

CASA COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

It takes a community to stop domestic violence.



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24-hour domestic violence hotline: 727-895-4912, TTY: 727-828-1269
Outside Pinellas County: 800-500-1119

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CASA celebrated the one-year anniversary of our 100-bed domestic violence center's opening last July, having provided 32,000 "bed nights" of safety to women, children and men escaping violent homes. In 2017 CASA will celebrate its 40th Anniversary serving southern Pinellas County! Your investments in CASA over the past four decades have allowed us to open that new domestic violence center, expand our services and become even more effective protectors of the most vulnerable in our community.

We are excited about two major initiatives nearing completion that will allow us to expand access to our services, lower expenses and become an even better financial steward of your donations:

Rooftop Solar- Thanks to a generous donor and a grant from the Pinellas County Community Development Block Grant Program, a fully funded rooftop solar installation has been completed at our domestic violence center. This will save us an estimated \$1.5 million over the life of the system!

CASA Kennel- Many domestic violence survivors delay leaving an abusive home out of fear for the safety of pets left behind. We are removing that barrier to receiving help by opening an on-site kennel at our shelter in the coming year. We have the start-up funds, started construction and have a team of partner organizations helping with the build-out and ongoing operations.

To all our donors, community partners, volunteers and staff, we want to extend our grateful thanks and immense appreciation to you for the intense and challenging work you do, for the passion and dedication to bringing safety and peace to others, and for being the caring people you are. It takes a whole community to stop domestic violence. Please join us as we continue this work. Your time, talents and financial support make it all possible.



Nicholas McDevitt
President, CASA Board of Directors



Suzanne Horn
Interim Executive Director, CASA



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Signature Event: 2015 CASA Peace Breakfast

Hope for the Holidays 2015

CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse) is the official domestic violence center for southern Pinellas County and has provided lifesaving services to women, children and men living with domestic violence since 1977.

CASA's mission is to raise our voices against violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change. Our vision is a community without domestic violence so that home is a safe place.

CASA'S PROGRAMS

24-hour Domestic Violence Hotlines: 727-895-4912 and TTY 727-828-1269. We connect domestic violence survivors with resources available through CASA and our partner organizations.

Shelter provides refuge, crisis intervention and advocacy in a confidential location when home is not a safe place.

Peacemaker Program teaches non-violence and conflict resolution courses to pre-K through middle school students.

Child Protection Advocacy including in-home services, referrals, relocation assistance, justice advocacy and crisis intervention to families identified through the Pinellas County Child Protection Investigation Department.

Family Works collaborative effort with which advocates help develop safety, treatment and case plans for families identified through the child welfare system, in order to keep families safe and intact.

Youth Center programs give kids a safe and fun place to be while parents participate in support groups or other CASA services, further their education or conduct a job search.

Primary Prevention provides youth in our shelter or community-based services with tools and resources they need to end domestic violence.

Cell Phone Program provides free phones to survivors for instant access to 911 emergency services.

Justice Advocacy assists survivors applying for restraining orders and other court proceedings, and connects victims with legal services.

Individual & Group Counseling address domestic violence and its impact on the family. Specialized groups are available for Spanish speakers, elders and persons struggling with substance abuse.

CASA Community Thrift Shop provides survivors gift certificates for clothing, personal care and other items needed while in crisis.

Professional Training staff teach law enforcement and other community members to be advocates for survivors of domestic violence.

Community Education staff at events and meetings spread awareness and make CASA's resources known to survivors.



Signature Event: 2016 Good Night's Sleep Dessert Luncheon & Linen Drive

CASA's Soup-er Bowl: Food Drive For a Safe Home

CASA'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

32,000 NIGHTS OF SAFETY SO FAR!

At the start of this fiscal year, we celebrated the 1-year anniversary of CASA's new 100-bed domestic violence center.

We couldn't have made it to this point without you. Thank you for investing in a safer future and saving lives of women, children and men escaping violent homes!



Grand Opening - July 2015



Kitchen



Emergency Clothing Boutique



Playground Construction



Children's Center



WHAT COMES NEXT?

Are you staying up to date?

Sign up to receive the CASA Connection Newsletter!

www.casa-stpete.org/subscribe

SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS: JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

- CASA's crisis hotline received 5,587 calls, each answered by a trained advocate who provided information, referrals, safety planning and crisis intervention.
- 284 adults and 163 children found refuge and received vital services in CASA's emergency shelter.
- CASA provided 437 domestic violence support groups, strengthening survivors and empowering them to live a life free of violence. Legal advocates provided assistance to 555 survivors.
- 2,681 school children became Peacemakers through CASA's violence prevention program, helping end the generational cycle of violence.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Government Grants

Federal	\$689,243
State	\$373,229
Local	\$618,898
<i>Total Government Grants</i>	<i>\$1,681,370</i>

Contributions & Other Income

United Way	\$108,966
Special Events (net)	\$219,982
Thrift Shoppe Sales (net)	\$314,250
Contributions & Bequests	\$1,522,368
Investment Gain	\$88,122
Gifts in Kind	\$108,827
Program & Other Income	\$84,515
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 2,447,030</i>

Gain on Sale of Assets \$553,406

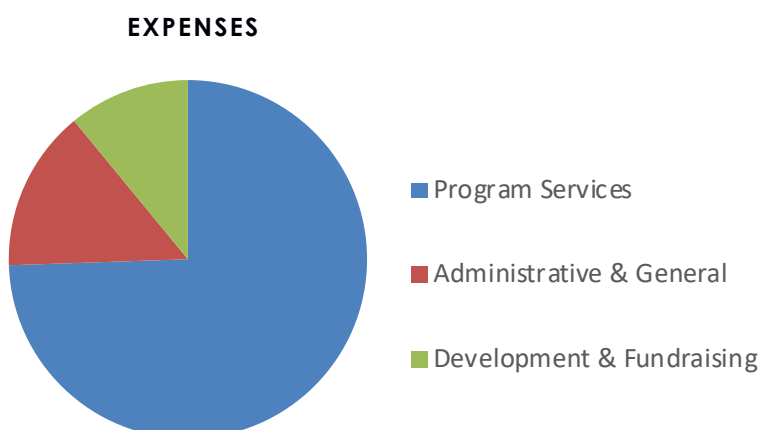
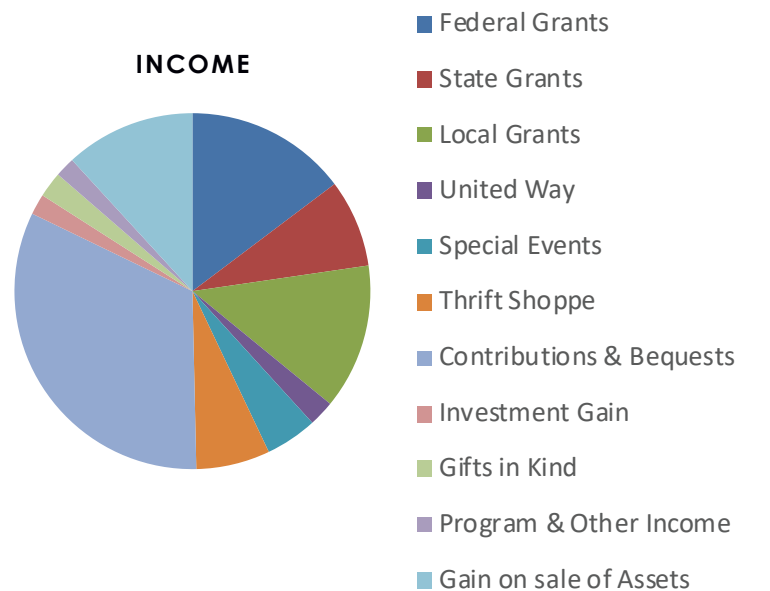
TOTAL INCOME \$4,681,806

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$3,810,396
Administrative & General	\$746,452
Development & Fundraising	\$560,404

TOTAL EXPENSES \$5,117,252

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ... -\$435,446



Domestic Violence In My Community?

Consider this: Approximately 30% of all women & 15% of all men will directly experience domestic violence in their lifetimes.

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. It can take the form of physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions. This includes behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Domestic violence occurs in both opposite-sex and same-sex relationships and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, or dating.

THE STAGGERING FACTS

- Domestic Violence is one of the top three leading causes of homelessness for families.
- Approximately 30% of women and 15% of men will directly experience domestic violence in their lifetimes.
- Consider the number of American servicemen and women who gave their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012. Nearly twice as many women were murdered by current or ex-partners during that same time period.
- Domestic violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work per year in the US alone—the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs.
- The cost of intimate partner violence in the US alone exceeds \$5.8 billion per year: \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.
- 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year... and male children witnessing their parents' domestic violence are twice as likely as others to become abusers when they grow up.

(Source: The Huffington Post. Visit www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/23/domestic-violence-statistics_n_5959776.html for more details.)

STAY INVOLVED ALL YEAR WITH OUR FOUR SEASONS OF EVENTS!

FALL: PEACE BREAKFAST & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (OCTOBER 12, 2017)



ALSO:

- Allstate Foundation's Purple Purse Challenge (Online Fundraising Competition): www.casa-stpete.org/purple
- ABC Action News: WFTS Taking Action Against Domestic Violence TV Special

WINTER: HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER) & SOUP-ER BOWL (JANUARY/FEBRUARY)



SOUP-ER BOWL

Food Drive For a Safe Home
casa-stpete.org/SouperBowl



SPRING/SUMMER: GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP LUNCHEON (APRIL 7, 2017) & BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (JULY)



“A Good Night’s Sleep”

CASA’s Annual Dessert Luncheon

ALSO: Back to School Bash!

Fun games, vendors and food. We distribute backpacks, school supplies and uniforms collected over the prior month.

Learn about these and other CASA-related events at
www.casa-stpete.org/events.



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