



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

WOMEN'S SHELTER AND SUPPORT CENTER

SAVING LIVES

RESTORING HOPE

CHANGING FUTURES

Women's Shelter and Support Center
PO Box 457, Rochester, MN 55903

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The year 2019 was a year of planning and change at the Women's Shelter and Support Center thanks to the support of our friends. The first half of the year, Interim Executive Director, Kelly Classic, along with support from the board, initiated strategic planning to provide a roadmap guiding the organization into the future. Goals and action steps were identified based on priorities determined by the team, including building community connections, ensuring effective operations, managing resources to meet community needs, and developing employees.

I joined this amazing organization in August and am so proud of the team's ability to creatively meet the needs of domestic violence victims and survivors. Led by the new strategic plan, the team met goals and assessed needs, enhanced services, and increased our capacity. Some examples of the great programs underway include additional rapid re-housing programs, more robust educational opportunities for youth, advocates and the community, plus a new approach to collecting and analyzing data.

We anticipate our programs to adapt and progress over the next year as we strive to meet the unique needs of the times.



Artyce Thomas

Executive Director

Women's Shelter and Support Center



MISSION AND LEADERSHIP

Women's Shelter and Support Center provides outreach, advocacy, and housing to abused individuals and families.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Crisis Intervention & Advocacy

Emergency services & continued support to victims of domestic violence.

3,831 Individuals received crisis intervention, legal support, help with protective orders and needs such as housing, meals, clothing, personal products, transportation, etc. through our offices in Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Counties.

1,655 Individuals received referrals for legal, childcare, financial, housing, and a multitude of other services and resources.

525 Individuals called our 24-hour crisis line for assistance, information and support.

13,000+ Individual services were provided to children and adults.



Shelter & Housing

Emergency & long-term housing to meet unique safety needs and remove barriers.

305 Individuals (155 adults/150 children) received emergency shelter

35 days is average stay for shelter resident.

9 permanent housing units. **15** Households utilized our transitional housing programs from which **7** households moved on to self-identified safe housing.

25 Households were assisted financially to obtain or maintain their own stable housing.

316 Individuals received additional relocation assistance from our agency.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Children and Youth

Support and education to reduce the impact of domestic violence for children.

308 Children participated in **95** activity opportunities, such as arts and crafts, music, field trips, holiday parties, cooking, plus special events generated by gift card donations.

135 Youth received educational and supportive programming through support groups, learning about topics such as self-esteem, anger, and communication skills.

303 Students attended youth community education presentations, covering topics such as healthy relationships, teen dating violence, and consent.



Community Outreach and Volunteer

Raising awareness of services and the impact of domestic violence on community.

2,148 Individuals attended **48** community education sessions covering agency services and domestic violence related topics.

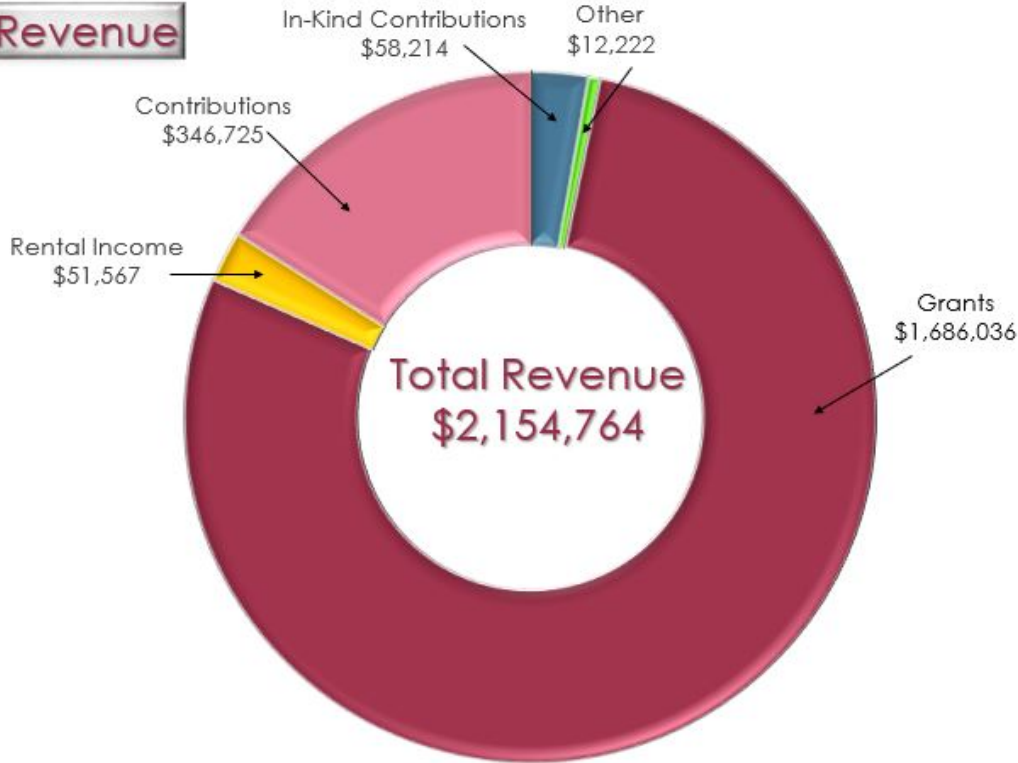
569 Individuals received education through our **6** available support groups, covering topics such as self esteem, power and control, Adverse Childhood Experiences, anger management, healthy relationships, and domestic violence awareness.

20 Volunteers provided **1,976** hours of service through the foster grandparent program, childcare, support groups, data entry, graphic design, maintenance, gardening, presentations, community booths, and organizing material donations.

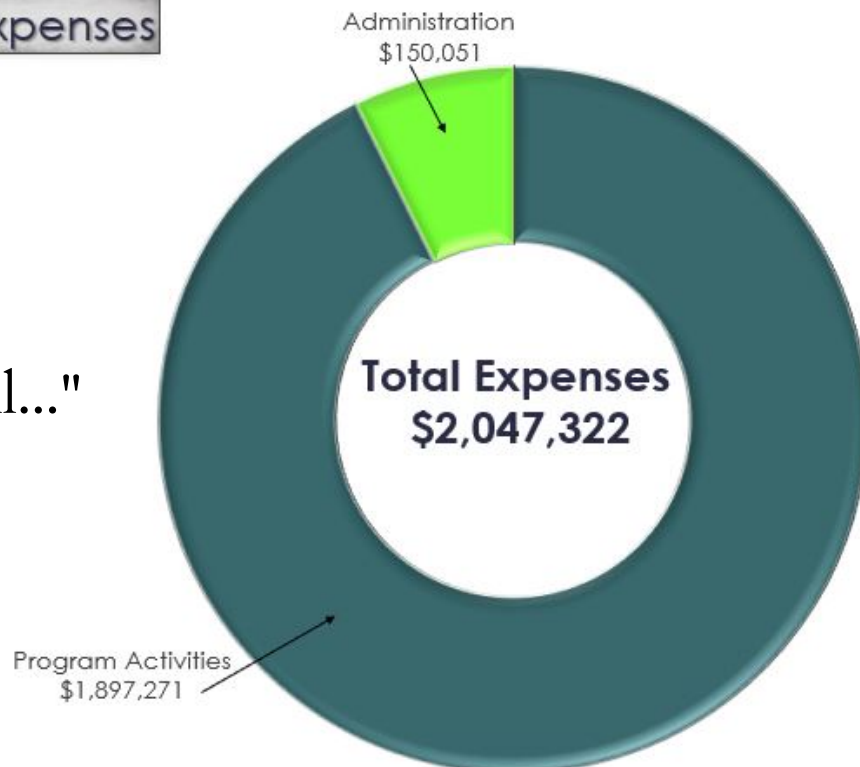


FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue



Expenses



"If you need help, do what I did & make the call..."
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Data reflects 2018 Audit



THANK YOU

We wish to extend a special thank you to our generous donors who make our critical work possible.

Volunteers, Board Members, and Shelter Employees
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Multi-Year Giving Society
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United Way of Olmsted County
Minnesota Department of Human Services
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Office Of Violence Against Women
US Department of Justice
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer for one of our many programs.

Invest in the mission with a donation
in one of our many giving programs.

Host a "Women's Shelter Experience"
virtual tour for your friends.

Advocate for the organization.

Donate online: <https://www.womens-shelter.org/waystogive>

Mail: WSSC, PO Box 457, Rochester, MN, 55903

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