

Our Mission

To provide emergency response and supportive services to those victimized by domestic and sexual violence and to advocate for changes that will break the cycle of violence in our society.

Domestic Harmony's

Philosophy

Safety from physical assault is a basic right for everyone.

Inequity of power and control between men and women is the predominant cause of domestic and sexual violence.

A comprehensive community response to domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, and intervention is necessary to bring about change and end violence against women.

Batterers are responsible for their abusive behaviors.

Batterers will not be held accountable until society no longer tolerates inequities in the distribution of power and control between men and women.

All survivors have the right:

- To be treated with dignity and respect.
- To feel empowered to make informed decisions for themselves and their children.
- To self-determination.



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Hillsdale County Community Foundation



Domestic Harmony 2017 Annual Report



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Domestic Harmony celebrates our 38th year of providing safe shelter, counseling and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

2017 Statistics

Domestic Harmony provided a variety of services as listed below.

Safe shelter:

105 people– 44 adults & 61 Children
Bed nights: 3,256

Non-Residential Clients:

Total Clients: 163
Adult Women: 124
Adult Men: 2
Children: 37

24-hour hotline:

Total Calls: 297

Supportive Counseling:

Individual counseling units 4,794
549 group units (DV)

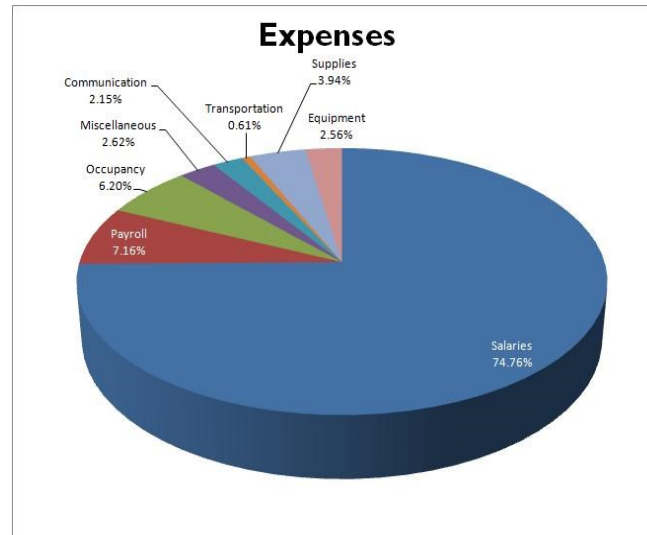
Legal Advocacy

Total Clients: 167
Court Accompaniment: 76
Victim/ Survivor Advocacy: 50

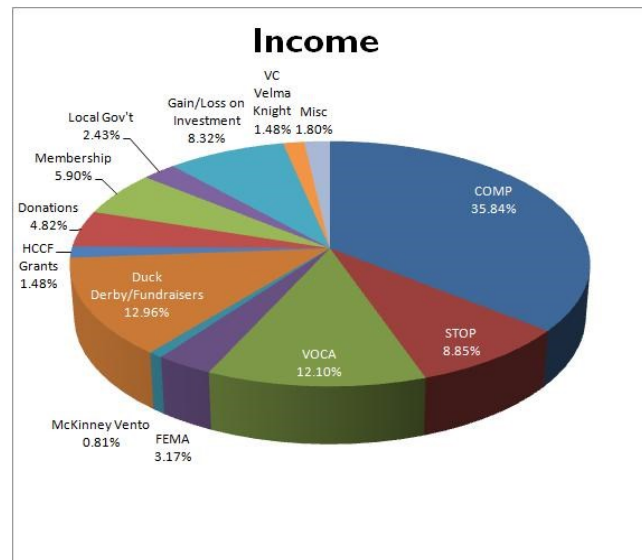
*1 unit = 15 minutes

All of our victim and community services are available at no cost.

2017 Income and Expenses



Expenses— \$345,974



Operating Income— \$326,523

Unrealized gain on investments— \$19,798

Total Income--\$346,321

Community Partnerships

Domestic Harmony is grateful for the unyielding support that we receive each year from multiple organizations, community groups, corporations and individuals in Hillsdale County. We would like to highlight a couple of groups who helped us maintain our facilities this past year. Domestic Harmony was the recipient of a \$20,000 Mary Kay Grant. With the grant we were able to replace flooring in the bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen. The grant was also used for a new handicap assessable ramp in the front of the shelter. Volunteers from Hillsdale College came to the shelter during spring break and helped with spring cleaning and organizing of the shelter.

Community Prevention Education

Domestic Harmony provided prevention education for dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault to schools in Hillsdale County reaching 178 students.

Survey results from our High School students:

- 17% have witnessed domestic violence in their families.
- 34% have witnessed teen dating violence
- 9% report they have been a victim of dating violence.

Donations

Domestic Harmony could not meet the needs of our clients without the help from many community groups and individuals. Each year churches, civic groups, and individuals gather items to donate to the shelter. These items include; food, paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, clothes, etc. In the last fiscal year we received a total value of \$12,974 in donated goods.

Volunteers

Domestic Harmony also benefits from committed volunteers who give their time as shelter volunteers and to provide maintenance on the shelter. This year we had 33 volunteers who gave their time and talents to Domestic Harmony. Each shelter volunteer works five-hour shifts answering the crisis line at the shelter. Hours volunteered at the shelter total 1,147 this fiscal year.