

A YEAR OF GIVING



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



In 2014, you provided shelter and life-changing services for more than 16,000 of your neighbors in Lake County. You served 42,000 nourishing meals. Night after night, you offered a refuge of warmth and safety for adults and children fleeing immediate danger. You housed more than 100 victims and their children in transitional apartments. You supervised thousands of safe family visits and custody exchanges. You taught boys who have witnessed domestic violence what it really means to be a man. You helped frightened clients gain control of their lives through a full-fledged legal advocacy program. You even addressed the problem at its source by providing services for abusers themselves. You did all this through your generous support of A Safe Place. Every time you donated time, money or resources, you helped transform someone's life. Thank you.

As you will see in this Annual Report, 2014 was a challenging year at A Safe Place. Funding cuts forced us to turn away 300 clients in June-September. This is something we never want to do again. To continue serving those in need until new funding came in, we:

- **Implemented staff cutbacks** at the administrative level
- **Increased our use of interns and volunteers**, engaging as many as 70 active interns and volunteers at one time
- **Cross-trained our 27 full-time staff** and 17 part-time and/or on-call staff
- **Maximized in-kind donations** to furnish 40 apartments and our shelter

Despite the challenges of a difficult year, we never wavered in our commitment to helping victims of domestic violence find hope and rebuild their once shattered lives. Together, we hope to do even more in 2015.

Thank you for all you do,

Karen Szymanski
Board President

Pat Davenport
Executive Director

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

- **Implemented the Sanctuary model** to empower staff and clients by involving them in the delivery of services
- **Built a stronger fundraising infrastructure** with our Board for future growth
- **Enlisted a Healthcare Navigator** (paid for by Enroll Lake County) to help victims obtain medical care for injuries from domestic violence
- **Outsourced property management** for our apartments, freeing us to focus on our clients and our core services
- **Hired a licensed psychologist** as program director to help revamp our programs
- **Saved our Abuser Program** when it lost funding, by using space donated by the State's Attorney
- **Redecorated several rooms** through a grant from Designs for Dignity to create a more healing environment
- **Offered a pet shelter**, in collaboration with Noah's Rest, enabling clients to leave violence without fearing for their pet's safety

GOALS OF 2015

- **Expand the mentoring program** to address the needs of young girls
- **Develop a Human Abuse Network** to help with public policy, advocacy and research to prevent abuse
- **Build up the Life Skills Training Center** to include GED training and workshops on job applications, resumes and interviewing
- **Encourage recurring donations** from our dedicated support base
- **Build a more sustainable financial model** that safeguards our services against future government funding cuts and allows us to continue to offer life-enhancing services to women, men and children as they begin their journey to living a violence-free life

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014)

Support & Revenue

Governmental Funding	\$1,243,689
Individual Contributions	445,167
Private Grants, Fundraising Events	479,158
Supportive Housing Rent & Other Program Fees	223,466
Other Income	13,560
Total Support and Revenue	\$2,405,040

Expenses

Shelter & Crisis Advocacy	569,731
Supportive Housing	831,516
Counseling & Life Skills	288,168
Family Visitation Center	219,858
Legal Advocacy	142,491
Outreach & Education	124,196
Abuser Services	109,034
Health Insurance Navigation	27,937
Total Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Programs	\$2,312,931

Management and General Expenses	320,124
Fundraising	284,568
Total Management, General Expenses and Fundraising	604,692
Total Expenses¹	\$2,917,623

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets, Liability & Net Asset Summary

Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$124,623
Grants and Contributions Receivable	255,128
Prepaid and Other Current Assets	23,598
Restricted Deposits, Reserves, Deferred Financing Costs and Investments	801,752
Land, Building, Furniture and Equipment (net of depreciation)	10,063,811
Total Assets	\$11,268,912

Expenses

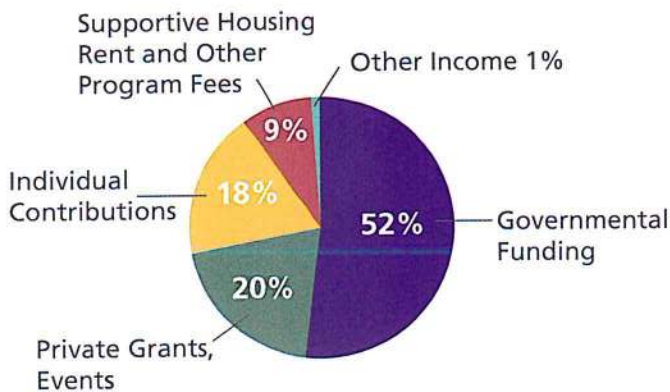
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$269,353
Notes and Mortgages Payable	3,821,538
Total Liabilities	\$4,090,891

Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$3,292,152
Net Assets, Temporarily Restricted	84,229
Noncontrolling Interests in A Safe Place LLP	3,801,640
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$11,268,912²

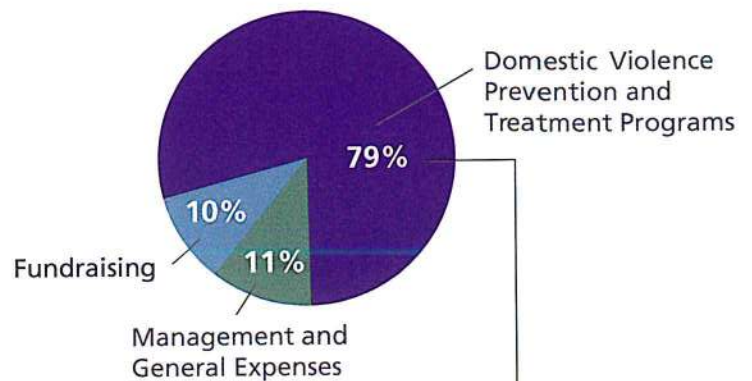
¹Expenses include \$470,680 (2014) of non-cash depreciation and amortization. ²Note: The above financial summary is derived from the 2014 consolidated financial statements that have been audited and have received an unqualified opinions, the highest mark an organization can receive. Activities for which A Safe Place serves only as fiscal agent have been excluded. For complete, audited, consolidated financial statements, please contact our administrative offices at 847-731-7165.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

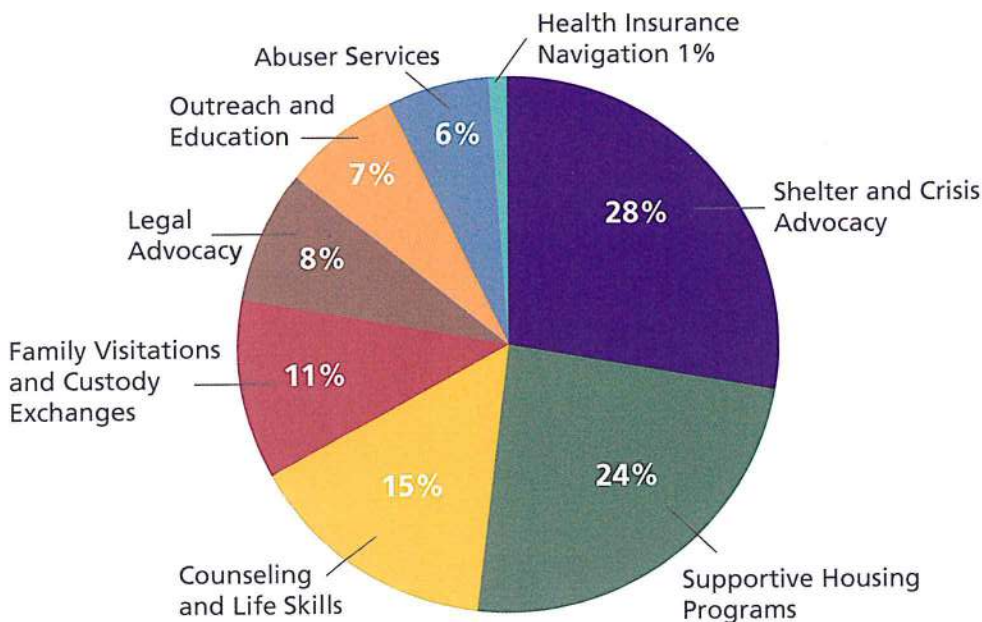
REVENUE



EXPENSES



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS



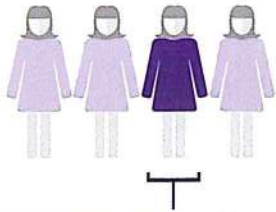
A SAFE PLACE MISSION & VISION

As the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, affordable housing, advocacy, and individual and group supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and their children; and intervention services for abusers to learn accountability for their choices and actions.

A Safe Place also presents educational programs to professionals to build awareness of domestic violence, to students in classrooms and to the community at large. It is our goal that by learning more about domestic violence, its causes, and appropriate responses, we can encourage a comprehensive response to the domestic violence in our midst, breaking the cycle of violence and creating safe and healthy communities.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE THANK YOU

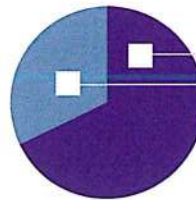
YEAR AT A GLANCE • A SAFE PLACE FISCAL YEAR 2014



1 in 4 women are affected by domestic violence — a staggering **88,000** women in Lake County alone



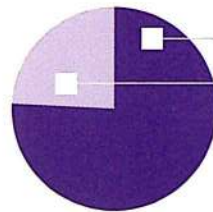
24-HOUR CRISIS LINE
2,570 Callers
(7% increase from 2013)



LEGAL ADVOCACY
1,861 Orders of Protection
2,034 Clients Served
68% Domestic violence victims
32% Sexual assault/stalking victims
(Up 25% from 2013)
4,000 Hours of service



SHELTER
6,996 Nights of emergency shelter
(Up 31% from 2013)
200 Adults and children served
-300 Callers turned away June-Sept. due to funding shortfall

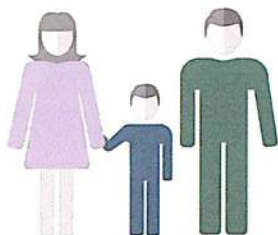


COUNSELING
10,979 Hours of counseling
928 Adults and children (76%)
293 Intimate partner/abusers (24%)



HOUSING
28,827 Nights of safe housing

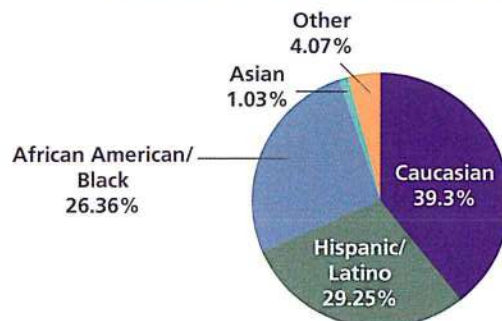
SUPERVISED FAMILY VISITATIONS
336 Children had safe family visits
1,484 Custody exchanges
1,185 Visitations



PREVENTION & EDUCATION
1,683 Teens received Healthy Dating presentations
6,990 People attended Domestic Violence presentations

NEW! HEALTH INSURANCE NAVIGATION
 Paid for by Enroll Lake County, ensuring that victims and children have healthcare
307 Clients helped with online applications
1,899 People educated on new healthcare options (clients, community and corporate events)

ETHNIC MAKEUP OF CLIENTS SERVED



MAJOR DONORS

\$50,000+

Hermitage Family Foundation

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Alphawood Foundation
Healthcare Foundation of Northern
Lake County
Trustmark Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

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