



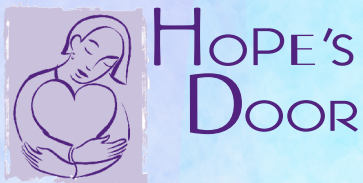
# HOPE'S DOOR

## *2018 Annual Report*



*Embracing Life Free  
from Domestic Abuse*





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## MISSION STATEMENT:

Hope's Door seeks to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CARLLA HORTON

The past year has been a very exciting and challenging time for Hope's Door.

We started the year having lost the lease to our main office in Pleasantville, home of 17 of our 33 employees. Seven of us worked out of one room over the garage at our shelter while the rest deployed to six other locations before we moved to our new headquarters in Hawthorne. We send a special thank you to everyone who supported our On the Move appeal, donating to help defray the costs of moving, new furniture, and increased rent.

During the past year, we:

- Provided 5,870 days of safety in our shelter
- Responded to 878 hotline callers in crisis
- Served 253 parents with a combined total of 512 minor children
- Provided counseling and advocacy services to 316 women, 23 men, and 94 children
- Helped 58 participants overcome vocational barriers in our Next Step program
- Provided 113,543 units of service to 433 victims
- Empowered 9,316 young people with potentially life-saving information about abuse.

During the year, we started two new initiatives. The first is a collaborative project, the Northern Westchester Risk Reduction Team, which is offering enhanced safety and support to victims in Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers. The second new initiative is the expansion of our prevention program to middle schools, including the first Rising-STAR chapter at the Albert Leonard Middle School in New Rochelle.

On a personal note, this year marked my 20th anniversary with Hope's Door. I simply cannot imagine a more fulfilling job than the one I hold, and I extend my gratitude to all of you for recognizing my work at our annual luncheon.

Lastly, we honor the survivors whose courage inspires us and thank our dedicated staff, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, donors, and volunteers for sharing in our mission.

## STATEMENT OF CHARITY ACCOUNTABILITY:

Hope's Door wants the public to have complete confidence in our charitable work. We are recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charity. Our tax ID number is 13-3023259.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Contact us or refer to our website to review the following:

IRS Letter of Determination • Annual Reports • Audited Financial Statements • IRS Form 990





# VOICES OF SURVIVORS

**W**hen I first met my husband, he seemed so nice, educated, and respectful. I fell in love, got married, and had three children. Over time, he changed. He treated me badly, accused me of cheating, and was always arguing. Eventually, it turned physical. The day he got physical with one of our sons, I got up, grabbed my children, and ran. I was terrified. I had no way to pay for food or rent. Then I found the Hope's Door shelter, filled with people that opened their arms to me and my family. We finally felt safe. They offered all the help I needed. I give thanks to them every day.



**I** lived with abuse for years before going to Hope's Door. I felt welcomed and my daughter was happy there. We started seeing counselors, and I joined a support group that helped me see I was not alone. When I was about to give up, they encouraged me to stay in school and to join the Next Step Economic Empowerment Program. All this gave me the support I needed to finish my degree! When I applied for jobs, they helped me prepare with mock interviews. It was a struggle, but being independent and living in peace is worth all the hard work!



**B**efore going to Hope's Door, I was lost. I thought there was no way out. I didn't have a good job. My finances, credit, self-esteem, and hope were shattered. However, my son gave me the purpose to transform my life and Hope's Door gave me the strength and encouragement to move forward. In a few months, I was able to do what I couldn't do in 10 years!



**I** knew my husband's behavior bothered me, but I wasn't convinced it was abuse since it wasn't physical. At Hope's Door, I began to learn how hurtful emotional, verbal, and financial abuse is. It took months, but I found my voice and asked for a divorce. After a while, I began dating someone and feel good about the equality in our relationship. I can speak my mind and disagree without fear or consequence. I will never be in an abusive relationship again.



**HOME:** It's where you should feel safe and protected. **HOPE'S DOOR:** It's who you call if you're not.



# SAFETY: THE CORNERSTONE OF ALL SERVICES

## 24-HOUR HOTLINE

The hotline is the gateway to our services. We encourage people to call and speak up for themselves or for someone who can't. During the year, we responded to 877 calls.

## SAFETY PLANNING AND DANGER ASSESSMENTS

Safety planning and danger assessments are the most important services we provide. We help victims assess their level of danger and empower them with safety strategies — whether the victim decides to leave or to stay in the relationship.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER

It takes courage to leave home and walk into our shelter. Victims leave behind not only the abuser but also family, friends, neighbors, job, and other sources of love and support. Imagine your life without these comforts. It's almost unimaginable — perhaps as painful as the abuse left behind. During the year, we provided 5,870 days of safety to 93 victims, including 45 women, 2 men and 46 children.



## COUNSELING, SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

Our counseling, support group, and advocacy program is a safe place to break the silence about the violence, to learn safety strategies and to prudently plan for the future. In our sessions, abuse survivors learn the difference between a relationship dominated by power and control and one based on equality, respect and trust. We served 433 survivors during the year.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Children who witness or endure family violence suffer trauma and manifest behaviors that thwart their ability to thrive. Given this reality, we employ an array of strategies to help children break the cycle of violence, learn safety strategies, and heal from the trauma of abuse. There were 512 children in the families we served during the year.

## NEXT STEP ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

We launched the Next Step Economic Empowerment Program in 2014 with funding from the Avon Foundation. Since that time, more than 250 women have overcome their barriers to self-sufficiency. We are particularly grateful to TD Bank and the MBIA Foundation for their support of the program this year.



Next Step Empowerment Specialist Brenda Rodriguez, Victoria, and Counselor Ashley Gil

# 24-HOUR HOTLINE 888.438.8700



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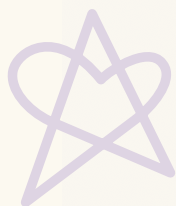
We launched Hope's Door Ossining to enhance services to under-served survivors along the Route 9 corridor, stretching from Peekskill to Tarrytown. Since 2011, we have served 1,124 survivors from these communities.

## FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Our advocates assisted 84 survivors seeking orders of protection and other legal remedies before the program closed during the year due to funding cuts. We are working to secure funds to reopen.

## NORTHERN WESTCHESTER RISK REDUCTION TEAM

Hope's Door is providing the program coordinator and counseling support for a new, collaborative project funded at \$200,000 by the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. We are developing and implementing strategies with five police departments, among other partners, to address the dangers facing high-risk victims in Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem, Pound Ridge, and Somers.



## LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT AND STAR PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Students from Alexander Hamilton High School's STAR Chapter with Youth Educator Shannon Sullivan and Prevention Program Coordinator Kristen Orlando

## WORKSHOPS — AWARENESS EVENTS — TEEN SYMPOSIUM

During the year, we presented 269 classroom workshops, sponsored 42 awareness events, and facilitated a symposium for 234 teens. An estimated 9,316 young people learned potentially life-saving information about abuse during the year.

## RESULTS OF OUR WORK — BREAKING THE SILENCE

- Teen victims who would tell no one about the abuse dropped from 25% to 16%.
- Teen victims who would tell a parent grew from 26% to 41%.
- Teen victims who would tell a friend grew from 66% to 84%.



Youth Educators Shannon Sullivan and Emily Benvenga with Albert Leonard Middle School Rising-STAR students

## DATING ABUSE AWARENESS, INTERVENTION, AND PREVENTION

Love Shouldn't Hurt, which includes a peer leadership component called STAR (Students Talking About Relationships), empowers young people with the ability to distinguish between abuse and relationships based on equality, respect and trust. Young people learn how to help themselves, to give each other sound advice and, ultimately, to break the silence that allows abuse to continue. During the year, we expanded our prevention program to middle schools and established our first Rising-STAR chapter at the Albert Leonard Middle School in New Rochelle.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Governor Andrew Cuomo and Advocates at Bill Signing

## CLOSING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LOOPHOLE

Hope's Door has advocated for gun safety for years. This year, we scored a victory when New York State added ten offenses, including strangulation and unlawful imprisonment, to the list of crimes prohibiting convicted abusers from having firearms. Previously, those convicted could not purchase new guns but could keep what they had. Now they will lose their gun licenses and will be required to surrender rifles and shotguns in addition to handguns.

## ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Our 3rd Annual Advisory Board meeting featured staff presentations and a spirited exchange of information and collaborative strategies to promote safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse.



Sheryl Dale, Martha Obler Kohn, Helen Williams, Penney Klingman, Diane Rooney, Gina Jackson, Tom Gardner, Irina Zhabinskaya, Patricia Carrera, and Joel Seligman

## HOPE'S DOOR GALA HONORS LEE MANNING-VOGELSTEIN

Our Annual Spring Gala honored Lee Manning-Vogelstein for her many years of dedication to Hope's Door. Over 275 attendees came together and helped raised almost \$180,000 to support our programs and services.



Hugo Samayoa, Bob Polonio, Kelly Gildea, Sean Gildea, Jack Riley, Josie Samayoa, Jackie Huh, Jean Polonio, Marc Weisenfreund, Honoree Lee Manning-Vogelstein, Bob Brown, and Robin Raines



Gala Co-chairs and Board Members Elizabeth Galani Zimmerman and Blakely Brodbeck



Esmeralda Cruz and 100 Hispanic Women of Westchester President Meiling Macias-Toro



Rob Beaird, Maria Bronzi, Cindy Rubino, Dave Birdsall, Hope's Door Advisory Board Member and Friends Committee Member Jean Marie Connolly, Mark Iannucci, George Kontogiannis, Nyna Giles



## LUNCHEON

At its most successful luncheon ever, Hope's Door recognized Executive Director Carlla Horton for her twenty years of leadership, advocacy, and dedication to our mission. The program focused on leadership and how everyone can play a role in making the world a better and safer place.



Martha Obler Kohn, Dan Schorr, Jill Deitch, Julia Peloso-Barnes, Carlla Horton, Blakely Brodbeck, Erika Garcia-Lavyne, Wendy M. Gardner, Ken Marsolais, and Debra Kousouros



Emcee Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson with panelists NY State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Lauren Leader-Chive



Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Director Gwen Wright, Carlla Horton, Advisory Board Member Gina Jackson

## SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

We are very grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our community in Westchester. Here are several examples:



Twenty-seven Allstate agency owners recently joined together to secure a \$27,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands® grant to benefit Hope's Door.



The hip-kid store in Chappaqua sponsors a weekly lemonade stand to benefit non-profits. Volunteers Allison and Michael sold lemonade in July for Hope's Door.



The Junior League of Bronxville contributed a new refrigerator for our shelter. Pictured are Janice Duarte and Nicole Benjamin of the Junior League along with Hope's Door staff members May Krukiel and Natalie Etienne.



TD Bank donated to our Next Step Economic Empowerment Program. Pictured are Vice President of Commercial Lending Jennifer Bonhomme, Empowerment Specialist Brenda Rodriguez, and TD Bank Vice President, Retail Market Manager Adam Kintish.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Condensed Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenses  
For the Years Ended June 2014, June 2015 June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018

Public Support and Revenue	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Public Support</b>					
Contributions and Special Events	\$420,244	\$485,708	\$333,316	\$485,799	\$500,143
Bequests	\$25,494	\$48,133	\$ 32,586	\$38,000	\$28,748
Other Public Support	\$171,920	\$154,970	\$ 79,720	\$197,477	\$85,034
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$617,658</b>	<b>\$688,811</b>	<b>\$ 445,622</b>	<b>\$721,276</b>	<b>\$613,925</b>
<b>Government Support</b>					
DSS Shelter Fees	\$553,976	\$549,641	\$ 561,612	\$581,927	\$614,706
NYS Crime Victims Board	\$332,561	\$362,656	\$ 415,578	\$462,798	\$476,306
Westchester County Office for Women	\$227,262	\$281,179	\$ 299,747	\$312,251	\$359,165
Division of Criminal Justice Services	\$32,125	\$33,675	\$ 34,176	\$35,598	\$34,884
Other Government Grants	\$84,537	\$41,414	\$ 96,546	\$94,209	\$103,562
<b>Total Government Support</b>	<b>\$1,230,461</b>	<b>\$1,268,565</b>	<b>\$1,407,659</b>	<b>\$1,486,783</b>	<b>\$1,588,623</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Interest Income	\$5,955	\$8,067	\$ 6,649	\$4,832	\$4,038
Other Revenue	\$222	\$6,318	\$ 1,295	\$13,868	\$474
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,177</b>	<b>\$14,385</b>	<b>\$ 7,944</b>	<b>\$18,700</b>	<b>\$4,512</b>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,854,296</b>	<b>\$1,971,761</b>	<b>\$1,861,225</b>	<b>\$2,226,759</b>	<b>\$2,207,060</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Program Services</b>					
Shelter Program	\$720,571	\$717,415	\$ 696,971	\$693,337	\$667,390
Nonresidential Program	\$730,871	\$875,966	\$1,000,993	\$1,027,731	\$1,034,721
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$1,451,442</b>	<b>\$1,593,381</b>	<b>\$1,697,964</b>	<b>\$1,721,068</b>	<b>\$1,702,111</b>
<b>Support Services</b>					
Management and General	\$142,221	\$101,723	\$ 130,497	\$166,966	\$199,011
Fund Raising	\$239,709	\$266,546	\$ 255,548	\$296,099	\$300,973
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$381,930</b>	<b>\$368,269</b>	<b>\$ 386,045</b>	<b>\$463,065</b>	<b>\$499,984</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,833,372</b>	<b>\$1,961,650</b>	<b>\$2,084,009</b>	<b>\$2,184,133</b>	<b>\$2,202,095</b>
<b>Excess of Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,924</b>	<b>\$10,111</b>	<b>\$(222,784)</b>	<b>\$42,626</b>	<b>\$4,965</b>
<b>Percentage for Programs</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>77%</b>
Percentage Administration and Overhead	21%	19%	19%	21%	23%
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,538,852</b>	<b>1,548,965</b>	<b>\$1,326,182</b>	<b>\$1,368,808</b>	<b>\$1,373,773</b>



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## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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NYS Office of Children & Family Services  
NYS Office of Victim Services  
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Westchester County DSS  
Westchester County Office for Women

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Chappaqua  
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