was launched by the Judith C. White Foundation at this year's Gala. These funds will support basic necessities provided to victims of abuse and their non offending family members who are trying to rebuild their lives.



REVENUE BROKEN DOWN BY SOURCES OF FUNDING

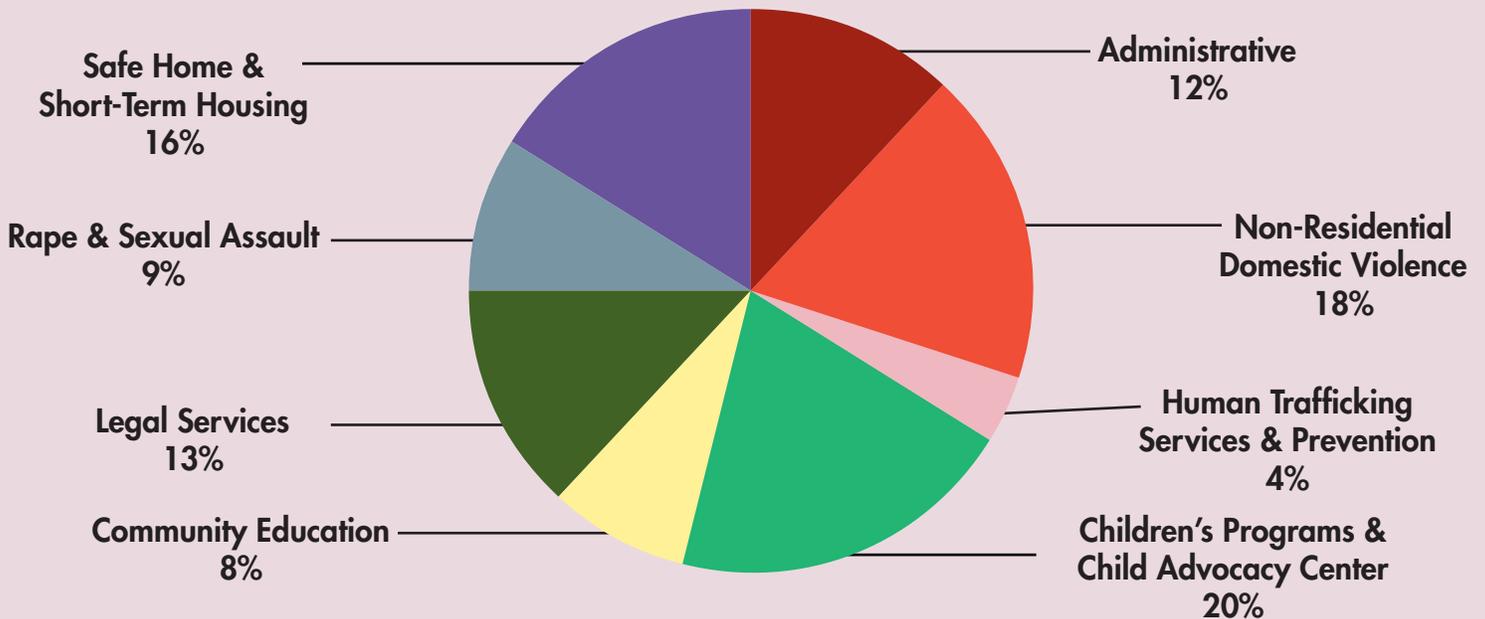
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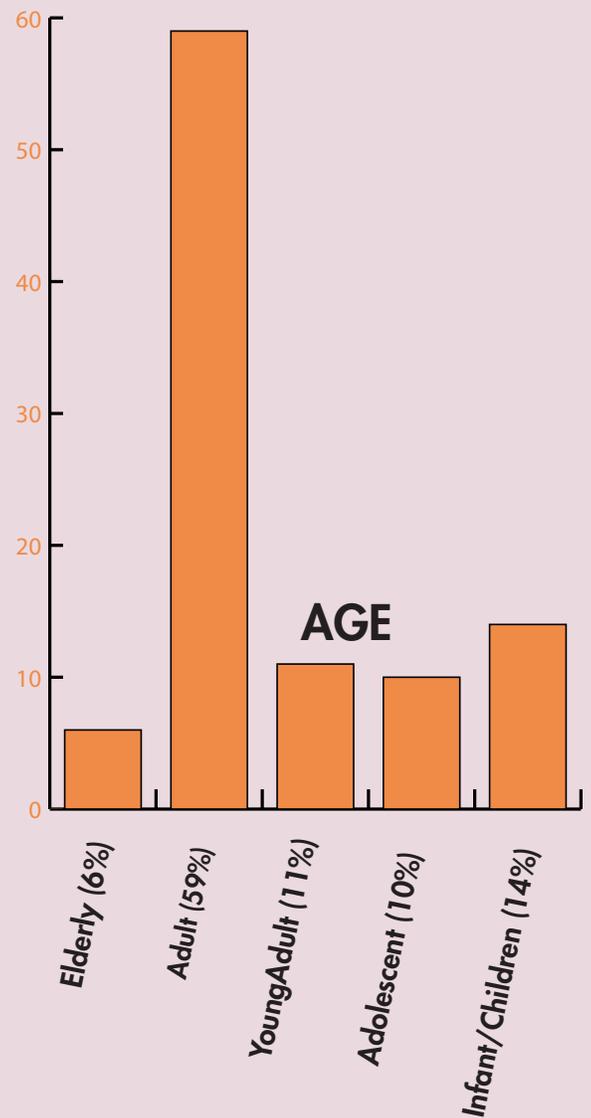
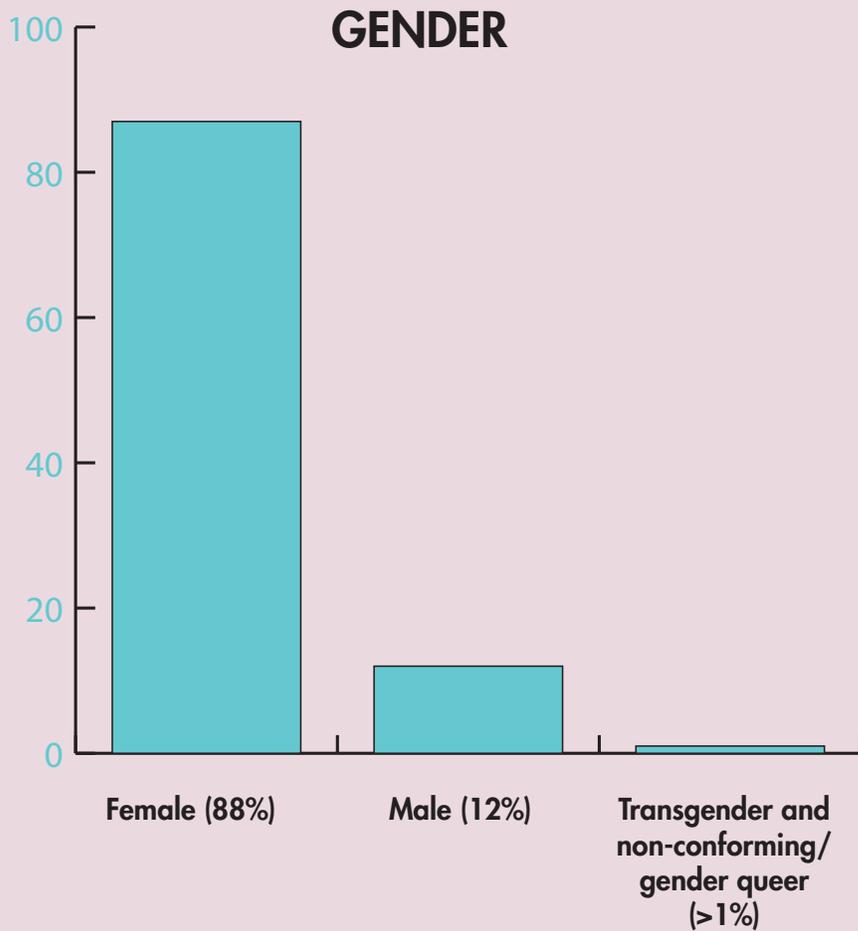
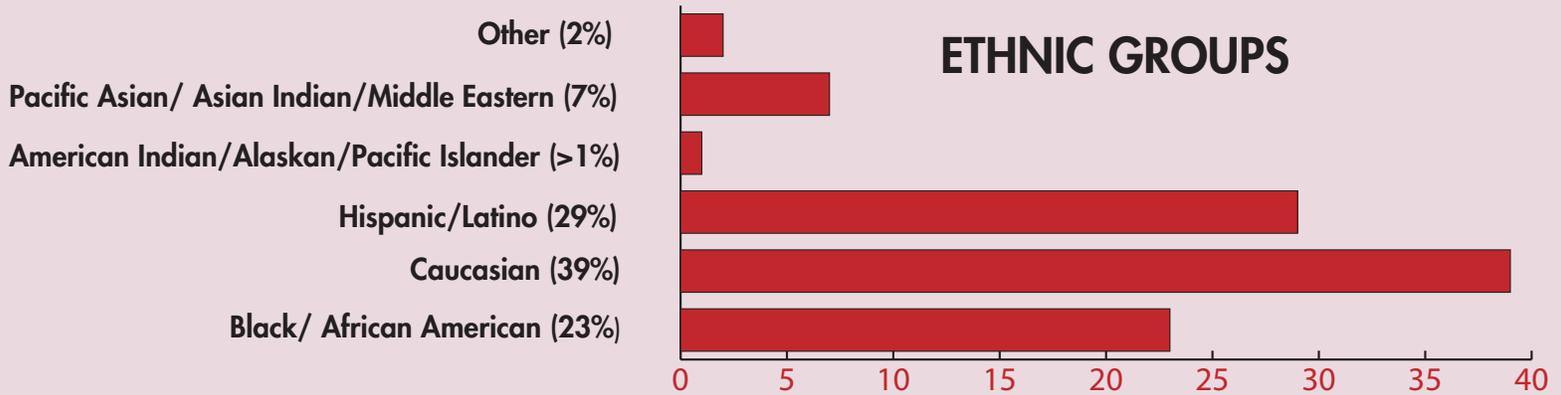
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EXPENSES BROKEN DOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017



POPULATIONS SERVED BY THE SAFE CENTER



SUPPORTERS

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MISSION

To protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

VISION

We are working together with one goal and one dream...

TO RESTORE HOPE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

APPROACH

Due to the visionary leadership of retired Executive Director Sandy Oliva, Cindy Scott, and our Board of Directors, The Safe Center has become a beacon of hope within Nassau County and surrounding communities that provides a fast and easy path to resources that assist in saving and changing lives of women, men, children and elderly victims of family violence and sexual abuse. The Safe Center's holistic approach addresses the impact of abuse on the victim as well as the family so that cycles of abuse can end. Services are bilingual and confidential.

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