

Our Mission

To provide emergency response and supportive services to those victimized by domestic 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 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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Hillsdale County Community Foundation



Domestic Harmony 2019 Annual Report



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Domestic Harmony celebrates our 40th year of providing safe shelter, counseling and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children.

2019 Statistics

Domestic Harmony provided a variety of services as listed below.

Safe Shelter:

97 people— 43 adults & 54 children
Bed nights: 3,340

Non-residential Clients:

Total clients: 131
Adult women: 121
Adult men: 0
Children: 10

24-hour Hotline:

Total calls: 504

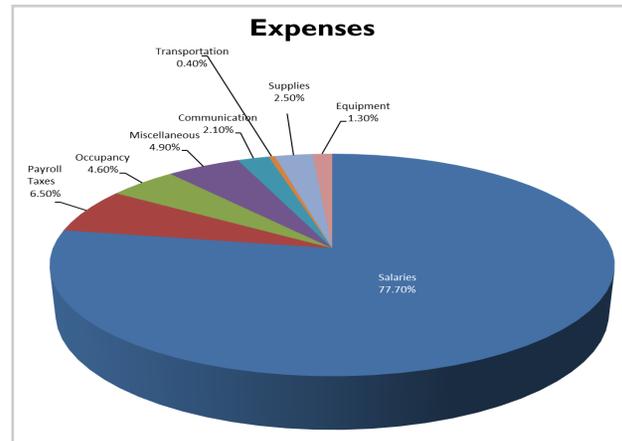
Legal Advocacy

Total clients: 82
Personal protection orders: 34
Supportive counseling: 73 units *

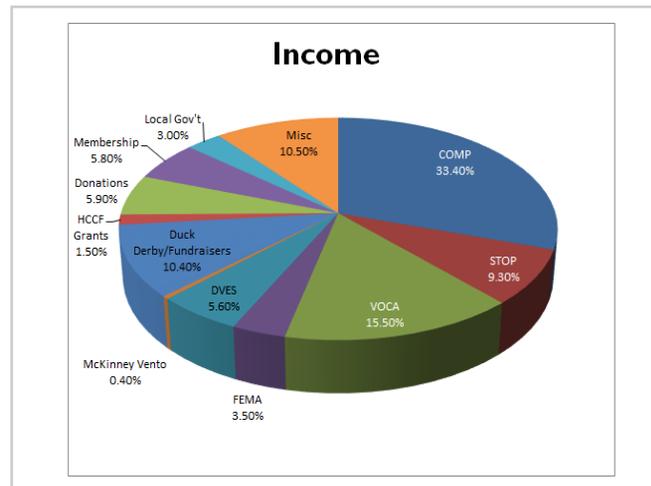
*1 unit = 15 minutes

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

2019 Income and Expenses



Expenses— \$298,735*



Operating Income— \$313,130*

Unrealized gain on investments— \$13,665

Total Income--\$326,795*

* These figures do not include contributed goods and volunteer services valued at \$36,646 .

Community Partnerships

Domestic Harmony is grateful for the generous support that we receive each year from multiple organizations, community groups, corporations and individuals in Hillsdale County. We would like to highlight a partnership with the Hillsdale County Community Foundation. We were the recipient of the V.C. and Velma Knight Grant of \$5,000 through the foundation. Their YOUTH program donated food and various supplies for the shelter. This donation helped provide meals and hygiene products to residents.

Community Prevention Education

Domestic Harmony provided prevention education for dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault to schools in Hillsdale County reaching 144 students.

Survey results from our high school students:

- 20% have witnessed domestic violence in their families.
- 32% have witnessed teen dating violence
- 13% report they have been a victim of dating violence.

Donations

Domestic Harmony could not meet the needs of our clients without the help of 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 \$14, 215 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 13 volunteers who gave their time and talents to Domestic Harmony. Each shelter volunteer works five-hour shifts answering the crisis line and staffing the shelter. Hours volunteered at the shelter totaled 883 this fiscal year.