





HOPE'S DOOR 2017 Annual Report



Embracing Life Free From Domestic Abuse

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.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CARLLA HORTON

It was an extraordinary year of service at Hope's Door. Here are selected accomplishments:

- Responded to 1,177 hotline callers in crisis up 9%
- Increased the overall number of survivors served by 6%
- ▶ Boosted the number served in our Next Step Economic Empowerment Program by 60%
- ▶ Increased middle school prevention services by 9%
- Expanded emergency shelter capacity by 19%
- Increased the number served in the Family Justice Center by 49%

Additionally, we broadened our prevention program to middle schools, enhanced efforts to promote trauma-informed service delivery, worked in collaboration to increase shelter access for LGBTQ victims, upgraded our computer systems with funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services, and accepted a grant award of \$194,414 that will allow us to implement capital improvements at our shelter.

It was also a challenging year for Hope's Door. We lost the lease to our main office in Pleasantville—the single greatest organizational challenge we had faced since securing our shelter residence 20 years ago. It took months to find a new organizational home in Hawthorne. This new site will offer accessibility for persons with disabilities along with increased space for expanded service delivery. Moreover, our donors responded generously to our On the Move appeal, which we launched to cover the one-time costs and increased rent for the new space.

We could never accomplish all we do without our Board of Directors, Advisory Board, staff, volunteers and donors. We ask you to continue to share in our mission of hope and safety.

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

As my husband became more and more controlling, I felt more and more hopeless, helpless, and isolated. One day, he smashed a chair to pieces in front of our frightened children. My parents told me to try harder to make the marriage work. My son's counselor at school referred me to Hope's Door. They helped me develop a safety plan, advocated with the chief of police, accompanied me for an order of protection, and helped me find a job. I am hopeful now and confident that I will be able to provide safety and financial support for my children and myself.



Even after my ex-boyfriend choked me, I didn't tell anyone. I didn't know where to turn. I felt stuck. Then I heard about the teen program at Hope's Door. I not only learned how to protect myself but now I can help others facing the same problem.

I went to the Hope's Door shelter with my two sons to escape domestic violence. At first, I doubted myself for leaving. After months of counseling, I started to see how controlling my husband really was and how much my sons feared him. One day I burst into tears – not out of sadness but out of relief that I had really done the right thing by leaving. My husband continued to try and control me, but I held fast. My boys and I could not be happier living away from the violence we so feared.



After numerous angry outbursts, I took my daughter to the Children's Program at Hope's Door. She shared with her counselor that she was upset that her father was not around but had mixed feelings toward him. The children's counselor began working with her on identifying her emotions in the moment and putting specific words and pictures to how she was feeling. Through play therapy and art therapy, my daughter started to open up and describe her feelings. Her angry outbursts are less frequent, and when they occur, she can now share her feelings.

I was in an abusive situation for years before I fled to Hope's Door with my children. I had tried to leave in the past, but I always returned because I had no job and no money. I joined the Next Step program and identified my dream of working in cosmetology. Hope's Door helped me apply to schools and get financial aid. I have so much appreciation for all the help and support I received, especially with my new career. I keep thinking how amazing it is to be on my own!



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 888.438.8700

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 1,177 callers in crisis — up 9% from last year.

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 tremendous courage for an abused person to walk away from home and into our shelter. Often leaving behind not only the abuser but also their family, friends, neighbors, job, and other sources of love and support. Imagine just for a moment your life without these or similar comforts. It's almost unimaginable—perhaps equally as painful as the abuse and violence left behind. During the year, we provided 5,469 days of safety to 84 victims, including 48 women, 4 men and and 32 children.

COUNSELING, SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

Our counseling, support group and advocacy program is a safe place for survivors 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 572 survivors during the year.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Children who witness or endure family violence suffer from trauma and manifest behaviors that thwart their ability to thrive. Given this reality and its daunting implications, 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 537 children under the age of 18 in the families we served during the year.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our community education and outreach campaign reached more than 6,900 persons during the year. We worked with communities of faith, police departments, human service agencies, civic organizations, schools, colleges, youth-serving organizations, court personnel, elected officials, medical providers and corporate employers, among others.

NEXT STEP ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

By controlling financial resources, abusers often force victims to choose between staying in the relationship or facing economic hardship if they leave. In the Next Step program, survivors identify their barriers to safety and independence and receive funds to pursue educational and vocational goals. 57 survivors participated in the program — up 60% over last year. Within 12 months, 30 participants secured or maintained employment.

HOPE'S DOOR OSSINING

We launched Hope's Door Ossining in 2012 to enhance our community services to survivors along the Route 9 corridor, stretching from Peekskill down to Tarrytown. Since opening, we have served 711 survivors from these communities.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Hope's Door is a collaborative partner at the Family Justice Center in White Plains. Our bilingual advocates assisted 336 survivors during the year seeking orders of protection and related legal remedies — an increase of 49%.

Love Shouldn't Hurt and STAR Peer Leadership Program

DATING ABUSE AWARENESS, INTERVENTION, AND PREVENTION

Love Shouldn't Hurt is an awareness, intervention, and prevention initiative that addresses the serious issue of abuse in dating relationships. The program includes a peer leadership component called STAR (Students Talking About Relationships).

The program empowers young people with the skills to distinguish between abusive relationships and those based on equality, respect and trust. The cornerstone of our program is the knowledge that young people are reluctant to reveal abuse to adults but will reach out to friends. Our program empowers young people with the knowledge they need to help themselves, to give each other sound advice and, ultimately, to break the silence that allows abuse to continue.



New Rochelle HS Awareness Event

WORKSHOPS — AWARENESS EVENTS —TEEN SYMPOSIUM

Staff, STAR peer leaders, and other volunteers presented 205 classroom workshops, sponsored 37 awareness events, and facilitated a symposium for 308 teens. An estimated 10,397 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%.
- ▶ Teens who would tell a friend grew from 66% to 84%.



STAR CHAPTERS HAVE OPERATED OUT OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- 1) Alexander Hamilton Middle School/High School (Elmsford)
- 2) Hendrick Hudson High School (Montrose)
- 3) Hope's Door (Pleasantville/Hawthorne)
- 4) New Rochelle High School (New Rochelle)
- 5) Ossining High School (Ossining)
- 6) Scarsdale High School (Scarsdale)
- 7) The Ursuline School (New Rochelle)
- 8) Walter Panas High School (Cortlandt Manor)
- 9) Westlake High School (Mount Pleasant)
- 10) White Plains High School (White Plains)
- 11) Yorktown High School (Yorktown)



Teen Symposium Educational Segment

Highlights of the Year

HOPE'S DOOR MOVES TO HAWTHORNE

During the year, we lost the lease to our main office in Pleasantville, home to all of our community services programs and senior management team. We secured a new site in Hawthorne but



needed more than four months to complete renovations. During that time, six of us shared one room over the garage at our emergency shelter while other staff members found temporary work sites in six other locations. After projecting that the move would add \$222,108 in one-time costs and increased rent over the five years of the lease, we launched an "On the Move" appeal that raised \$124,100 to date to help offset the increased costs.



TD Bank Staff at the Kickoff of the Purple Purse

THE ALLSTATE FOUNDATION AND PURPLE PURSE CHALLENGE

Hope's Door joined the Allstate Foundation's Purple Purse Challenge to raise funds and awareness about financial abuse. We gratefully acknowledge the Allstate Foundation for their leadership, TD Bank for providing the site for the Purple Purse Challenge kickoff, and our many donors for helping us raise over \$29,000 to support our mission.



RNN's Richard French, HD Board of Directors President Debra Kousouros, RNN's Christine French, HD Executive Director CarlLa Horton

HARVESTING HOPE LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

At our Harvesting Hope 2016 luncheon, you could hear a pin drop as "Emelia" told her story of abuse and how she empowered herself with the help of Hope's Door. Following this, Dyllan McGee (Founder and Executive Producer of MAKERS) moderated a panel discussion on economic empowerment. Panelists included Advisory Board member Jean Marie Connolly, Senior Director, BNY Mellon Wealth Management; Navy E. Djonovic, Partner, Maier Markey & Justic LLP; Dawn Kirby, Partner, DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP's Bankruptcy Practice Group; and Colleen Torpie, Owner, Allstate Insurance.



Luncheon Guests and Donors: Ingrid Connolly, Nancy K. Simpkins,
Debbie Lionetti, Ursula LaMotte, Emcee Dyllan McGee, Lorraine Reeder,
Barbara Stewart. Laurie Sturz



NYSCADV AND DAY OF ACTION

In May, Hope's Door joined with the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and hundreds of advocates from across the state at a Day of Action in Albany to educate legislators on key issues affecting victims and their children.

Patty Peloso-Barnes, Julia Peloso-Barnes, Peter Loughran, Katie M.

HOPE'S DOOR GALA HONORS JEAN MARIE CONNOLLY

Our Annual Spring Gala honoring Jean Marie Connolly, a former Board of Directors member and current Advisory Board member, garnered a record 355 attendees and raised a record-breaking \$250,000. When accepting her award, Jean stated, "I'm so proud to have been able to shine a light on the 15.5 million children impacted by domestic violence every year and to highlight the work Hope's Door does every day to help children living in violent homes."



NYS Assemblyman Tom Abinanti, Westchester County Board of Legislators Chair Michael Kaplowitz, Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia, Westchester County Director of Economic Development and Special Adviser to the County Executive George Oros, Director of Westchester County Office for Women Robi Schlaff, former Westchester County Legislator Ursula LaMotte, NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honoree Jean Marie Connolly, NYS Senator Terrence Murphy, Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett, Hope's Door Executive Director CarlLa Horton, Ambassador April H. Foley, and Gala Emcee and News 12 Westchester Anchor Tara Rosenblum



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HOPE'S DOOR ADVISORY BOARD

Board President Debra Kousouros hosted our second Annual Advisory Board meeting at her home in June. Staff presented information on our programs and services and Advisory Board members offered insights on how we could work collaboratively to promote safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse.



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

Financial Statement

Condensed Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenses
For the Years Ended June 2013, June 2014, June 2015, June 2016 and June 2017

Public Support and Revenue	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Public Support					
Contributions and Special Events	\$442,052	\$420,244	\$485,708	\$333,316	\$485,799
Bequests	\$62,816	\$25,494	\$48,133	\$ 32,586	\$38,000
Other Public Support	\$121,318	\$171,920	\$154,970	\$ 79,720	\$197,477
Total Public Support	\$626,186	\$617,658	\$688,811	\$ 445,622	\$721,276
Government Support					
DSS Shelter Fees	\$574,741	\$553,976	\$549,641	\$ 561,612	\$581,927
NYS Crime Victims Board	\$333,989	\$332,561	\$362,656	\$ 415,578	\$462,798
Westchester County Office for Women	\$185,081	\$227,262	\$281,179	\$ 299,747	\$312,251
Division of Criminal Justice Services	\$33,242	\$32,125	\$33,675	\$ 34,176	\$35,598
Other Government Grants	\$155,963	\$84,537	\$41,414	\$ 96,546	\$94,209
Total Government Support	\$1,283,016	\$1,230,461	\$1,268,565	\$1,407,659	\$1,486,783
Revenue					
Interest Income	\$7,286	\$5,955	\$8,067	\$ 6,649	\$4,832
Other Revenue	\$254	\$222	\$6,318	\$ 1,295	\$13,868
Total Revenue	\$7,540	\$6,177	\$14,385	\$ 7,944	\$18,700
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,916,742	\$1,854,296	\$1,971,761	\$1,861,225	\$2,226,759
Expenses					
Program Services					
Shelter Program	\$722,086	\$720,571	\$717,415	\$ 696,971	\$693,337
Nonresidential Program	\$640,647	\$730,871	\$875,966	\$1,000,993	\$1,027,731
Total Program Services	\$1,362,733	\$1,451,442	\$1,593,381	\$1,697,964	\$1,721,068
Support Services					
Management and General	\$192,845	\$142,221	\$101,723	\$ 130,497	\$166,966
Fund Raising	\$204,348	\$239,709	\$266,546	\$ 255,548	\$296,099
Total Support Services	\$397,193	\$381,930	\$368,269	\$ 386,045	\$463,065
Total Expenses	\$1,759,926	\$1,833,372	\$1,961,650	\$2,084,009	\$2,184,133
Excess of Support and Revenue	\$156,816	\$20,924	\$10,111	\$(222,784)	\$42,626
Percentage for Programs	77%	79%	81%	81%	79%
Percentage Administration and Overhead	23%	21%	19%	19%	21%
Ending Net Assets	\$1,517,928	\$1,538,852	1,548,965	\$1,326,182	\$1,368,808

With Thanks

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