

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

Domestic Harmony advocates for all individuals, adult and child, the right to live in a non-violent environment. We seek to maintain a supportive atmosphere wherein victims are able to safely explore options, obtain information and make their own decisions for their future.

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 2016 Annual Report



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Domestic Harmony celebrates our 37th year of providing safe shelter, counseling and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

2016 Statistics

Domestic Harmony provided a variety of services as listed below.

Safe shelter:

95 people— 52 adults & 43 Children
Bed nights: 2,522

Non-Residential Clients:

Total Clients: 131
Adult Women: 106
Adult Men: 2
Children: 23

24-hour hotline:

Total Calls: 367

Supportive Counseling:

Individual counseling units 5,672
549 group units (DV)

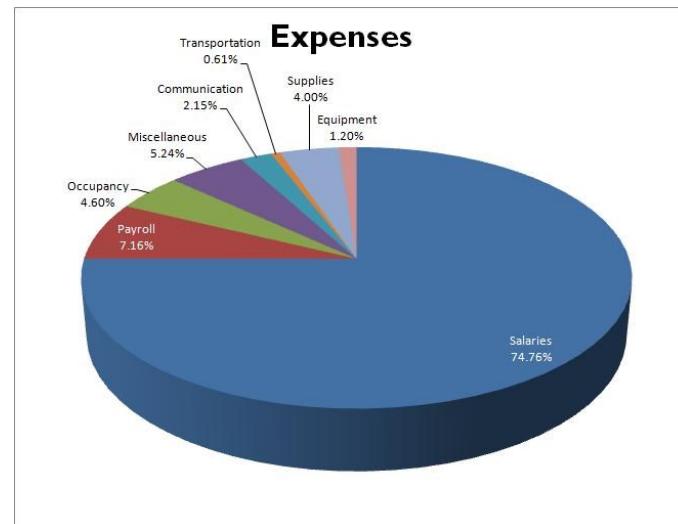
Legal Advocacy

PPO advocacy: 387 units
Victim advocacy: 217 units
Counseling services: 53 units

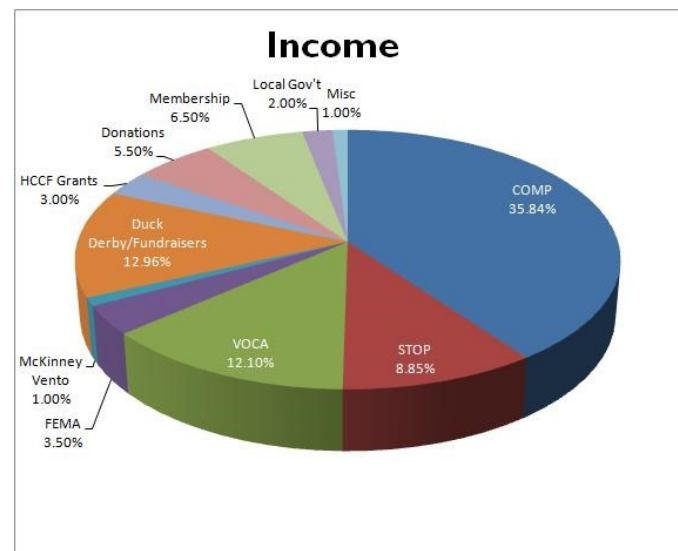
*1unit= 15 minutes

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

2016 Income and Expenses



Expenses— \$303,715.58



Operating Income— \$310,884.82

**Unrealized gain on investments—
\$28,325.84**

Total Income--\$339,210.66

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. The Hillsdale County Community Foundation provided Domestic Harmony with funding to replace several older windows throughout the shelter. Once again, the Hillsdale First Presbyterian Church chose Domestic Harmony to be the recipient of their summer mission project. Volunteers from the church power-washed and stained the privacy fence surrounding our backyard, making it look new again.

Community Prevention Education

Domestic Harmony provided prevention education for dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault to schools in Hillsdale County reaching 323 students.

Survey results from our High School students:

- 24% have witnessed domestic violence in their families.
- 37% have witnessed teen dating violence
- 14% 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 \$13,144 in donated goods.

Volunteers

Domestic Harmony also benefits from committed volunteers who give their time as shelter volunteers and provide maintenance on the shelter. This year we had 50 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 totaled 1,144 this fiscal year.