



WOMENSAFE, INC.
 the 
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 House**

Annual Report



Together...



**We can
 complete this
 journey.**

**State Fiscal Year 2011
 July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011**

Providing Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence



The Road Not Taken
by Robert Frost

TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;

Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.



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A Message From The Executive Director:

As I reflect on Fiscal Year 2011, I remember the many journeys of clients, but also the agency's journey.

As WomenSafe was beginning a new fiscal year, I knew that funding would be difficult. I knew that the demand for services was going to continue to be high. To respond effectively to these challenges, the agency would need to examine how it was doing business and get creative on how to provide life-saving services to those affected by domestic violence. Government funding was anticipated to be drastically reduced and charitable giving was only slowly beginning to recover. *What was going to be the solution to this problem?*

I reflected on a quote from one of the charitable donors of Fiscal Year 2011, Mary Kay Ash:
"When you come to a roadblock, take a detour."

And that is what WomenSafe did...

We began to explore partnerships, collaborations and social enterprise opportunities. We realized there was a need to develop a responsive referral system for victims of domestic abuse. As a result, we established stronger relationships with other service providers in the community. This allowed those we serve to quickly access partner agencies for vital programming needed to aid in their healing. We looked at the services WomenSafe provides and reflected on how we could enhance our programs to be more responsive to the community. Some examples of these enhancements are The Tina Project and the addition of a teen trauma support group.

WomenSafe became a founding member of The Tina Project, an Ohio collaborative that represents over ten counties that came together to focus on best practices for addressing teen dating violence information and delivery in our schools. This collaborative was in direct response to House Bill 19, which mandated this education in the school systems. As a result, WomenSafe engaged with over 1500 students last year, and has enhanced programs that have been in place for more than a decade.

WomenSafe has been providing an adult peer support group since the mid 1990's. Participants have always rated this program as highly beneficial to them in their healing process. However, WomenSafe did not have a complementary service for teens. Teenagers are often hidden victims of domestic abuse as they rarely talk with others about their experiences. Statistics indicate that there are 15.5 million children in the United States who witness domestic violence. To become more responsive to these youth, WomenSafe developed a teen trauma support group to provide a venue for participants to develop new coping skills and receive support from others who have "been where they are."

During this year, WomenSafe embarked on an aggressive expansion to the Board of Trustees. Additional talent and expertise was needed to assist with the development of creative solutions to funding challenges in the current economy. One such solution was the exploration of a Resale Shop. WomenSafe is pleased to announce that with the generous support of the Lake-Geauga Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, it will be opening a Resale Shop later this fall. The revenue generated will go directly to assisting victims of domestic violence and ensuring that a full continuum of care is available to them in the years to come.

I look forward to the road that lies ahead, maintaining WomenSafe as an established and premier provider of domestic violence services to survivors throughout Northeast Ohio, and welcome you to take this journey with us.

Thank You,



Shayna L. Jackson, MSSA, LISW-S
Executive Director



**Overcoming domestic violence is not a
road to be traveled alone.
The following programs are offered free of charge
to anyone needing assistance:**

Emergency Shelter – A safe shelter is provided for adults and children fleeing violence in their homes and offers a comforting environment where victims begin to heal. All basic necessities are provided to residents.

- More than 2200 bed days were provided to victims in shelter during SFY 2011.
- Over 300 children received shelter and/or counseling in SFY 2011.
- More than 7000 meals were served. In an effort to contain expenses, WomenSafe developed relationships within the local community and food pantries, and volunteers and clients maintained a garden to provide fresh produce.

COPEline (888-285-5665) – 24-hour support and crisis management is readily accessible for victims and family and friends to receive support and immediate access to shelter and programming.

- More than 2500 calls were handled by trained advocates and volunteers.
- WomenSafe staff are on-site 24-hours a day to provide immediate intake and assessment.



Clinical Programming – Domestic violence professionals complete assessments and assist clients with developing and accomplishing personal goals and life skills. Counseling and additional supports are available to all regardless of whether shelter services have been utilized.

- Over 800 clients receive counseling services annually. This includes clients both in and out of shelter.
- As a result of increasing demand for clinical services, WomenSafe hired additional licensed clinical staff to assure immediate access to a counselor.
- WomenSafe works with community mental health and chemical dependency agencies to complement services clients may need to aid in recovery.

Peer Support Groups – Support groups, supervised by a licensed mental health professional, offer survivors of violence a safe meeting place to gain knowledge, strength and mutual support from other victims.

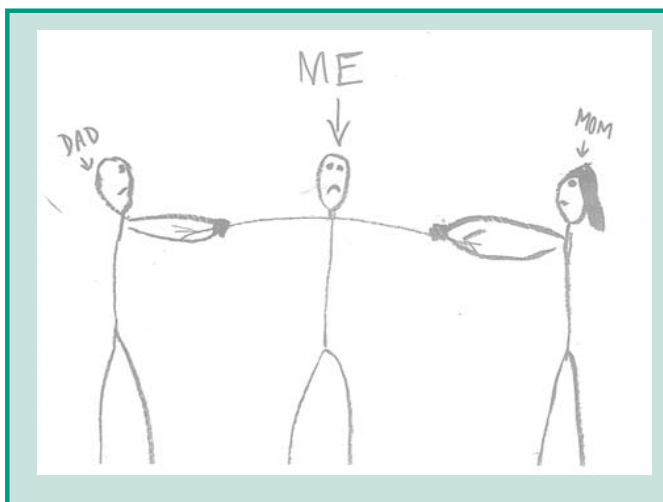
- Volunteers provide babysitting services for participants needing childcare.
- WomenSafe has responded to the increase in demand for services supportive of children in violent homes by developing two trauma groups for youth aged 7-10 and 11-14.

Art Therapy – Art Therapy allows survivors to express a range of emotions through creative self-expression. The Art Therapist offers this service to adults and children ages five and older.

- Over 250 hours of Art Therapy were provided to WomenSafe clients in SFY 2011.

Advocacy Services – Through collaborations with attorneys, advocates, police departments, local hospitals, and trained volunteers, WomenSafe supports victims during the difficult hours following an altercation. Court Advocates accompany survivors of domestic violence through the court process, explaining legal entitlements and implications of legal proceedings. Resident Care Workers are on call 24 hours a day to provide immediate support and crisis intervention to victims who present at local medical facilities.

- Over 200 adults utilized court advocacy services in SFY 2011. This equates to over 600 hours of support provided in our local court systems.

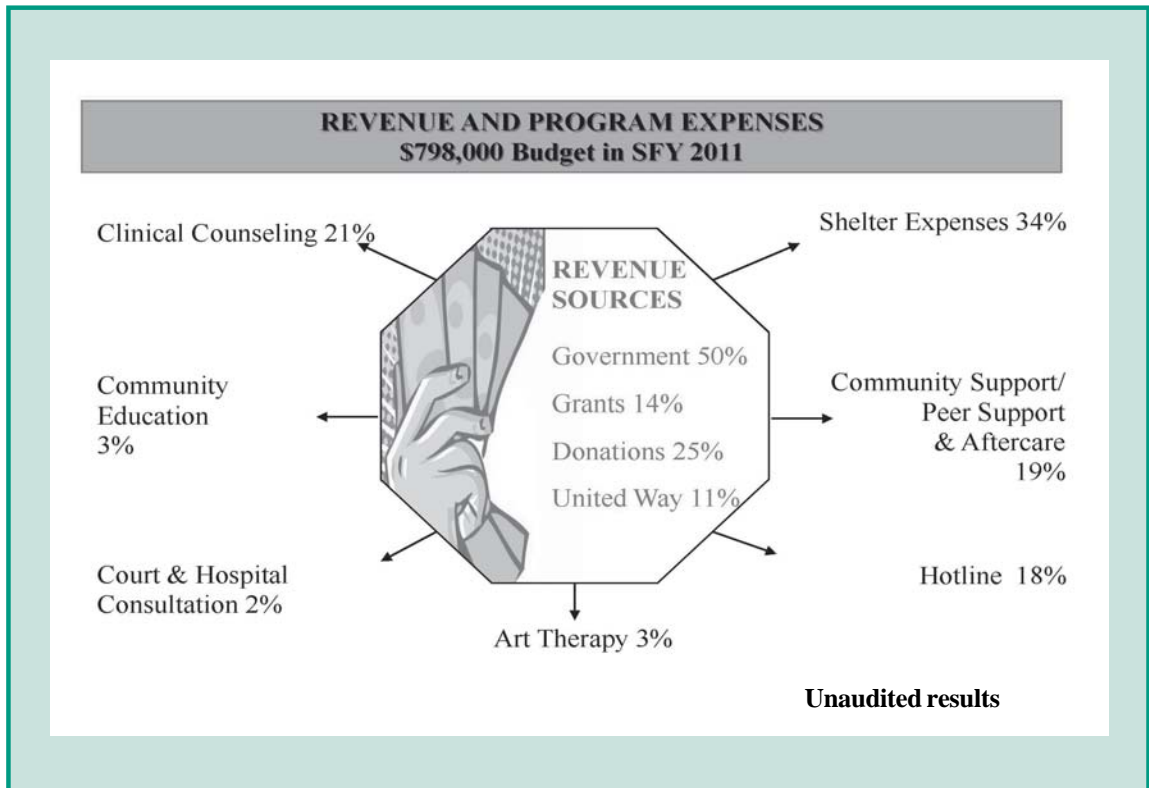


Aftercare Services – WomenSafe continues to provide clients with long-term support for up to two years after their shelter stay.

- Donations offered by community supporters make this program thrive. This includes donations of furniture, household goods, clothing, school supplies, food, and toiletries.
- An Aftercare Worker makes home visits and delivers household and grocery items to clients who may not have direct access to transportation.
- A Donation Alliance was created in order for other organizations to “share the wealth” of items. This is also an opportunity for agencies in need of items to utilize other organizations that may be able to provide items in return.

Community Education – To build community awareness, WomenSafe offers presentations to the general public, schools, businesses, agencies, churches, and senior and youth organizations.

- Outreach to schools increased in SFY 2011 and is anticipated to grow in the future. Over 55 hours of classroom time educated more than 1500 students in Geauga County schools.
- In response to the passage of Ohio House Bill 19 in March 2010, WomenSafe was a founding member of The Tina Project, an Ohio collaborative of eleven participating counties focusing on teen violence prevention and education in schools.
- Health care providers are often the first point of contact for victims of domestic violence. During the past year, WomenSafe has fostered relationships with Cleveland Clinic medical residents and Kent State nursing students to educate future medical professionals on recognizing and treating victims.



Program Outcomes:

- 94% of clients stated that the shelter staff was effective in helping them get what they needed from the community. (Agency Goal: 90%)
- 95% of clients stated they knew more about their legal rights since working with WomenSafe. (Agency Goal: 90%)
- 100% of clients who requested protection orders were able to obtain them. (Agency Goal: 85%)
- 95% of clients stated that Art Therapy assisted them in the healing process. (Agency Goal: 80%)
- 86% of children reported coping better as a result of counseling. (Agency Goal: 80%)
- 90% of clients stated that through peer support, they understood their problems well enough to manage them in the future. (Agency Goal: 80%)
- 89% of Aftercare clients stated that the follow up telephone calls and visits were helpful in relieving ongoing and new issues. (Agency Goal: 80%)
- 96% of clients were more aware of their safety options. (Agency Goal: 90%)
- 100% of children had plans for staying safe if the violence happened again. (Agency Goal: 90%)

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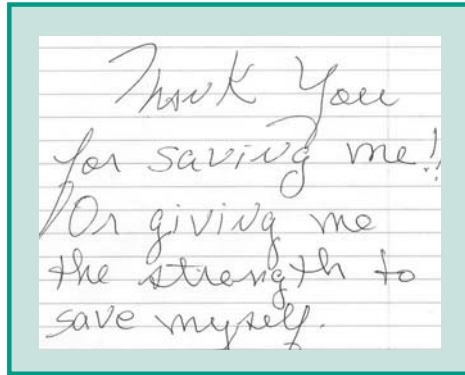
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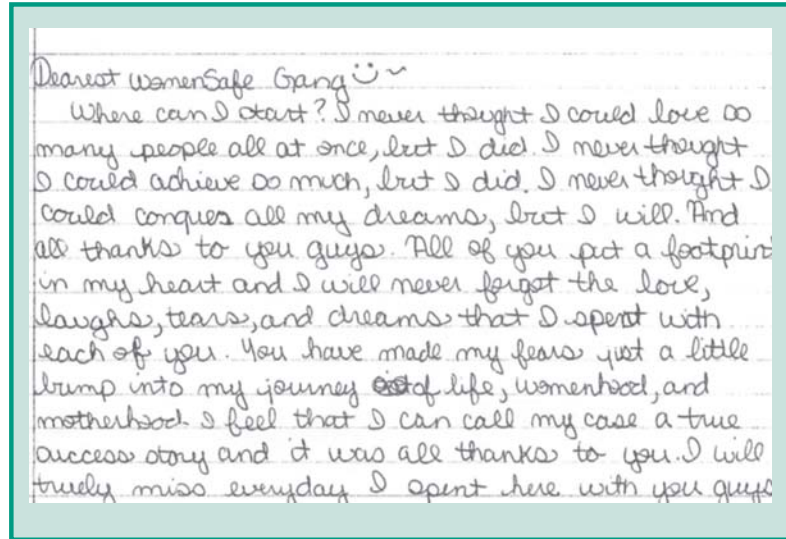
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Dear Womensafe Staff -

It seems like we just arrived - scared, unsure, our lives totally disrupted and yet, it also seems we've been here a long time!

Since the day we arrived the staff has encouraged, listened, sympathized, held our hands, showed us respect, rejoiced, and even cried with us.

I want you to know what a profound impact you all have had on me + my family. We are forever grateful for your help + support. The fact that you all cared about us has made a big difference in our lives.

You have all had a part in preparing us for a new and better life. The work you do here is remarkable! My family + I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you and let you know that we are one family forever changed for the better because of you.

We will miss you all, but we are so excited to be starting fresh - together.

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Dear WomenSafe,

Last month you sent me a thank-you for my donation. There was a very good reason for my donation. You see, I am a survivor of domestic violence. I was married to an abusive man for 26 years. In fact, I lived most of those years in Geauga County.

I would like to let all those women in your shelter know that there is hope for them. I know the fear they feel after they leave the abuser. I now live in a world of peace...Please let these women know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Don't let them give up.

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 individuals give the gift of
 their time.**

**Our sincere apologies for any
 omissions or errors.**

*You are now at a crossroads.
 This is your opportunity to make the most
 important decision you will ever make.
 Who are you now?
 Make this decision consciously.
 Make it carefully.
 Make it powerfully.
 Make it...together.*

- Adapted from a quote by Anthony Robbins

