

Annual Report

Because peace begins at home



2006 - 2007

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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,

SAVE's management team and the Board of Directors often must deal with difficult situations that the organization is facing: staffing shortages, funding cuts, and the potential loss of revenue due to the economic downturn. These problems are not unique to SAVE; they are similar to problems that all non-profits face. Yet, sometimes we get so caught up in the problems that we forget about all the good work that is done by our staff and volunteers.

Then we heard from Lynna, a woman whose life we touched. She learned from SAVE to love herself and not accept violence in any form. And now, four years later, has survived the cycle of domestic violence, will not go back to it, and whose son will not be exposed to violence in movies, video games, and especially not at home.

When I hear stories like this that exemplify the difference we've made in someone's life, I know that the challenges we face are worthwhile and worth resolving. Because I don't want to think about where Lynna - and the thousands of other women, men, and children we touch each year - would be without SAVE.

Thank you all for your ongoing dedication to SAVE, and to our cause of eradicating domestic violence.

Warm Regards,

Rodney Clark, Executive Director

Highlights of the Year

- WINGS housing complex renovation completed, including new flooring, interior/exterior paint, a site drainage system to alleviate humidity problems, bathroom fixtures, and a hardwired fire alarm system.
- Staff began using Domestic Violence Language Advocacy Program to better serve our diverse monolingual client population.
- New marketing brochure completed by Taproot Foundation brochure service grant volunteer team.
- Educated over 250 attendees and raised \$27,000 at SAVE's 4th annual Breakfast Eye Opener - Open Your Eyes to Teen Dating Violence.
- Annual fundraising event **Indulgence: An Evening of Chocolate, Art, and Wine** raised \$34,000.
- Answered 2482 calls on our 24-hour hotline.
- Provided shelter to 631 individuals 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.
- Youth Relationship Violence Prevention Program presented to 1355 students at local junior high and high schools.

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 Youth Relationship 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

"The one thing I have learned while living in a SAFE ENVIRONMENT has been to trust myself in making the right choices that feel right for me and moving on with the real world." -- SAVE shelter resident

A Day in the Life of SAVE's Community Educator

Over the past year, SAVE has established and maintained a strong relationship with the health teachers at Castro Valley High School. Throughout the school year, SAVE's community educators presented multiple times to their entire 9th grade student body. The students are amazing and reflect a very diverse background of experiences. They are very interactive and receptive to the information that is presented as we examine the dynamics of healthy vs. unhealthy relationships.

During one of these visits, our community educator approached a group of students to ask for directions to the main office. As she got closer to the group she overheard them talking about some of their friends. The friends had recently taken a trip to Disneyland and one evening they were hanging out in the hotel room when one of the guys got mad at his girlfriend and proceeded to pick her up and slam her down on the bed. They were discussing how no one said or did anything and what an uncomfortable situation it was for everyone in the room. Unfortunately, this situation is not as uncommon as we would like to think with statistics indicating that 1 out of 3 girls will be in some form of an abusive relationship before graduating from high school. However, it did set a precedent for our conversation with the students that day.

When we walked into the classroom it was fascinating to see a handful of familiar faces—those that had already taken

the class and needed to make it up – in addition to a handful of older students who had transferred in later and needed to complete the course before graduation. Because so many students had seen the original presentation we were able to review the basic dynamics, but then additionally engage in a discussion with the students about how many of them had been in and/or around an unhealthy relationship and how they reacted to or supported the person in the unhealthy relationship. It was eye-opening to see the number of young people who had been exposed to dating violence.

The discussion that ensued was powerful and the students were incredibly open and honest with their disclosures of their experiences. They shared about the experiences of their family members (sisters, cousins), neighbors and peers, giving multiple examples of incidents that had occurred at school. Their awareness and willingness to be supportive was very encouraging and having the opportunity to provide a safe space for them to share these experiences—when so often dominant culture perpetuates silence about this issue—was very empowering. So often our young people are the voices we neglect or don't hear and yet the insight they embody is profound.

The day at Castro Valley High was a great opportunity to delve further in our education and awareness efforts and it was a learning experience for all of us.

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 4th Annual Breakfast Eye Opener, Holiday Adopt-a-Family, Holiday Appeal, Crippsmas Place, 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 FY2006-2007 can be found on our website at www.save-dv.org.

"If you knew, as I do, the power of giving, you would not let a single meal pass without sharing some of it."
-- Buddha

In the past year, SAVE conducted three 40-hour certified domestic violence counselor trainings. State law requires that anyone working directly with domestic violence clients complete this training. In FY2006-2007, more than 30 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, work in the community office, and help with fundraising events. Last year, more than 40 volunteers donated over 1300 hours of their valuable time, and we are extremely appreciative.

A Challenge from Sobrato Family Foundation

SAVE is extremely thankful to the Sobrato Family Foundation for its generous 2:1 challenge grant of \$20,500. To receive the full \$20,500 gift from the Sobrato Family Foundation, SAVE must raise \$10,000 between March 1, 2007 and February 29, 2008 from new or increased donations. What a great way to end FY06-07 and kick-start FY07-08!

- Gifts from new donors or lapsed donors (one who has not donated since March 1, 2006) will be matched 100%.
- Gifts from current donors will be matched 100% for the increased portion over their prior gift (i.e. if a donor gave \$500 last year and gives \$750 this year, then \$250 counts toward the matching grant)

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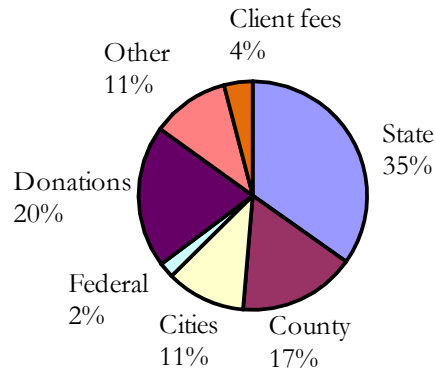
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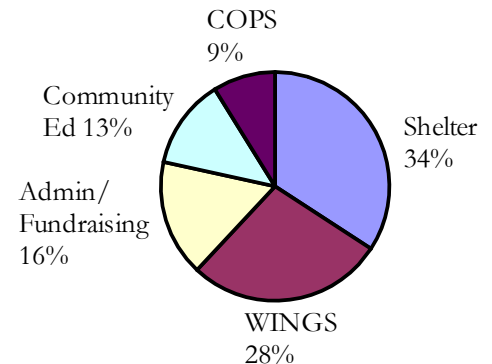
Financial Summary

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Revenue \$1,474,160



Expenses \$1,474,160



Government Funders

Federal

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (FEMA)
 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

State of California

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

Alameda County

Association of Community Action Programs (ACAP)
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