

Annual Report The Women's Center, Inc.

STATISTICS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2007

Center, Inc.

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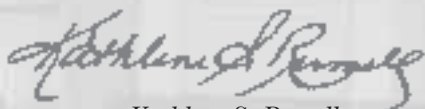
2007

It is with pride and pleasure in the remarkable work of the staff and volunteers of The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour that I present our 2007 Annual Report. Over ten years it has been my great fortune to work at this agency. I have often had cause to be impressed by the quality of the services that my colleagues and volunteers deliver on a routine basis to far too many victims of domestic and sexual violence in our community.

But this year, my impression has turned to awe as I watch colleagues continue to deliver the same quality services with the same enthusiasm, dedication, caring and purpose as they always have despite the ever-increasing strain on our budget caused by federal and state slashing of dollars for human services agencies. As our dollars diminish and our basic operating costs (including heating fuel, energy, and food necessary to operate an emergency shelter) continue to spiral out of control, our staff and volunteers stay true to their purpose, true to their mission, true to the needs of both adult and child victims of violence.

The women and men that comprise our staff, Board of Directors and our volunteer ranks are nothing short of heroic. I thank each and every one of you and encourage the community to join me in grateful salute. A doff of the hat and bend at the waist in your honor.

In Peace,



Kathlene S. Russell
Executive Director

Accomplishments

- Opened a new Bridge Housing facility in partnership with the Columbia County Housing Authority and the Nurse Family Partnership.
- Partnered with Tri-County Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education to host 2nd annual Motorcycle Ride for Shelter.
- Repaired the hardwood floors in the dining room, installed ceiling fans, power washed the exterior, cleaned the gutters and professionally cleaned the carpeting and flooring at the shelter.
- Hosted summer Gateways program with 19 children enjoying field trips to the Montour Preserve and The Children's Museum. The children also learned about safety, non-violent problem solving, communication and boundaries.
- Planted a shade tree for the shelter yard to honor the memory of Valerie Taylor.
- Clean financial audit with absolutely no findings for the 7th consecutive year.
- Volunteers donated 4,900 volunteer hours.

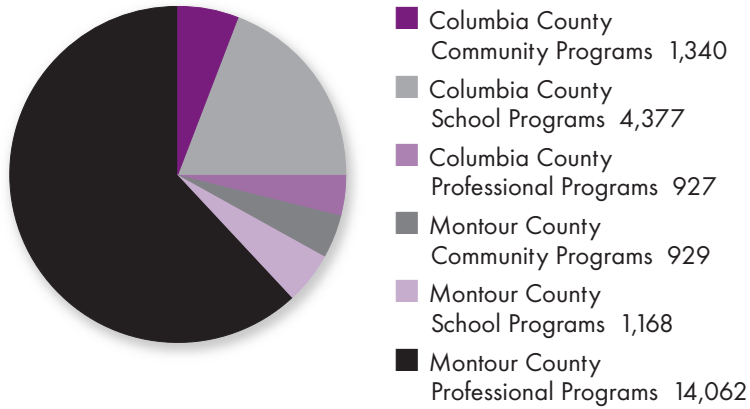
- Held our 33rd anniversary luncheon recognizing professionals and community members for their outstanding contributions in response to domestic and sexual violence in Columbia and Montour counties.



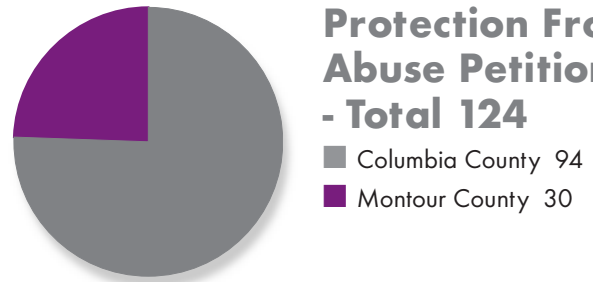
The Transitional Housing Program is a program that helps and supports women who have left abusive relationships as they develop the resources they need to live independent, violence-free lives.

- The Women's Center's Medical Advocacy Program (MAP) in partnership with the Geisinger Medical Center (GMC) Domestic Violence Task Force, created and distributed multi-language posters throughout the entire Geisinger health system.
- Hosted two community-wide cell phone drives that netted over \$1200.00.
- Held our annual Christmas Party with staff and volunteers serving 61 participants and their children.
- Geisinger Medical Center in partnership with The Women's Center implemented an internal system-wide telephone referral service to respond to victims of domestic and sexual violence throughout the fourteen-county Geisinger service area.
- Kathlene Russell, Executive Director, along with her daughter, Casey Keene, premieres "We Are a Team: Empowering Battered Women and Their Children" at a national conference.
- Hosted several community-wide events including: domestic and sexual violence awareness vigils in both Columbia and Montour counties, ribbon campaigns and an exhibit featuring a casket draped with flowers as a representation of the ultimate price of domestic violence in downtown Bloomsburg.
- In collaboration with Geisinger Medical Center, The Women's Center's Medical Advocacy Program launched a sexual assault on-line education program for GMC healthcare professionals and support staff.

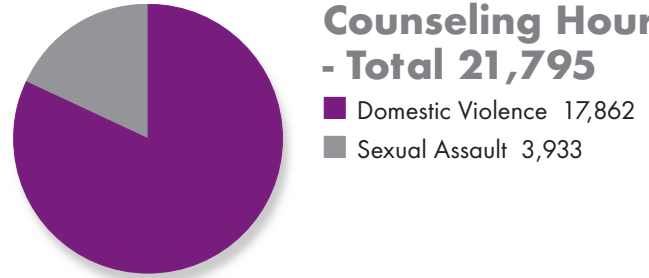
Community Outreach Total People Reached: 22,803



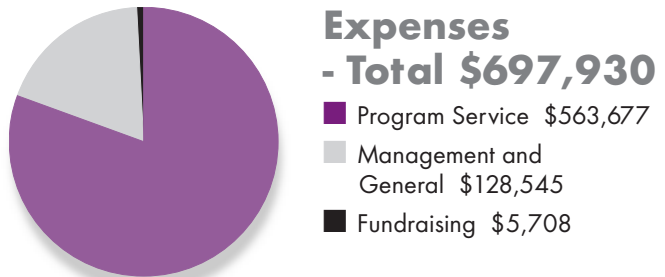
Protection From Abuse Petitions - Total 124



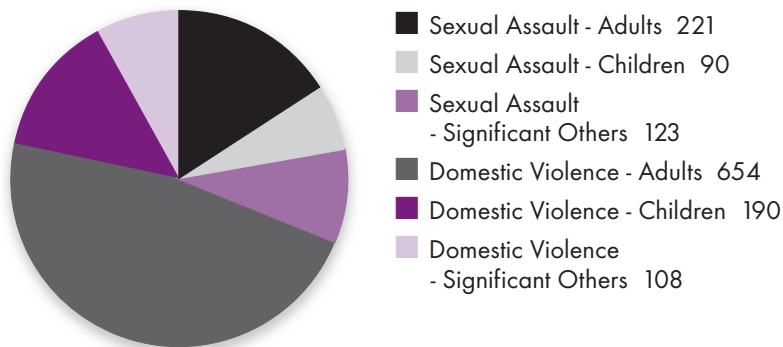
Counseling Hours - Total 21,795



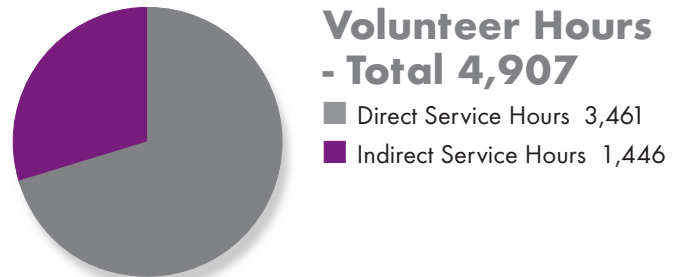
Expenses - Total \$697,930



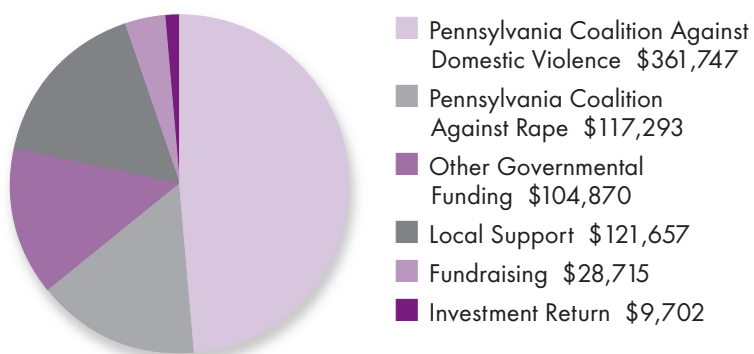
Clients - 1,386 Total



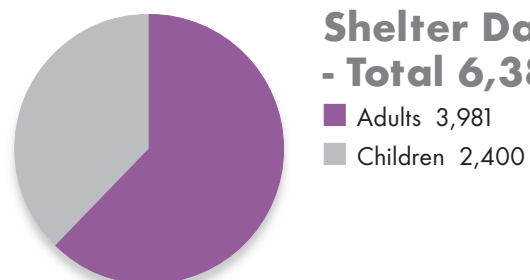
Volunteer Hours - Total 4,907



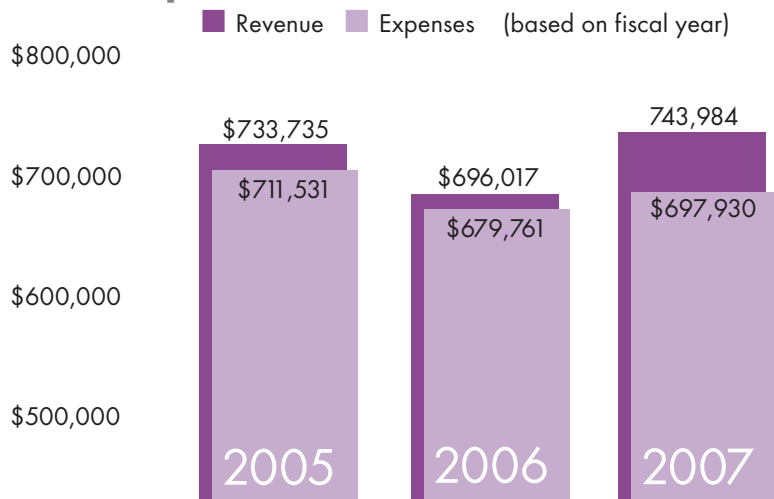
Revenue - Total \$743,984



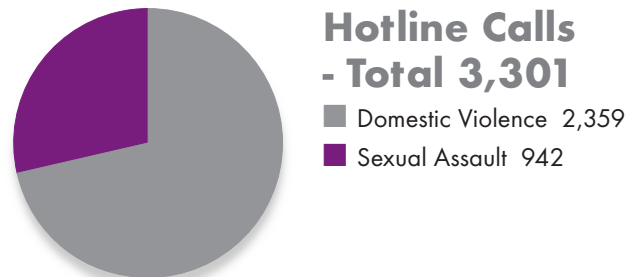
Shelter Days - Total 6,381



Total Expenses/Revenue: 2005-2007



Hotline Calls - Total 3,301



“for an end to domestic and sexual violence will only be found through community effort”

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