

Annual Report ^{The} Women's Center, Inc.

2008 - We Celebrate Our Team

▲ from the executive director

I am, once again, honored to present *The Annual Report of The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour*. The accomplishments of my colleagues, staff and volunteers, are impressive, especially when viewed in the succinct format of this report. But there is more to the story.

Within the accomplishments outlined in our report there are stories of *great courage*, individual stories of *great sacrifice* and individual stories of *great achievement*. You find these stories both in the faces of those we serve and in the hands of the volunteers and staff that provide the service.

Every gift, whether given as time, money, or donated food and consumables, *is a treasured asset*, especially now when resources are strained and the need is so great. In these difficult times there is an increased risk of both domestic and sexual violence. We are grateful that we have such wonderful support within our community and count on that support to bring us through the storm ahead.

I extend heartfelt thanks to the communities of Columbia and Montour counties. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

In Peace,



Kathlene S. Russell - Executive Director

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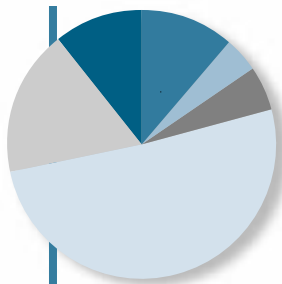
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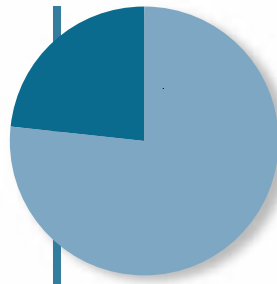
▲ team accomplishments

▲ Partnered with Tri-County Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education to host 3rd annual Motorcycle Ride for Shelter. Offered riders for the first time a Ride for Shelter patch created by D&D Tattooing and annual participation pins. ▲ Repaired and painted front porch, replaced lighting, added two gently used refrigerators, installed two new windows, replaced ceiling tiles in kitchen, power washed and professionally cleaned the carpeting and flooring at the shelter. ▲ With grant funding installed a new privacy fence at our shelter and repaired the downspouting. ▲ In collaboration with the Columbia County VOCA Policy Board, area police officers, Officer Matthew Gerst, Detective Kenneth Strish and Sergeant Anthony Kopitsky, were honored with an award for their work with victims of domestic violence. ▲ Hosted summer Gateways program with 14 children enjoying field trips to The Children's Museum, BTE, Knoebel Amusement Park and the town pool. The children also learned about safety, non-violent problem solving, communication and boundaries. ▲ Held our annual Christmas Party with staff and volunteers serving 47 adult and 54 child participants. ▲ Clean financial audit with absolutely no findings for the 8th consecutive year. ▲ Volunteers donated 5,440 volunteer hours to the mission of The Women's Center, Inc. Valued at the minimum wage of \$6.25 per hour this represents over \$34,000 of salary donation! ▲ Carolyn Ballie, celebrated her 16th year of volunteering at The Women's Center. Over the years, she has staffed our hotline and informational tables at various education events, assisted with mailings, served as Cleaning Product Manager and Ride for Shelter volunteer. ▲ Held our 34th anniversary luncheon recognizing professionals and community members for their outstanding contributions in response to domestic and sexual violence in Columbia and Montour counties. ▲ Honored Joyce Samsel, Domestic Violence Coordinator, for 25 years of service at our annual anniversary luncheon. ▲ The Board of Directors selected Zabrina Ashton, as Deputy Director of The Women's Center, Inc. in July 2008. ▲ In collaboration with Sprint Wireless hosted "Donate a Phone, Save a Life", event in Columbia County, held a Domestic Violence Awareness Event followed by a Community Entertainment Event featuring "Shoot the Moon" Duo in Montour County. ▲ Hosted two community-wide cell phone drives that netted nearly \$1000.00. ▲ Secured grant funding from the First Federal Charitable Foundation and Berwick Health & Wellness Foundation of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation to purchase five digital cameras and printer docks for taking photographs of injuries of domestic violence victims for court proceedings. ▲ Staff and program participants presented Susan Kelly-Dreiss, co-founder and Executive Director, of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence with a portfolio of artwork created by children staying at the shelter as a token of appreciation for her distinguished contributions in building a statewide system of lifesaving services for domestic violence victims. ▲ The Women's Center's Medical Advocacy Program in partnership with The Bloomsburg Hospital's Domestic Violence Task Force, updated and adopted domestic violence and sexual assault response protocols designed to recognize and handle the signs and symptoms of domestic and sexual assault victims. ▲ In 2008, The Women's Center's Medical Advocacy Program marked its tenth year at The Bloomsburg Hospital.



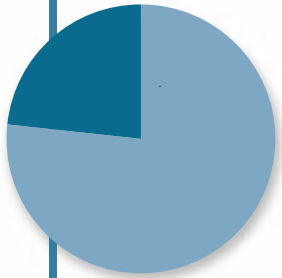
▲ 1,404 clients

Sexual Assault		
Adults		158
Children		59
Significant Others		75
Domestic Violence		
Adults		715
Children		247
Significant Others		150



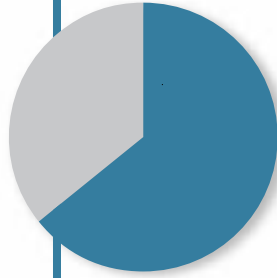
▲ 5,440 volunteer hours

Direct Service Hrs	4,116
Indirect Service Hrs	1,324



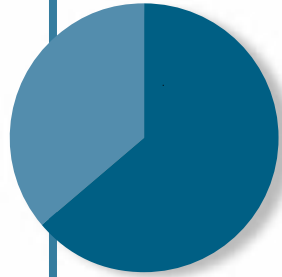
▲ 18,554 counseling hours

Domestic Violence	14,233
Sexual Assault	4,321



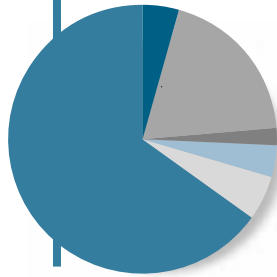
▲ 4,302 hotline calls

Sexual Assault	1,541
Domestic Violence	2,761



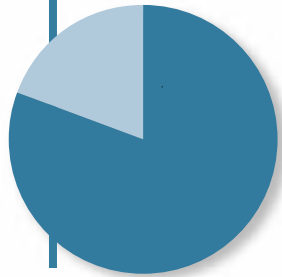
▲ 5,993 shelter days

Adults	3,822
Children	2,171



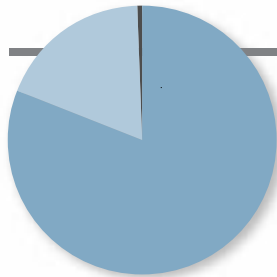
▲ 22,811 served by community outreach

Columbia County	
Community	997
Professionals	472
Schools	4,397
Montour County	
Community	872
Professionals	14,849
Schools	1,224



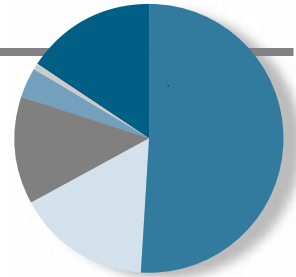
▲ 119 protection from abuse petitions

Columbia	96
Montour	23



▲ \$ 740,014 expenses

Program Service	\$ 599,289
Management and General	\$ 136,400
Fundraising	\$ 4,325



▲ \$ 721,794 revenue

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$ 367,922
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape	\$ 116,121
Other Government Funding	\$ 112,898
Local Support	\$ 93,430
Fundraising	\$ 25,907
Investment Return	\$ 5,516

▲ twc's team

Over the past several years, we have felt the *ever-increasing strain* on our operating budget. Despite our shrinking budget, our staff continues to deliver *quality services* at



an *astounding level* to victims and their children. How do we continuously achieve this goal? Our **TEAMWORK**. Look at our accomplishments in 2008!

