



Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence



Annual Report 2007 - 2008





Top Photo:

Maria D'Arcy provides information at Community fair in Kent County.

Bottom Left Photo:

Sheila Orwig and Silvia Garwood enjoy MSCFV's Holiday Dinner.

Bottom Right Photo:

Marilyn Hopper receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Easton Branch of the American Association of University Women.



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Abuser Intervention Program Facilitator
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Abuser Intervention Program Facilitator
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Abuser Intervention Program Facilitator



Executive Director's Report

I hope you enjoy this Annual Report which features the dedicated staff of Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

(MSCFV). These people are the silent heroes who work day and night to help victims of domestic violence. They respond to area hospitals, accompany victims to seek protections from the court, calm hotline callers who are in crisis and provide safe, comfortable shelter to those fleeing abusive homes.

An exciting event this past year was opening the doors of the "Rotary House", our transitional house built by the Centreville Rotary Club. Two families now reside in the Rotary House as they work towards self-sufficiency and independence. Thanks to all the Rotary Club members who contributed time and energy into completing the house.

We had another successful "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" beginning with a press conference at the Easton Barracks of the Maryland State Police. Local governments in the five counties presented MSCFV with "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" proclamations and MSCFV partnered with Washington College's Office of Student Affairs and the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority to bring Mildred Muhammad, ex-wife of the D.C. Sniper, to Chestertown as a speaker at the annual Memorial Service.

Our Legal Program hosted its second annual "Pro Bono Awards" Program in October to recognize those in the legal profession who have helped our clients and the agency. Maryland's Attorney General Douglas Gansler was the keynote speaker and helped present the individual awards.

Like many non-profit agencies, we are concerned about the economic situation we are facing and waiting to see how our programs and services will be affected. Now is the time to contribute financially to MSCFV so we are not faced with a reduction of services. In times of economic hardship the services provided by MSCFV are critical to those in abusive relationships. With your contributions we can continue to meet the ever increasing need for services.

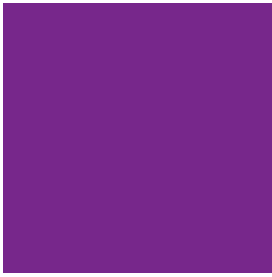
Thank you to the wonderful staff at MSCFV, the board members who volunteer their time, community leaders and funders. Together we have helped many people in need and I look forward to another successful year.

Jeanne Yeager, Executive Director

In 1980, a small group of local social workers became concerned about the many battered women and children who were forced to leave their homes for safety having nowhere to go for help on the Eastern Shore. The Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence Inc. (MSCFV) was formed to address this problem.

In the twenty-eight years since that humble beginning, the non-profit Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence continues to grow in response to the growing needs of rural victims of family violence from Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties. The agency has expanded over the years acquiring a shelter to provide emergency and temporary housing, opening outreach offices in each county, providing 24-hour crisis intervention through a telephone hotline, support groups, crisis counseling, accompaniment to court, crisis response to hospitals, information and referrals, Transitional Program, Law Enforcement Program, Abuser Intervention Program, Legal Representation Program and Bilingual Outreach Program for immigrant battered women.

We thank all who supported MSCFV throughout the years with contributions of money, time and talent. Your efforts have sustained us and helped us grow.



Letter from the Board President

GREETINGS! On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I am proud to present you with our 2007-2008 Annual Report.

Over the course of this past year our Board and the dedicated staff of Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence (MSCFV), have worked diligently as our organization has grown in capacity and capabilities.

With the unselfish support of the volunteers of the Centreville Rotary Club, the Transitional House, once a dream, is now a reality, offering another option in long-term support for our clients. In addition, many of our programs such as the Legal and the Bilingual programs have expanded opportunities within their services. During these expansions, along with legislative struggles and loss of funding, MSCFV has maintained the high standards it has been known for in providing comprehensive and integrated care and support of our clients. We continue to hold fast to our founding principles of building awareness, providing emergent and supportive care of our clients, and working to prevent future cases of Domestic Violence.

Domestic Violence happens every 15 seconds in the United States. It happened to 1,674 women, children, and men right here in the mid-shore counties during the last fiscal year, and these are the ones MSCFV was lucky enough to be there to help. The cost of partner abuse in this country is over 6 billion dollars each year. The victims don't just include the person being abused, they include witnesses and many times the family pet, which the abuser attacks as a threat against the victim. MSCFV is committed to helping victims recover from the physical assaults, as well as, the emotional abuse which can last a lifetime.

On the Eastern Shore we are fortunate to have Jeanne Yeager as our Executive Director; a nationally recognized leader in the prevention of Domestic Violence. She and her staff perform tireless efforts to end Domestic Violence thru our multiple community partnerships, advocacy, and direct services for the women, children, and men victims of Domestic Violence. They touch and make so many broken lives richer, fuller, and safer.

As the Board President I continue to be impressed by Jeanne and her very committed staff. They inspire me. I am proud to be a part of their team.

Karen Windsor, President of the Board of Directors



Left to Right:

Front Row: Ron Russum, Maria D'Arcy

Second Row: Viola Farrow, Jeanette Routh, Mildred Muhammad, Jeanne Yeager, Marilyn Hopper, Silvia Garwood, Sheila Orwig, Kathy Campbell

Back Row: Audra Johnson, Treena Ringgold

Mission Statement

As the central point of access for assistance on domestic violence within the counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the mission of Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence is to create healthy opportunities to break the cycle of domestic violence through intervention and prevention by providing shelter, counseling, services, and advocacy for victims and abusers; and by changing society's attitudes and systems which permit and promote such violence against women, men, and families.



Left to Right:

Treena Ringgold and Audra Johnson at MSCFV Annual Dinner.



Where We've Been in 2007 – 2008

- The “Rotary House” opened its doors and two families are living in the transitional facility.
- Hosted second annual Pro Bono Awards to recognize those in the legal profession who have helped clients and MSCFV.
- Coordinated a “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” press conference at Maryland State Police Easton Barrack.
- Received “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” Proclamations from County Commissioners in Kent, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester and Queen Anne’s Counties.
- MSCFV and Washington College hosted a Memorial Service to commemorate those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence.
- Washington College’s Office of Student Development, the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and MSCFV hosted a presentation by Mildred Muhammed, ex-wife of the D.C. Sniper, as part of “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.
- MSCFV received a donation of fitness equipment from Body Watts in Easton.
- Executive Director, Jeanne Yeager, was recognized as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women by the Daily Record.
- Client/Legal Advocates Viola Farrow and Ellen Barnes received a “Governor’s Victim Assistance Award” from the Maryland State Board of Victim Services.
- MSCFV’s expanded the “Lethality Assessment Project” to 20 law enforcement agencies in the five counties.
- MSCFV’s bilingual efforts included a presentation to the Governor’s Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
- Provided 250 presentations and trainings, reaching 4,560 individuals.
- Through our “Adopt a Family Program” over 40 families were provided with Christmas gifts and over 100 individuals attended the holiday party.

Statewide/Local Representation – Participation

- Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence – Board Member
- Governor’s Family Violence Council – Board Member
- Maryland State Board of Victim Services – Board Member
- Violence Against Women Act Planning Committee
- Fatality Review Committee in Queen Anne’s and Dorchester Counties
- Multi-Disciplinary Task Forces



Top Photo:

Ron Russum, Marilyn Hopper and Jeanne Yeager at MSCFV's Pro Bono Awards Ceremony.

Above:

MSCFV staff and Law Enforcement Officers receive Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation from Queen Anne's County Commissioners.

Below:

Board Members, Law Enforcement Representatives, MSCFV staff and Legislators at MSCFV's Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kick Off Press Conference.

Bottom Photo:

Jeanne Yeager with her parents, Joan and Dave MacLeod, and husband Tom at the Top 100 Women Awards Program.



Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, Inc.

Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2008 and 2007

ASSETS	2008	2007
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 132,867	\$ 94,513
Deposits	1,319	1,319
Grants receivable	88,665	120,384
Prepaid expenses	-	3,124
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	222,851	216,216
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Building improvements	17,481	17,481
Office furniture and equipment	144,463	143,831
Shelter furniture and equipment	9,122	9,122
Total Property and Equipment, at cost	171,066	170,434
Less: accumulated depreciation	(141,179)	(131,255)
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	29,887	39,179
OTHER ASSETS		
Investment in land	20,250	20,250
Marketable securities	303,040	319,098
Net Other Assets	323,290	339,348
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 576,028	\$594,743

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,773	\$ 45,887
Deferred revenue	57,084	5,742
Accrued vacation	5,481	8,500
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	70,338	60,129
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Unreserved	475,803	495,435
Investment in property and equipment	29,887	39,179
Total Net Assets	505,690	534,614
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 576,028	\$594,743

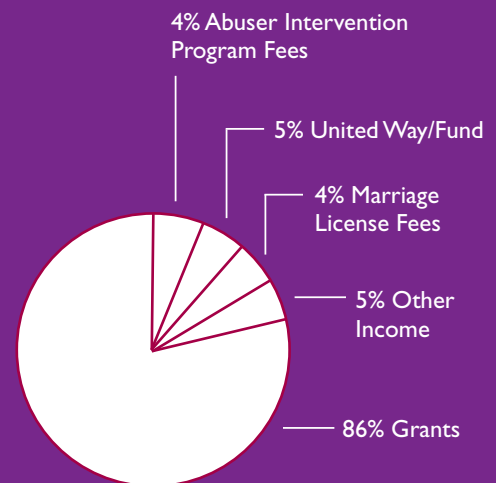
Statements of Activities Years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

UNRESTRICTED	2008	2007
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Grants	\$ 740,162	\$ 771,460
Program service fees	34,491	37,681
Allocated by United Fund affiliates	44,154	41,966
Marriage license fees	37,925	38,375
CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Donated materials	5,365	9,259
Cash	25,325	238,802
Volunteer services	10,875	6,475
Fundraising	10,700	7,165
Investment return - realized	4,659	4,982
Investment return - unrealized	(17,361)	23,703
Brighter Christmas Fund	2,500	3,500
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	898,795	1,183,368

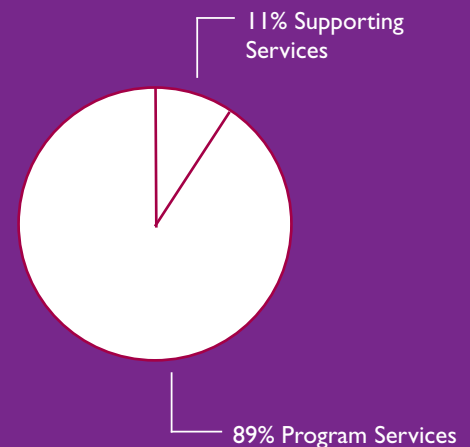
EXPENSES

Program services	825,230	790,683
Supporting services	102,489	155,257
Fundraising	-	-
Total Expenses	927,719	945,940
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(28,924)	237,428
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	534,614	297,186
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 505,690	\$ 534,614

Revenue and Other Support



Expenses



These figures have been extracted from audited financial statements prepared by Thomas S. Chambers, P.C., Denton, MD and are available upon request.

	Total Clients	Shelter	Shelter Children	Non-Shelter	Secondary	Abuser Intervention	Legal New and Reopen	Transitional Clients	Transitional Children
Female	541	37	-	461	-	80	210	15	18
Male	482	-	-	22	-	460	7	-	10
Infant - 17	651	-	52	-	651	-	-	-	-
Queen Anne's	157	8	6	105	119	52	59	4	10
Kent	96	7	13	37	41	59	23	3	7
Talbot	199	2	4	91	93	108	52	2	4
Caroline	246	16	16	133	220	113	58	4	4
Dorchester	273	4	13	65	178	208	20	2	3
Other	52	-	-	52	0	-	5	-	-
Total	1,674	37	52	483	651	540	217	15	28

Services

24-HOUR HOTLINE

Emergency counseling and referrals. Confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Advocates are available to meet victims in the hospital or at the police station.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT

Individual counseling sessions and support groups.

SHELTER

Safe, comfortable accommodations with high security and 24-hour support.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau provides community education and professional training to local groups and organizations.

INFORMATION AND REFERRALS

Assistance in seeking aid from appropriate agencies.

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

Transitional assistance for victims of domestic violence and transitional housing.

LEGAL PROGRAM

Assistance through legal proceedings and court appearances, information and referrals, grant programs for direct legal representation in final protective order hearings and divorce and custody cases.

ABUSER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Counseling services and groups designed for individuals who display abusive behavior within the family.

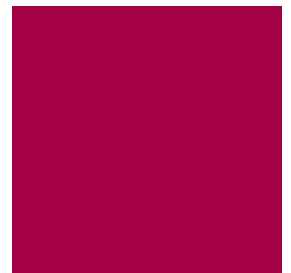
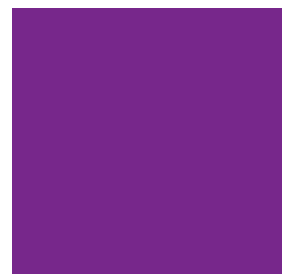
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Provides training, technical assistance and information to law enforcement agencies. Coordinator serves as a liaison between MSCFV and law enforcement departments.

BI-LINGUAL OUTREACH SERVICES

Outreach and assistance for Spanish-speaking and immigrant victims.

Meals Served	2,823
Counseling/Crisis Counseling	531
Hotline Calls	581
Crisis Response Calls	78
Information/Resource Materials	1,161
Clients Attending Weekly Support Groups	206
Children Served by Support Groups	173
Legal Accompaniments	387
Legal Advocacy	1,293
Legal Information/Referrals	1,381
Client Transport	9
Public Presentations	250
Total People Reached	4,560





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Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, Inc. is a participating agency of the United Way in Kent, Caroline, and Queen Anne's County and the United Fund of Talbot County. MSCFV is a nonprofit, equal-opportunity agency that does not discriminate either in employment or in the offering of services. MSCFV receives state grants from Department of Human Resources, Community Services Programs and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

