

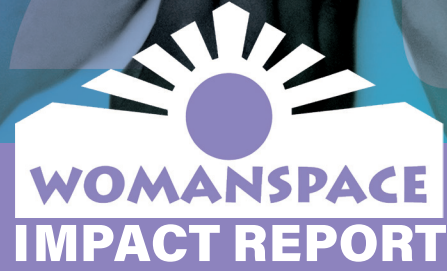


IT STARTS HERE

1530 Brunswick Avenue
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648



extending our reach



Dear Friends,

In fiscal year 2023, Womanspace made significant strides in expanding its reach, forming robust partnerships, and strengthening its presence within the community. It was only through the support of donors like you that we were able to meet our clients' most critical needs while simultaneously creating a blueprint for sustainable growth. Thanks to your generous support, coupled with the hard work of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and board of directors, we were able to serve over 11,000 people.

However, our work is far from complete. Anyone and everyone can experience or be impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. At Womanspace, we are committed to providing comprehensive support to everyone who reaches out to us. In recent years, we have observed a shift in our client demographics, challenging preconceived notions about who experiences domestic and sexual violence. We are responding to this by extending our reach, particularly to groups who may not come forward due to stigma, fear, or lack of knowledge about available resources like Womanspace.

As we look ahead, I invite you to join us as we work to serve a wider, more inclusive client base, building an organization that reaches those who have yet to come forward. Join us in making a difference for victim-survivors on their journey towards a future free from violence.



Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathalie".

Nathalie S. Nelson
President & CEO
Womanspace, Inc.

A large background image on the right side of the page showing several hands of different skin tones (white, light brown, dark brown, black) clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be visible over it.

TOGETHER,
WE TOUCHED MORE THAN
11,000
LIVES

DID YOU DONATE IN 2023? THEN YOU HELPED...



6,777

people call our hotlines

Our hotlines run 24/7 in Spanish, English, and text for the hard of hearing. Our dedicated staff are extensively trained in domestic and sexual violence dynamics. We listen to each caller with unconditional positive regard, recognizing them as experts in their own lives. We meet them where they are in their journey and empower them to make decisions when they're ready.



364

**victims receive crisis
assistance from a
trained advocate**

Womanspace Response Teams provide care for women, men, and children at local police stations and hospitals. Our advocates offered a total of 153 hours of service, including 43 crisis interventions and 36 forensic medical accompaniments.



405

**victims find
safety & shelter**

Our Safe House welcomes those fleeing with nothing and provides counseling and support services, as well as other essential needs such as food, clothing, transportation, childcare, and referrals to various social services. This high level of support, including comprehensive case management, has a direct impact on improving a victim-survivor's chances of achieving long-term well-being, self-sufficiency, and enjoying a life free from abuse. Womanspace also partners with local school districts to ensure that children in our shelters are able to attend schools safe from their offending parent. If it is determined that a child cannot safely attend school, we will arrange for homeschooling by a volunteer teacher.



24

**families find
transitional housing**

Our transitional housing program provides the wrap-around support and connection to resources required for a victim-survivor to develop both self-sufficiency and a strong network of support. Stays can range from six months to two years.



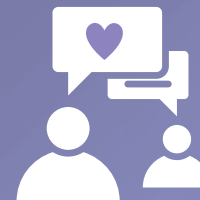
1,033

**survivors find guidance
through family court**

Our Court Advocates help victims obtain restraining orders and provide advocacy in a complex legal system.

222 spoke a primary language other than English.

193 spoke Spanish, with others that spoke Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, French, Korean, Polish, and Russian.



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**people attend
counseling**

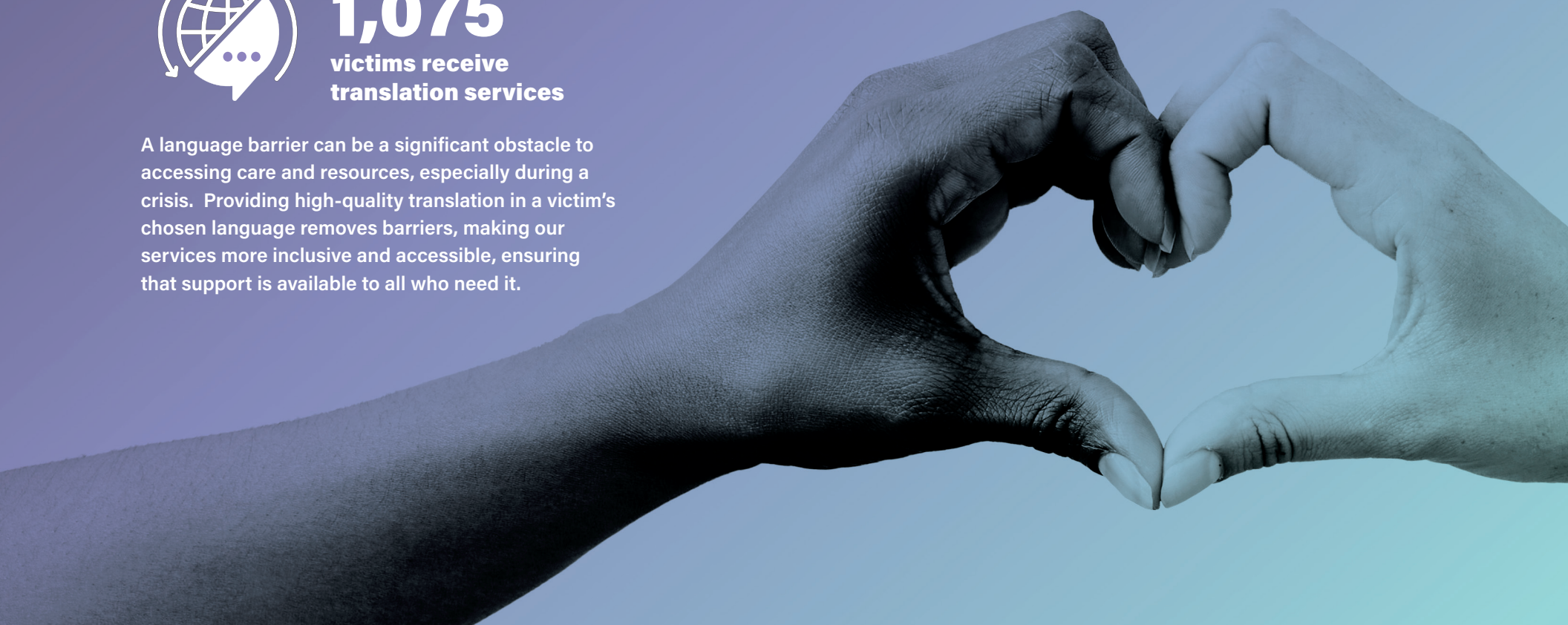
Womanspace offers personalized counseling and advocacy services to individuals regardless of their financial means, serving a diverse clientele including people from various income levels, genders, ethnicities, and sexual orientations. Services include family counseling, crisis intervention, referrals, group therapy, drop-in sessions, and trauma education and skills group.



1,075

**victims receive
translation services**

A language barrier can be a significant obstacle to accessing care and resources, especially during a crisis. Providing high-quality translation in a victim's chosen language removes barriers, making our services more inclusive and accessible, ensuring that support is available to all who need it.





613

**children benefit
from services**

Children are also victims of domestic violence, even if the violence is not directed at them. Womanspace supports children's well-being by providing safe housing, transitional housing, home schooling, counseling, and advocacy. We collaborate closely with the NJ Department of Child Protection and Permanency to identify co-occurrences of domestic violence and child abuse or neglect. Our program aims to ensure that children understand that violence is never their fault, and is never the answer to conflict.



1,508

**NJ residents learn
about the dynamics of
domestic violence &
sexual assault**

We work with NJ residents of all ages, from middle school students, to college students, to adults working in companies of all sizes. Our curriculum covers topics such as: Discussing Healthy Relationships, Dating, and Consent with your Teens; Interpersonal Violence within the LGBTQ+ Community; Financial Abuse; and Technology & Stalking: Staying Safe.





more
than women

Womanspace is dedicated to providing inclusive and comprehensive support to all affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. In recent years, more men and members of the LGBTQ+ community are courageously coming forward to share their stories and seek healing. We are evolving and growing as an organization to meet the unique needs of these populations. We work to create space for every victim as they heal into a survivor.

womanspace says:



Social Work is an empowering profession. I am not here to light your path. I am here to show you how bright your own light can be. That is the beauty about the work we do.

– Krystal,
Bilingual Counselor at Womanspace



our clients say:



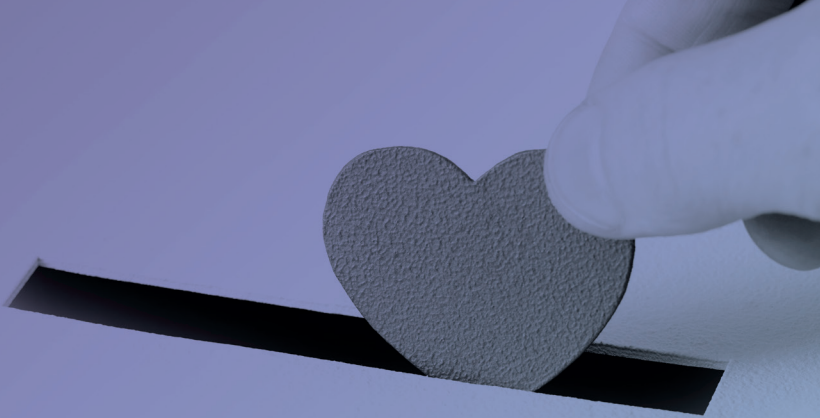
I want to thank Womanspace for giving me and my son a chance to live in a safe environment and for me to get back on my feet. Womanspace and the vast number of people involved with this organization are wonderful. To update you on me and my son: We have moved to [another state] and bought a 3-bedroom house. We are so grateful for the chance to start a new life. When I first called Womanspace, I felt lost. Being a single father, I did not expect to be helped so much: from being placed in safe housing, given holiday gifts and food for my son, and told to save money, set goals, and be safe. Womanspace is a blessing to a family needing a safe and helpful place to get on their feet. Thank you so much for all that you have done.

My therapist helped me understand the impact of my eleven years of abuse in a way that helped me move forward with strength and confidence in myself. I could stop blaming myself, she gave me the courage to take my own lead in life.

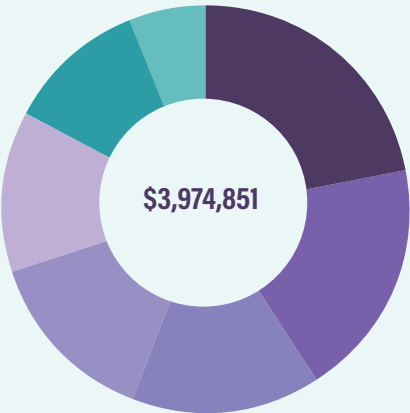


FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Here’s a snapshot of our finances in 2023, showing what it takes to serve our clients. All donations, whether they be monetary or supplies, are mission critical, especially as we extend our reach in 2024 and 2025.



EXPENSES



CRISIS RESPONSE & PREVENTION 22%

SAFE HOUSE 19%

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES 15%

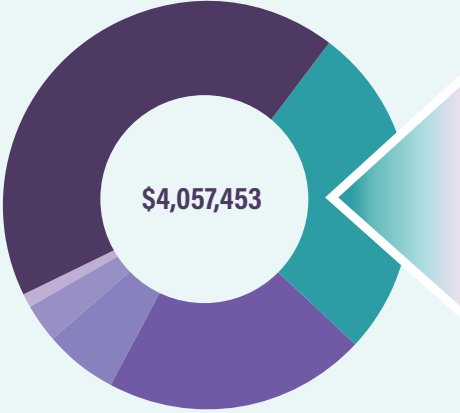
ADMINISTRATIVE 14%

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING 13%

DEVELOPMENT 11%

HOTLINES 6%

FUNDING



NJ DEPT OF CHILDREN
& FAMILY SERVICES 43%

DONATIONS 27%

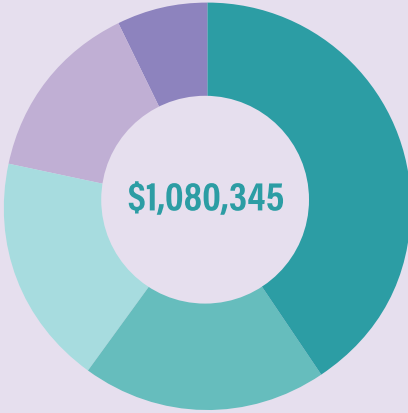
NJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL 21%

HUD: CITY OF TRENTON 6%

MERCER COUNTY 3%

ESG: CITY OF TRENTON 1%

DONATIONS



INDIVIDUAL GIVING 40%

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS 19%

CORPORATE GIVING 18%

IN-KIND DONATIONS 14%

CIVIC GROUPS 7%

WHY YOU MATTER:

Your donation matters immensely to Womanspace. It sustains our mission and goes beyond financial support; it fuels advocacy, volunteerism, and community engagement, amplifying our impact. Your contributions offer crucial flexibility, allowing us to allocate funds where they’re most needed and innovate new programs. Individual, corporate, and foundation giving diversifies our funding, reducing reliance on a single revenue stream and increasing financial resilience. Additionally, donations can be quickly mobilized to respond to emergencies, providing the agility to address critical issues as they arise.

a heartfelt thank you

**TO OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS
FROM ALL OF US AT WOMANSPACE**



HELP US EXTEND OUR REACH AND IMPACT MORE LIVES

At Womanspace, we are dedicated to reaching and serving even more individuals and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. With your support, we can make a real difference in our community. Your donation will help us expand our outreach efforts, providing crucial services to those who need them most. From counseling and advocacy to emergency shelter and legal assistance, every dollar you give will directly impact the lives of survivors.



Please consider making a donation to Womanspace today. You're not just supporting our mission—you're ensuring that no one is denied services or support, creating a safer community for all.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD, a team of dedicated volunteers, advocates, legal and financial experts who help us achieve our mission every day.

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