



Emergency Residential Facility Entryway

We believe *Peace on Earth Begins at Home* and work to convey that message in every thing we do. The Shelter provides a wide array of services for victims of domestic violence including safe shelter, crisis intervention, case management, counseling, legal advocacy, education for both victims and community members, and our teen and Latina programs focus on specific populations. All of this is possible through the help of volunteers who give generously of their time from their heart. Volunteers help with providing services, on the hotline, with children's groups, or on administrative tasks and fundraising efforts.

300 volunteers **7,197** volunteer hours

JUNE 2012-JULY 2013

Annual Report

Last year, **751 hotline calls** were answered by trained staff and volunteers. These first calls for help are often the gateway through which a victim begins to build a new life for herself and her children. Because of these courageous calls we were able to provide:

-  Women and children fleeing their abusive homes **4,398 nights of safe shelter**.
-  Assistance to **336 clients** as they began navigating a new path to a life free from abuse.
-  A total of **3,462 hours of supportive services** to victims and their children.
-  Help developing safety plans to avoid further abuse in relationships to **98% of clients** exiting the shelter.
-  **100% of clients** with a better understanding of the impact of violence on children.

"Why do I give to the Shelter for Help in Emergency? Partly, I suppose, because I know that they are such good stewards of what they receive, stretching every dime farther than you would ever imagine it could reach. But it's also because ending domestic violence is just so basic. There are a lot of good organizations in this town doing all kinds of good work, but it seems to me that if a person isn't safe and free within her own home, with the person who shares her life most intimately, nothing else really matters."

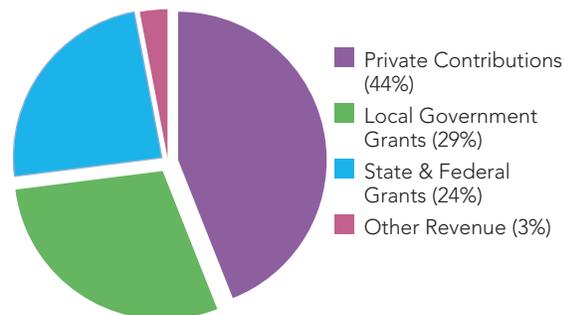
- Carol Krohn
Longtime Shelter Supporter

Community Support

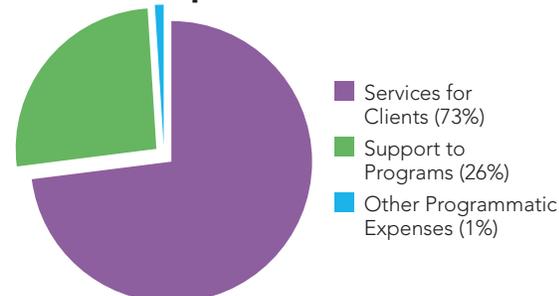
Support groups are being offered throughout the community in an effort to reach victims where they are. These groups create a safe environment for individuals to discuss the violence they may have experienced, and inform them of our services. Weekly groups are currently meeting at:

-  The Haven
-  The Crossings
-  Charlottesville DSS
-  The Salvation Army

Income Breakdown



Expense Breakdown



ACHIEVEMENTS

We established a **mini-health clinic**, staffed weekly by three UVA nurses, offering basic medical care, health education, and medical case management in our emergency residential facility. The mini clinic allows victims to access health care support in a safe environment and has cut down on the number of emergency room visits made by our clients, cutting costs to the community.

Nearly **14,000 community members** received information and educational materials on issues surrounding domestic violence and Shelter services at public awareness events including community health fairs and Shelter events.

With the help of a very generous donor a **new website** was launched to include a new feature: the ability to now accept **online donations**.

In June, we received **full accreditation** status from the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance. This ensures that our programs and procedures are consistent with other domestic and sexual violence agencies throughout Virginia.

Over **50 families** received Christmas presents through our Adopt-a-Family program. Nearly 40 businesses, churches, and community members provided gifts making this our most successful year since the program began.

"I appreciate you so much for all that you have done. My children and I are very lucky to have met you, I will never forget you. Things are going great, childcare is worked out and I got a job!"

– Transitional Housing Client

"For the past year, I have had the privilege of witnessing and helping out a team of strong, dedicated ladies that sacrifice so much for others. I wanted to thank you for helping me see that there is hope amongst the suffering, and there is amazing value in doing small things with great love."

– Shelter Intern



Design House, our annual signature fundraising event, raised **\$62,000** to directly support women and children whose lives have been devastated by domestic violence with the provision of Shelter programs.

1,400 visitors came through Design House, located in the beautiful Farmington community, to see the amazing work of **21 local designers**.

Through the Design House, we hope to show that everyone deserves a safe and happy home — one that serves as a sanctuary to all who live there. We are thankful for the homeowners who open their heart

and home to allow this project to happen, the designers who give of their resources and time, and the **100+ volunteers** who help make it all happen each year to benefit victims of domestic violence and the work of the Shelter.



because peace on earth begins at home



We were happy to work with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Agency through the Building Healthy Futures Fund to develop funding opportunities for violence prevention work throughout Virginia. The first initiative, a new license plate, will provide a visual stand against violence and needed funding through its sales. Our goal is to make every vehicle in Virginia a *vehicle for change*.

The ***Peace Begins at Home* license plate** was approved by the General Assembly this year. The Department of Motor Vehicles will begin production of these new plates in Spring 2014.