

WOMENSAFE, INC.
the 
**Green
House**
Annual Report



State Fiscal Year 2010
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Providing Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence

It Takes A Community



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A Message From The President of The WomenSafe Board of Trustees:

Dear Friends,

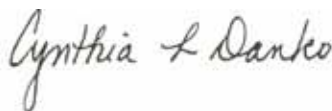
It seems hard to believe that a year has passed already. Although many may feel that little progress has been noted in the economic climate related to the unemployment levels, housing and mortgage issues, or funding allocations for community programs, I am proud to report that WomenSafe continued to maintain and advance its services to the communities that we serve.

With foresight and planning, the leadership team, staff and board of trustees, positioned the organization to meet the economic and program challenges that have become part of our every day life. The dedication of the staff and the ongoing commitment and support of the community has been no less than impressive. We have been able to sustain our service levels and, with a variety of creative activities, continued to fund and support the essential elements of care required for all of our clients.

As an organization, we remain humbled by the generosity and support of the community, the board members and our benefactress of the Green House, Roe Green. Also, we continue to be blessed with an active volunteer group who contributed **over 7000** hours of their time over the past year. **The Friends of WomenSafe, a newly established 501c-3, have definitely planted their seed and are close to attaining their \$100,000 fundraising goal to benefit WomenSafe! It is the mission of the "Friends" to raise unrestricted dollars to benefit WomenSafe, Inc., the Green House.**

On behalf of WomenSafe, the board of trustees and the staff, I want to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you. We greatly appreciate you keeping WomenSafe a priority on your agenda. Your continued support of the organization allows us to continue our work to provide a safe environment for victims of domestic violence and to honor our mission of quality care. We look forward to ongoing successes in the coming year and thank you again for being a part of Womensafe.

Sincerely,



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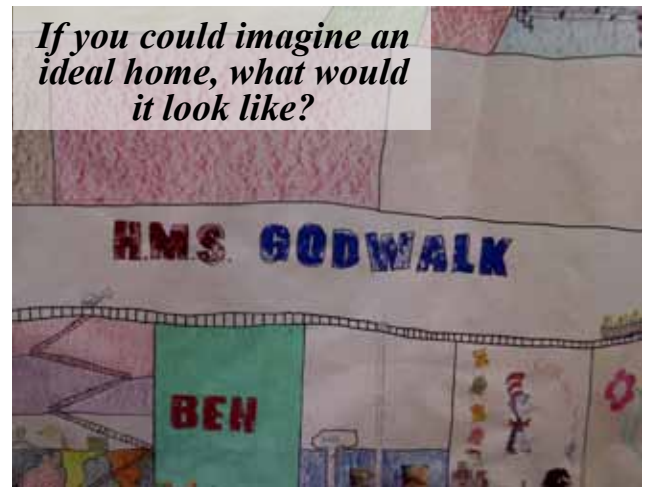


(L-R) Renee Petro and Shayna Jackson of WomenSafe, stand with Nancy Temple, President of the Friends of WomenSafe as she presents them with a check to support the efforts of the agency.

In order to serve our mission, WomenSafe Inc., the Green House is proud to offer the following services, free of charge:

*These images were created by clients participating in the art therapy services provided at WomenSafe...
a picture is worth a thousand words.*

Emergency Shelter – WomenSafe offers shelter to victims of domestic violence. The shelter is a safe and comforting environment where victims begin to heal, receive counseling, consider alternatives and develop goals for an abuse-free life. All basic necessities are provided to residents.



COPEline (888-285-5665) – By calling the 24-hour support and crisis management hotline, victims of domestic violence receive support, access to shelter and services, and information and referrals to community resources. The hotline is also recommended for friends and family who need more information about domestic violence, available services and how to help a person in need.



Case Management – Domestic violence professionals assist clients in developing and accomplishing personal goals and life skills. Clients are linked to community resources based on their individual goals and needs.

Diagnostic Assessment – Licensed mental health professionals complete assessments and use the information to determine the needs, strengths and services to be provided to each client.

Individual Counseling – Clinical staff provide individual counseling to any person victimized by domestic violence. Counselors help survivors explore healthy living alternatives and deal with the effects the violence has had on them.

Peer Support Group – Support groups, supervised by a licensed mental health professional, offers victims of domestic violence a safe place to gain strength and support from others in similar situations. Sessions are designed to recognize, express and accept feelings related to experiencing an abusive relationship and to provide information about the dynamics of domestic violence.

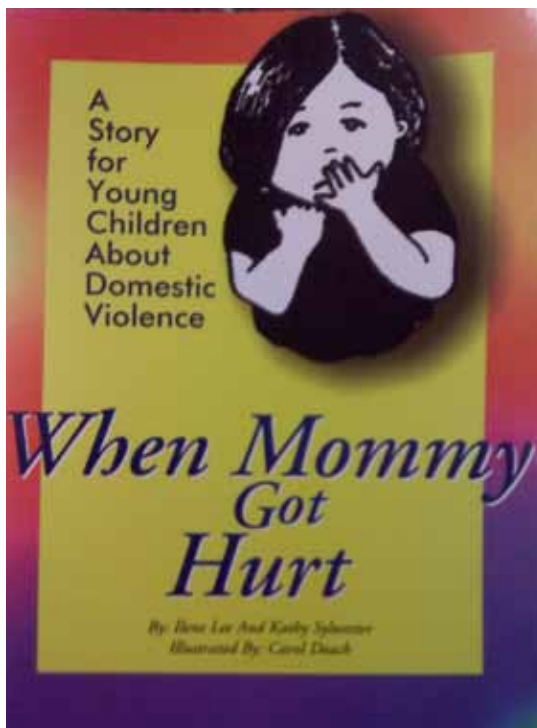
Art Therapy – Art therapy provides a non-threatening method to process feelings and issues surrounding family violence. Art allows survivors to express a range of emotions through creative self-expression. This service is available to adults and children ages five and older.



Court Advocacy – Court advocates accompany survivors of domestic violence through the court process, explaining legal entitlements and implications of legal proceedings. Advocates provide crisis intervention and emotional support as victims seek assistance from the judicial system.

Hospital Advocacy – Face-to-face support and crisis intervention is available to hospital patients who have experienced domestic violence.

Reestablishment Services – After addressing the immediate needs of clients, WomenSafe staff continue to provide survivors with long-term support in living a life free from violence. Any client who uses WomenSafe services is offered household items and support services to assist in establishing and maintaining independent living.



Community Education – WomenSafe offers presentations to schools, businesses, churches, and organizations about abuse-free dating, the dynamics of domestic violence, elder abuse, effects of domestic violence on children, and how to help someone who is being abused.

A Client's Perspective:

Saturday was the worst day of my life. My family of four was torn apart. The echoing screams of terror coming from my three year old's mouth,

“Please daddy let go of mommy...you are hurting her,”

kept running through my mind as I fled in the family van. I was alone in this world with my nine month and three year old and had no place to go.

I remembered the police officer giving me some information on WomenSafe.

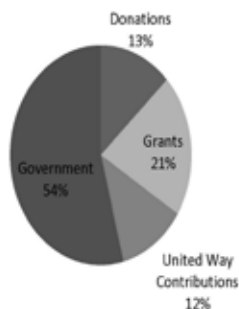
It was one of the hardest calls I had ever made, but it also turned out to be the best phone call I've ever made.

The staff at WomenSafe was welcoming, understanding, knowledgeable and full of hope... and before I knew it, so was I.

In State Fiscal Year 2010:

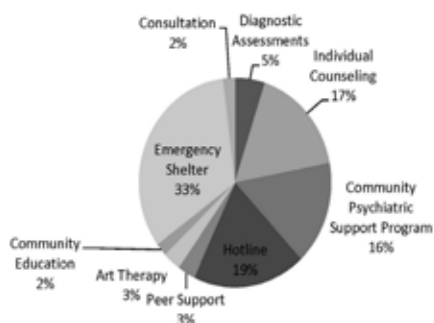
- ❖ WomenSafe provided over 3000 emergency shelter days to adults and children fleeing violence in their home (a 30% increase when compared to SFY 2009).
- ❖ Over 1000 sessions of individual counseling were provided to outpatient clients.
- ❖ Over 2800 WomenSafe related calls were received via COPEline.
- ❖ Over 55 hours of face to face discussion was held with area high-schoolers to discuss intimate partner violence, recognize unhealthy relationships and how to help someone in need.
- ❖ One hundred percent of clients were satisfied with the services they received. (Agency Goal: 80%).
- ❖ All children who receive counseling as a result of witnessing violence in their home are coping better. (Agency Goal: 80%).
- ❖ WomenSafe's 150 volunteers committed over 7000 hours of service. Tasks included: fundraising, staffing the 24-hour crisis hotline, assisting at shelter, and sorting donations. The amount of time volunteers give annually saves the agency over \$110,000.
- ❖ Eighty seven percent of clients received help with what they viewed as their “top three” needs (Agency Goal: 80%).

Where the Money Comes From



WomenSafe, Inc. is supported by a number of funding sources and agencies. They include: Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services, Title XX via the Geauga County Department of Job & Family Services, Family First Council, Emergency Food Management Agency, Medicaid, Marriage License and Divorce Fees, Victims of Crime Act via the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Family Violence Prevention Services via the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Violence Against Women Act via the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Family Violence Prevention Fund via the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio Department of Development, The Friends of WomenSafe, The Reinberger Foundation, The Roe Green Foundation, United Way Services, and donations from individuals and groups throughout Northeast Ohio.

Where the Money Is Spent



What Clients Are Saying:

"WomenSafe provides genuine help during a critical time of need, without misplaced judgements. It is priceless."

"I have learned to handle and overcome my problems and help my son learn how to become a better person."

"Our support group leaders were very trustworthy and did an excellent job of making us feel safe. We felt like we could talk to them about anything at any time."

What Community Members Are Saying:

"WomenSafe offers greatly needed services to the community."

"I appreciate the ease of using your website. Information on this site is easy to find."

"The staff are professional and highly competent, and meet the needs of the clients who come to them for care. Staff advocate for the victims of family violence when they can not advocate for themselves."

Thank You Supporters

WomenSafe, Inc., the Green House would like to thank our fiscal year 2010 donors
(July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010).

We value every gift (in-kind and monetary).

It is through your support that we are able provide resources and quality programming
to families in need throughout Northeast Ohio.

All **bold** names are WomenSafe volunteers.

In addition to monetary and in-kind contributions, these individuals give the gift of their time.

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