



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.



Domestic Harmony

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Domestic Harmony is a participating agency with the
Hillsdale County Community Foundation



Domestic Harmony partnered with CAPA to provide prevention education to the local schools.



Domestic Harmony 2015 Annual Report



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Domestic Harmony celebrates our 36th year of providing safe shelter, counseling and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

2015 Statistics

Domestic Harmony provided a variety of services as listed below.

Safe shelter:

108 people– 50 adults & 58 Children
Bed nights: 2,676

Non-Residential Clients:

Total Clients: 151
Adult Women: 130
Adult Men: 1
Children: 20

24-hour hotline:

Total Calls: 324

Supportive Counseling:

Individual counseling units 6,034
424 group units (DV)

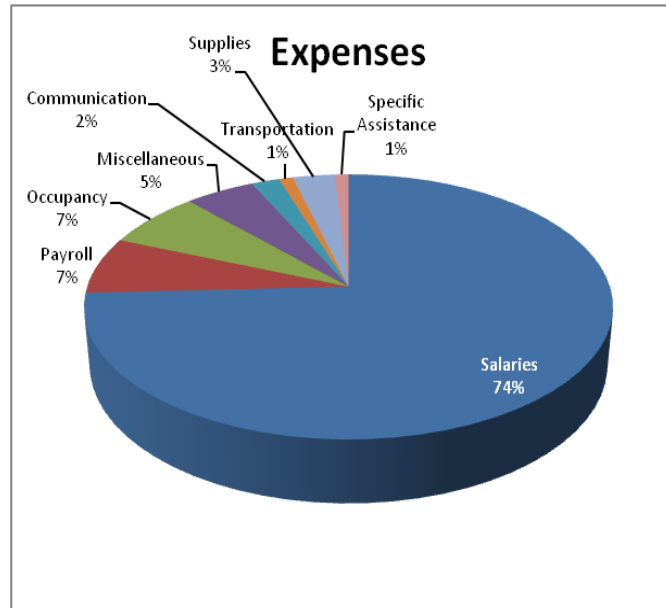
Legal Advocacy

PPO advocacy: 353 units
Client advocacy: 175 units
Victim advocacy: 242 units
Counseling services: 107 units

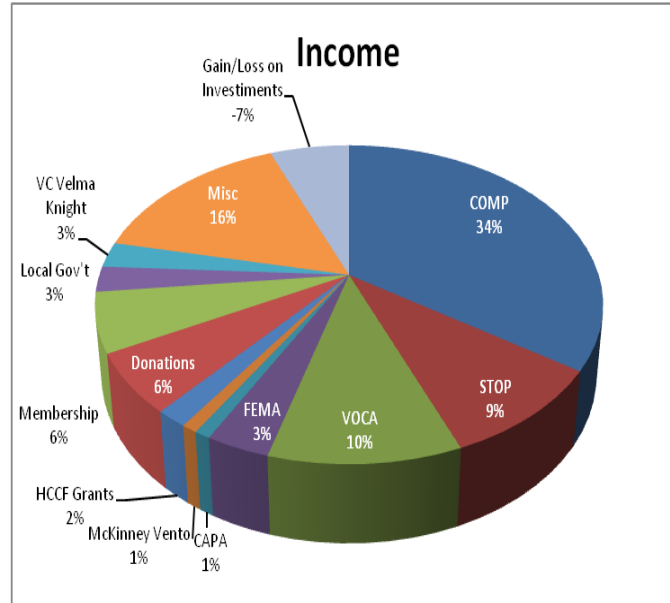
*1unit= 15 minutes

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

2015 Income and Expenses



Expenses— \$280,115.75



Operating Income—287,370.23

Unrealized loss on investments- (18,732)

Total Income—268,638.23

The HCCF and the NOMORE Campaign

Domestic Harmony was the recipient of funding provided by the Hillsdale County Community Foundation. This allowed us to participate with the national NOMORE campaign, a national awareness campaign on ending domestic and sexual violence. We were able to distribute flyers, publicize in our local newspaper, have a billboard placed throughout the county and run an announcement on the local radio station. For domestic violence awareness month in October, we focused on the NOMORE campaign. We were privileged to have Honorable Judge Michael Smith and Hillsdale City Police Chief Hephner speak out on ending domestic violence in our community.

Community Prevention Education

Domestic Harmony provided prevention education for dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault to schools in Hillsdale County reaching 702 students.

Survey results from our High School students:

- 19% have witnessed domestic violence in their families.
- 35% have witnessed teen dating violence
- 11% 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 \$11,982 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 86 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 1,700 this fiscal year.