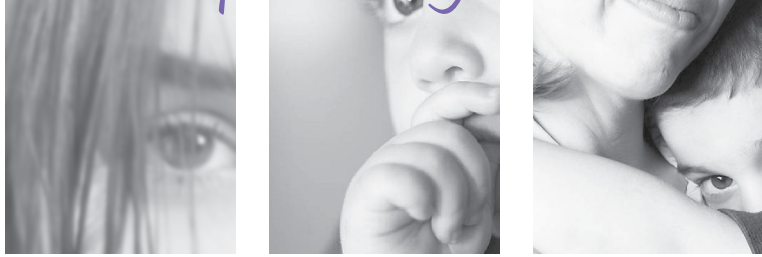


Annual Report

Because peace begins at home



2005 - 2006

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SAVE's mission is to promote alternatives to domestic violence through support services, advocacy and education, and to assist domestic violence victims and their families to end the cycle of violence.

Dear Friends,

Thirty years of dedication; thirty years of progress. Thirty years is a long time to commit to any one thing but with the cause being to eradicate domestic violence, that level of dedication has come from the many board members, staff, volunteers, and donors of SAVE.

Thirty years ago no one knew that a fledgling agency would ever spread its wings, let alone remain aloft for so long. With no budget to begin with and then only a few thousand dollars committed, the women that founded SAVE (then the Committee on Battered Women) took a leap of faith and began to provide the services necessary to get and keep women and their children safe from the physical and emotional harm wrought by domestic violence.

Neither one person nor group can keep a movement going. It is only because of special individuals, groups, and companies that we are able to celebrate 30 years of successes.

Thank you all for the first thirty years. Now let's begin the work on the next thirty years!

Warm Regards,

Rodney Clark, Executive Director

Programs

24-Hour Crisis Hotline with trained domestic violence counselors, available any time of the day or night to offer emotional support, referrals, and crisis intervention

30-bed **Emergency Shelter** at a confidential location for families fleeing abuse (90-day maximum stay)

WINGS, a 15-apartment transitional housing program focused on preparing families for self-sufficiency

Counseling Services offered individually on a sliding fee scale basis, and free drop-in support groups

Children's Program in conjunction with our Shelter and WINGS, where professionals work closely with children to heal the traumatic effects of living with violence

Community Services that impart prevention and intervention through medical outreach and advocacy, community education, and Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program

Community Oriented Prevention Service Program (COPS), a partnership with local police departments, working to prevent and reduce domestic violence early in the cycle, and provides crisis intervention services

Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Clinic provides legal assistance and court accompaniment in the Fremont and Hayward Superior Courts, Hayward and San Leandro Police Departments, and the SAVE Community Office

*People often ask "Why does she stay?"
I wonder why they don't ask "Why does HE stay?"*

Highlights of the Year

- Agency name changed to "Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments" to better reflect our mission and the range of services we provide to keep our clients safe from abuse.
- Staff received cultural competency training to better serve our diverse client population.
- Educated over 230 attendees at SAVE's 3rd annual Breakfast Eye Opener on the impact of domestic violence on children.
- Celebrated SAVE's 30th anniversary with over 200 friends at our fundraising event **Indulgence: An Evening of Chocolate, Art, and Wine**.
- Answered 4600 calls on our 24-hour hotline.
- Provided shelter to 360 women and children through our emergency shelter, WINGS transitional housing, subsidized housing programs, and motel vouchers.
- Completed 642 Temporary Restraining Orders to keep the batterer away from the victim.
- Assisted 1890 domestic violence victims with crisis intervention at local police departments.
- Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program presented to 1200 students at local junior high and high schools.

Celebrating 30 Years of Success

Thirty years ago, a group of community members formed the Committee on Battered Women to provide public education on domestic violence and community support for shelter groups. A year later they incorporated as a non-profit organization under the name of Shelter Against Violent Environments (SAVE), and began earnest work to open a shelter. This dream became a reality on October 2, 1978.

The first SAVE shelter was a cottage loaned to SAVE rent-free to provide a safe haven for abused mothers and their children. They squeezed two families into the cottage that also housed the SAVE office. Less than a year later, the shelter moved to a renovated hotel in the Niles District of Fremont and stayed there for two years. SAVE then bought the current building, that still houses SAVE's battered women and their children.

WINGS (We In Need Gain Strength), SAVE's transitional housing apartment complex, was purchased in 1988, becoming the first transitional housing for domestic violence victims in

Alameda County. It remains the only one in Alameda County dedicated solely to domestic violence victims.

In 1996, Rodney Clark joined SAVE as Executive Director. His first tasks were to ensure SAVE's solvency and increase services. Hence, SAVE introduced the COPS program (Community Oriented Prevention Services), a partnership between SAVE and local police departments.

SAVE joined forces with the City of Fremont and other social service organizations to become a lead agency member of the Fremont Family Resource Center in 1999. The community office moved there and became a part of an award-winning collaborative that provides "one-stop shopping" for families and individuals in need of social services.

Today, SAVE remains a respected community organization that provides invaluable and needed services to women, men, and children. Until the day that domestic violence is eradicated from our society, SAVE plans to be available as a resource and support for those affected by domestic violence.



Community Support

SAVE is fortunate to receive tremendous support from the residents and cities in our primary service area: Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, and Union City. We extend a huge thank you to all of our donors. You were there for our 3rd Annual Breakfast Eye Opener, Holiday Adopt-a-Family, Holiday Appeal, 30th Anniversary Indulgence: *An Evening of Chocolate, Art, and Wine*, Mother's Day Appeal, Bears Not Bruises, Awareness Bracelets, and general donations.

We are so grateful for your continued support as we strive to end domestic violence in our communities. A complete list of donors for FY2005-2006 can be found on our website at www.save-dv.org.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

In the past year, SAVE conducted two 40-hour certified domestic violence counselor trainings. State law requires that anyone working directly with domestic violence clients complete this training. In FY2005-2006, more than 20 people attended SAVE trainings, including staff from other agencies.

SAVE relies on volunteers to assist our staff in providing services. Volunteers are trained to answer the 24-hour crisis hotline, oversee support groups, complete restraining orders, provide children's activities, and help with fundraising events. Last year, volunteers donated more than 1200 hours of their valuable time, and we are extremely appreciative.

Our Future

SAVE's Board of Directors completed a 5-year strategic plan to establish our priorities and goals through 2010. The Board of Directors and staff continue to work on funding and implementing the desired programming consistent with the strategic plan. The plan addresses five strategic initiatives:

1. Enhanced agency-wide Children's Program
2. 24-hour Emergency Shelter Alternatives
3. Equal Access for all clients
4. Outreach and education programs
5. Development and marketing

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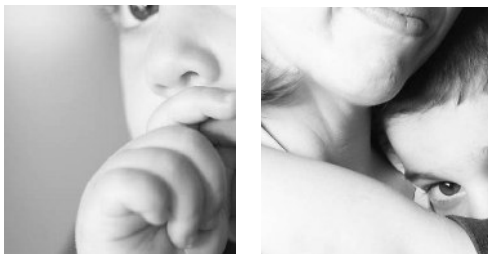
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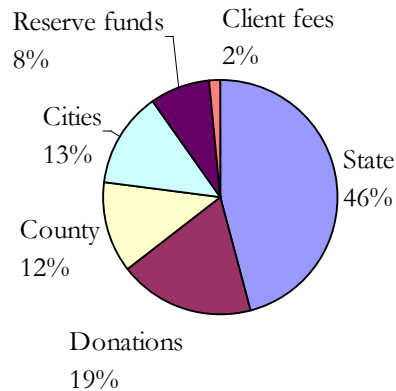
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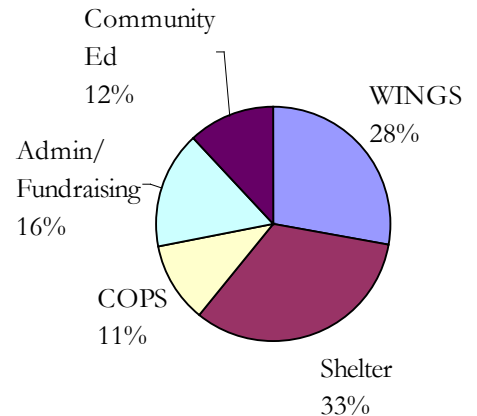
Financial Summary

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Revenue \$1,346,825



Expenses \$1,346,825



Government Funders

State of California

Office of Emergency Services (OES)
Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH)
Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (FESG)

Alameda County

Homeless
Domestic Violence Center Act
Cal WORKs
McKinney Linkages
Association of Community Action Programs (ACAP)

Cities

City of Hayward CDBG
City of Hayward Social Services
City of Fremont Social Services
City of Fremont Police Department
City of San Leandro Social Services
City of Union City Social Services

Other

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (FEMA)

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