

The mission of WOMANSPACE is to **Prevent Abuse**, **Protect Families**, and **Change Lives** through empowerment and a safety net of supportive services.



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# *Hessage from the President and Executive Director*



Christopher Bukosky



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#### Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this, my 24th Annual Message I reflect back on this year with gratitude. Challenges abound for non-profit organizations these days but each year we are able to accomplish so very much. The Deaf Advocacy Pilot Project, the introduction of the EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) Model into our counseling options, increased staffing in our Children's Program and our Homelessness Project are examples of what we have been able to achieve and build on this year. The list grows with the recognition of need. The commitment to making the community safer for our families is the motivator and motivated we are.

We work every day to ensure a safe and robust future for all our families. By "we" I mean the community of nonprofits that provide an incredible safety net of support and assistance to this Mercer County community. None of us can do it alone and we see the value in partnership. The intersection of our missions' clearly demands that we work in collaboration with each other allowing us to provide comprehensive assistance to our families.

So I salute and feel grateful for Family Guidance Center, Homefront, Rescue Mission of Trenton, El Centro and Catholic Charities, RISE, PEI kids, NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Legal Services of NJ, Isles, Contact, LALDEF, Arm in Arm, Seer Farms, the amazing Municipal Police Departments, TCNJ, SHARE at Princeton University and the list goes on and on. Of significance is that we help each other, utilizing our unique expertise to make a difference here in Mercer County.

Beyond those remarkable organizations a special debt of gratitude to our volunteers. They number in the hundreds, attend an 80-hour training in order to work with our families and never complain. Did you know that last year alone our Domestic Violence Response Team, volunteer Court Advocates and our Sexual Assault Advocates met with and supported over 1,051 women, men, children and family members? That is just a portion of the contribution that volunteers provide to further the mission of Womanspace.

In this our 40th year we are increasingly grateful to a community that never lets us down. We had our beginnings in the dedicated, creative and collaboration-building founder, Barbara Boggs Sigmund. The history of Womanspace could not be told without acknowledging the "we can do this" (emphasis on we). The below picture is taped to my computer screen and when I need a little inspiration...she is always there. She set the tone that made the future of the organization strong.



The difficulty in writing this message every year, is not "what to talk about" but how to fit so much into such a small space. How to express the gratitude for the many who contribute. I look around me and see unparalleled staff, a committed Board of Trustees, Advisory Council members who become strong emissaries, donors who believe in us and give so much and those amazing volunteers. It is the people of Womanspace who ensure that the residents of Mercer County will

never have to go far to find the support they need. For 40 years we have tried to match the fearlessness of our survivors and we will continue for the next 40 years with your help. Thank you never seems enough...but with this message I offer a warm and meaningful Thank You to you all.

Patricia M. Hart, M.S.W., LCSW Executive Director

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Womanspace, Inc., founded in 1977, is a non-profit corporation providing comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. In response to information gathered by the Alercer County Commission on the Status of Women identifying the need for services for battered women and their children, Womanspace opened the first publicly supported emergency residential facility in New Gersey in Pebruary 1978. Prom the beginning, our goal was to serve victims beyond the initial crisis. That goal has become a reality as our services continue to grow to assist clients facing complex situations due to the violence in their lives.

### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of Womanspace is to Prevent Abuse, Protect Families, and Change Lives through empowerment and a safety net of supportive services.

### OUR VISION

Womanspace, Inc. will be recognized as a prominent leader in providing services that address domestic and sexual violence in the county of Mercer and across the state.

Womanspace will value the right of survivors to make life decisions based on a process that allows them to be fully informed of all their options.

Womanspace will maximize resources through collaborative partnerships that enable us to impact the community response to domestic and sexual violence.

Womanspace will commit to cultural competency and inclusive practices.

# OUR THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2015 – 2018)

### Strategic Initiative I: Strengthen Existing Client Support Services

Create, strengthen and maintain a range of client services to effectively support the process of bealing from the trauma of domestic violence/sexual assault and to foster the ability to sustain healthy relationships.

#### Strategic Initiative II: Increase Access to Services

Increase access to services, including multicultural, multilingual services and services to persons with disabilities.

### Strategic Initiative III: Strengthen Organizational Capacity

Strengthen the organization's infrastructure and capacity to support current and future growth.

#### Strategic Initiative IV: Commitment to Excellence

*Ensure quality services through continuous quality assurance and evaluation.* 

# Highlights of Fiscal Year 2017

Womanspace clients come from all geographic, socio-economic, cultural, racial and religious backgrounds and present a diversity of needs.

The intent of Womanspace is to be accessible to all. Our handicapped accessible services are essential to the community and our belief in collaboration keeps us visible to all in Mercer County. Our collaborations include the court system, law enforcement, child protective services, welfare, healthcare/mental healthcare, homelessness agencies, social service providers and many private nonprofit organizations within the county. Forming a coordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence is critical to addressing the many needs that our clients face.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CSS) continues to flourish

Services are provided to adults and children by professionals who are specifically trained in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault. Advocate services are also available on site at Family Court, Municipal Courts and Department of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Services are available regardless of ability to pay. Spanish speaking counselors are available for all services provided by this program. Some 2017 highlights:

- Through a grant obtained from the Office of Victim Witness Advocacy, Womanspace strengthened our partnerships with Homefront and the Rescue Mission of Trenton, providing an on-site presence in order to provide much needed domestic violence and sexual assault services to the residents of those organizations.
- The Reshmi & Mahmood Siddique Foundation have generously supported a newly created Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) project that will allow us to best serve those clients who struggle with the ongoing effects of PTSD. In addition to a two part intensive training on the modality, staff will be working with Jill Schwarz, PhD from TCNJ to complete research on the project and better measure the outcomes of the work.
- Chosen as one of four pilot projects to integrate new risk assessment tools, Womanspace began utilizing the new forms and procedures in completing Family Violence Option services in partnership with MCBOSS.
- With a commitment to ongoing learning, CSS staff obtained training in the following areas:
  - -Eating Disorders
    - -NJ CEED; Cancer Education and Early Detection
    - -Tax accounting for clients
    - -Art & sewing space to connect with clients.
- Joined with Oaks Integrated to coordinate referrals for Spanish speaking clients.

EMERGENCY SERVICES are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week, are designed to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and Human Trafficking immediately following a crisis.

- Safe House renovations were completed. Through the generosity of Women's Shelter Grant program the Safe House has a new lounge, freshly painted, carpeted and furnished. In addition, renovations to the kitchen were also completed.
- A new grant was received to replace the 20+ year old phone system. Research is being conducted on the most technologically advanced system to meet the needs of the program that operates three hotlines and the newly established Deaf texting hotline.
- Revised hotline manual to include critical information on LGBTQ community.
- Staff has had to rise to the growing challenges of serving residents in a communal living environment. They deal on a daily basis with folks entering the Safe House with untreated mental illness, addictions concerns and a history of chronic homelessness. The amazing staff faces these challenges with support and compassion. In response to the above need, maximum stay at the Safe House has been increased from four to six weeks.
- Added double coverage during 7PM-IIPM to ensure the best outcomes for ever challenging population.
- The Child Advocate has introduced "homework time" to assist the children in maintaining their academic performance.
- A new facilities assistant was hired to help with donations and facility related issues.



SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES provides group and individual counseling and support for survivors of sexual assault. In addition SASS provides prevention services to middle school, high school and college students.

- Safe Dates, a model for healthy relationships for high school students has been introduced to each new GED and trade school class with Isles.
- TCNJ Fraternity Phi Alpha Delta requested 4-5 topical areas relating to sexual assault on campus. One is completed and the others will begin at the start of the school year.
- In a partnership with above Fraternity the young men helped to create a patchwork tapestry of denim with inspirational messages on each square. The tapestry has been displayed at various locations during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in order to raise awareness about sexual assault.
- Completed first daytime training at TCNJ for students and community members.
- Partnered with Homefront to offer a community screening of Audrey and Daisy during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS Provide extensively trained and carefully supervised volunteers (24/7) who respond at the time of crisis to support victims and their families.

NEXT STEP AND BARBARA'S HOUSE transitional housing services provide an essential stabilizing influence for families who have experienced domestic violence. Womanspace housing programs foster independence and self sufficiency for victims of domestic violence and their children.

- Shelter Support Grant provided funds to improve the facility for client families with new windows, new boilers and more durable flooring to replace carpeting.
- In collaboration with Isles, staff developed a five-session group on "growing your income".

#### DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

- Completion of new Womanspace video through the generosity of professional filmmakers, BNO Productions.
- 23rd Annual BBS success with Award Winner, Olympian Kayla Harrison and former client guest speaker Natosha McVeigh raising over \$125,000.
- Annual Appeal surpassed all prior years totaling over \$175,000, thanks to the generosity of individual donors and foundations.
- Communities of Light with Honorary Chair, Barbara Gittenstein; President of TCNJ raised over \$27,000.
- BWNICE partnership developed this year, bringing female professionals together for networking breakfasts.
- Womanspace's Volunteer Coordinator attended numerous community events throughout the year attending events that both build awareness for Womanspace and raise funds. Below are just a few:
  - I. Princeton Center for Yoga and Health named Womanspace as the recipient of their community class for the months of November and December.
  - 2. "Mom Prom" sponsored by the Ladies of Middlesex
  - 3. "Celebrate You" Women Entrepreneurs
  - 4. NJ Athletic Center raised funds through a Zumba event
  - 5. Novo Nordisk "Casual For A Cause"
  - 6. NJ Manufacturers teamed up with Trenton Thunder to raise money for Womanspace with each homerun through out the summer
  - 7. Pinot's Palette a night of painting for a cause
  - 8. Charming Charlie offering a percentage of sales
  - 9. Alex and Ani percentage of sales



Some of our private fundraising outcomes of note include:

- The Merancas Foundation generously supports Womanspace programming for the fifth year in a row with a grant of \$75,000.
- Wells Fargo \$15,000 for Transitional Housing: This program allows our clients to stay in their own apartment while working or going to school. They can stay in the apartment for up to 3 years.
- Trenton ESG \$12,000 for Safe House General Operating Support.
- Allergan Foundation: \$10,000 for General Operating Support: This new unrestricted gift from the global pharmaceutical giant is welcome news as we look to partner with corporations in the region, and will be instrumental in meeting the wide-ranging needs of our organization
- Mary Owen Borden Foundation: \$10,00 for General Operating Support.
- Verizon Hopeline gave \$20,000 to Womanspace's many programs, such as; counseling, education and training, emergency service and transitional housing to name a few.
- Princeton Area Community Foundation: \$40,000 for General Operating Support
- The Reshmi & Mahmood Siddique Foundation: \$11,000 for EMDR Training: The Foundation provided the funds to allow four Womanspace staff members to receive EMDR training. EMDR stands for Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. This is a psychotherapy treatment that was originally designed to alleviate the distress associated with traumatic memories (Shapiro, 1989a, 1989b).
- Bloomberg \$10,000 for General Operating Support

#### FISCAL DEPARTMENT

Womanspace welcomes our new Fiscal Manager, Nicole Reaves and new Bookkeeper, Cassius Lawson. New levels of financial accountability by government funders resulted in a successful reworking of budgeting process Womanspace went "green" with all payroll and W-2 being electronically delivered.

#### ADMINSTRATION

- Womanspace Executive Director has been invited to participate in leadership groups, including:
  - -Violence Against Women Act Advisory Board-creating a spending plan for Federal Funds under VAWA for state distribution.
  - -Rutgers School of Social Work Advisory Board-planning for excellence in education into the future.
  - -Princeton University Arts Museum Leadership Group bringing art into the community
  - -Trenton Stakeholders bringing community leaders together for networking and collaboration efforts
- The Deaf Advocacy Project, which has been a pilot project of the agency for the past three years received a government grant to take the project statewide and will transition into a project of the NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence. This year a website was created for the project.

WOMANSPACE STAFF COMMITTEES – For many years Womanspace has engaged the skills, commitment and expertise of staff in creating committees that drive much of the work of the organization. Only an amazing staff would volunteer to spend extra time beyond the responsibilities of their positions to participate in the operations of the agency. Womanspace has the good fortune to have that kind of staff composition. All committees meet monthly.

- Bilingual Services Team The first staff driven committee created by Spanish speaking staff to ensure that all Womanspace clients have access to materials in Spanish, that Womanspace has a presence in the Spanish-speaking community and that clients for whom English is not their first language feel comfortable and safe at Womanspace. The committee works on translating forms, attending Latina community events and speaking engagements.
- Cultural Competency Committee Created to ensure that we are always working toward a higher level of cultural competency and that everyone who walks in the door of Womanspace feels comfortable regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, language, religion and sexual orientation. The committee plans in-service trainings, summer film festivals, joins the YWCA for their Stand Against Racism and works in partnership with other committees to commemorate both SAAM and DVAM.
- Education and Training Committee When funding disappeared for Prevention and Education the Education and Training Committee took over. Members of the committee respond to all requests for speaking throughout the year. In addition they create standard presentations so that the message of Womanspace is always consistent and make all presentations available to all staff. The committee provides time for members to practice until they feel comfortable presenting. Last year the committee provided over 55 presentations in the community.
- SOUP Committee (Domestic Violence Awareness Month DVAM and Sexual Assault Awareness Month SAAM) (Alphabet Soup) – This committee plans the launch for both significant months, they plan activities to bring awareness across the county, they plan in-service training in partnership with other committees to ensure that the message of DV and SA is present in the agency and in the community. This committee also maintains a focus on Human Trafficking.





Womanspace is proud and honored to have so many long term employees that speak to the heart and soul of Womanspace as an agency and as a family. Our 39th Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Womanspace was pleased to honor employees of five years (starting from the left) Anntonett Caldwell, Mary Williams, Tracy Heading. Ten year employees are (from the left) Janet Ginest (not pictured), Robert Hart (not pictured), Heidi Mueller, Altagracia Sierra. On the far right, Clarriah Stowers is celebrating 30 years of employment at Womanspace. Congratulations to our amazing Womanspace team. Thank you for your service and dedication.



Womanspace staff members attended the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast at the Westin and Womanspace had an information table out to provide pertinent information to anyone who was in need. Pictured Left to right; Nathalie Nelson, Susan Adams, Heidi Mueller, Susan Victor and Pat Hart.



Womanspace staff gathered at the Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) launch in April at our Safe House. Staff members donned several shades of teal to show our support and solidarity for SAAM.



Womanspace supporters celebrated the 23rd Annual Barbara Boggs Sigmund Awards at the Westin in Princeton on Thursday, April 27, 2017. We were thrilled to honor two -time Gold Medalist Olympian, Kayla Harrison, for her efforts to shed a light on childhood sexual abuse. Kayla Harrison is pictured with our 2017 BBS Committee, along with our Executive Director, Pat Hart and Director of Development, Lauren Nazarian.



Communities of Light <sup>TM</sup>, Peace Begins at Home Campaign helps raise awareness and lets victims know they are not alone. In 2016, Womanspace was honored to have R. Barbara Gitenstein, President of The College of New Jersey serve as our 15th Annual honorary chairperson of COL. Pictured From left to right, Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs; who( represented R. Barbara Gitenstein,) Lauren Nazarian, Director of Development and two TCNJ employees.



Our Deaf Advocacy Committee got a chance to meet with our Board of Directors at a recent meeting to show and tell what they have been working on. As you can see they are working on their signing skills by clapping or shaking their hands to represent clapping. The Deaf Advocacy Project, which has been a pilot project of the agency for the past three years received a government grant to take the project statewide and will transition into a project of the NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence. This year a website was created for the project and Womanspace is so proud to have piloted this project and we hope it continues to flourish.

Womanspace, Inc.

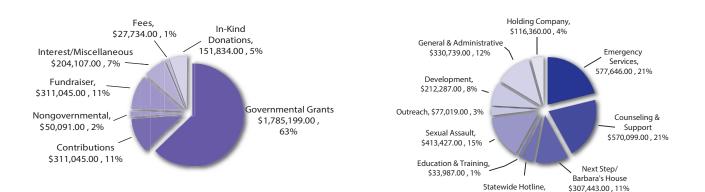
# FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

# SNAPSHOT OF PEOPLE SERVED

Women	227
Children	634
Men	393
Hotline Callers	853
Total People served in FY 2016 II,J	107
Community Members Educated & Professionally Trained	816

REVENUE FY 2017

EXPENSES FY 2017



# STAFF MANAGEMENT TEAM

Patricia M. Hart – Executive Director Kay Lory – Associate Executive Director Lauren Nazarian – Director of Development Susan Victor – Director of Counseling & Support Services Reyna Carothers – Director of Emergency Services Alison Daks – Sexual Assault Support Services Coordinator Heidi Mueller – Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Coordinator Susan Adams – Volunteer & Community Outreach Coordinator Nathalie Nelson – Human Resources Manager Nicole Reaves – Fiscal Manager

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### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Emergency Services program assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, following the initial crisis, by providing round-the-clock access to the safe house and hotlines.

# SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM

Womanspace's Safe House provides secure, temporary emergency housing in a safe, confidential location, where survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking and their children can begin to recover and plan for a violence-free life. The program opened its doors—in this very location—nearly forty years ago, in 1978, and was filled immediately. It continues to be the only short-term residential program of its kind in Mercer County.

The Safe House is a warm and welcoming environment, staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Staff members support families in working through the immediate crisis. Clients receive individual counseling, case management, and ongoing advocacy, and have access to a weekly array of support groups that explore themes of safety, empowerment, living skills, healing from crisis, and the importance of building a support network. Advocates are available to assist clients in setting goals based on individual and family needs; these goals may include identifying viable safe housing options and other community resources—such as childcare, child supportive services, counseling, job training, legal assistance, substance abuse treatment, and medical and mental health providers. Safe House clients also have a full scope of services available to them at Womanspace's Counseling and Support Services office in Lawrenceville, as well as access to the agency's non-denominational chaplain.

Our Children's Program offers information about the effects of domestic violence on children, as well as support for mothers on how to talk to their kids about their current situation. Children also receive individual case management, counseling, and support during their stay with us. Daily, curriculum-based activities; help with homework; open playroom time; and recreational activities give moms some respite. The Children's Program also offers a bi-weekly children's group and a bi-weekly mother's support group.

The Child Advocate assists mothers in linking them to childcare or to a nearby school system, medical services, counseling, and other agencies in the nearby community. Safe House staff also offers supervision and support around parenting and communal living issues, by assessing needs, nurturing relationships, and offering positive guidance. In 2008, Emergency Services began a homeschooling program that provides Safe House clients an additional educational option for their children. Five experienced teachers volunteer their time to make this program a resounding success. Womanspace is very proud to say that it is the only domestic violence agency in New Jersey to offer homeschooling.

# PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES FY 2017 (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 95% of clients surveyed stated that they knew more about community resources as a result of the services they received.
- 92% of clients stated that they knew more about ways to plan for their safety as a result of the services they received.









# Emergency Shelter FY 2017 Statistics:

# TOTAL SHELTER CLIENTS SERVED: 202

Women I24
Children
Shelter Services Provided
Advocacy
Counseling:
Individual Sessions
Children's Individual Sessions
Support Counseling - 4 groups per week:
Group Participants
Children's Group Participants7
Family Counseling
Children's Educational and
Recreational Activities
Home School Educational Sessions 0
Home School Educational Hours0
Children's Home School Participants 0**
Elementary School Students0
Middle School Students 0
High School Students0
**Home School option is a choice Womanspace is able

\*\*Home School option is a choice Womanspace is able to offer to mothers and their school-aged children residing in shelter, during the school year.

# CLIENT SURVEY FEEDBACK, FY2017:

Question: "What do you think you would have done if the shelter didn't exist?"

- "I don't know, I would have not been able to get away from the abuse (being held prisoner in my ex-husband's home)"
- "I didn't have anywhere else to go. I would have been homeless, or dead."
- "I would have been on the street with my children, because I was not taking them back to be abused anymore."

" Been in the hospital or slept in my car."

Question: "When you decided to come here, what did you think the shelter would do for you?" 98% of safe house clients used the words, safe and protection to answer this question.

"Give me a place to be away from the abuse inflicted on me by my ex-husband and brother. Help for myself." "A place of safety."

- "Help my children and I feel safe."
- "Keep me out of range of the abuser."

# ETHNICITY (ADULTS)

African American 5	/
Caucasian	621%
Latino 2	2
Asian	Ł
Biracial 8	3 6%
Other	7

# Age

## Children

Chilaren		
0-4	42	54%
5-9	25	32%
10-14	. 9	I2%
15-18	. 2	. 3%
Adults		
19-24	36	29%
25-34	40	32%
35-44	21	I7%
45-59	25	20%
60+	. 2	. 2%



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The Crisis Hotlines are operated by Womanspace, Inc. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at the safe house. Staff members respond to calls from victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault, their families, friends, and human services professionals. Spanish-speaking counselors are always available, as is access to a language line for those needing interpretation in languages other than English and Spanish.

In 2015, Womanspace, Inc. added a texting hotline for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing survivors (609) 619-1888.

The local *Mercer County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotlines* assist victims of trauma in often lifethreatening situations, by offering options for immediate safety that include the protective and supportive Emergency Services program, as well as access to the agency's countywide assistance at area hospitals, courts, police departments, and health clinics. People in crisis receive immediate and confidential assistance from trained and experienced staff. Forsafe house or emergency assistance in Mercer County call (609) 394-9000.

The Emergency Services program of Womanspace also operates the *New Jersey Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline* an information and referral service, helping victims, and community members identify appropriate supportive programs or services in their respective counties. For safe house services or referrals/information anywhere in New Jersey call **I-800-572-SAFE (7233)**.

**BedFinder**, an Internet-based website/application, was originally piloted in 2013 with Womanspace and other agencies in New Jersey, to simplify the process of finding human trafficking survivors emergency placement at domestic violence shelters and residential programs throughout the state. The Safe Shelter Collaborative, as this collective of human services agencies is known, eventually began to use BedFinder to locate safe house services for domestic violence survivors, too. The re-traumatizing effects on survivors of multiple safe house assessments, as well as the onerous task on staff of placing multiple telephone calls has been replaced with a simple, single request seen and responded to quickly by all participating programs.

# HOTLINES FY 2017 STATISTICS: TOTAL HOTLINE CALLERS SERVED: 6,853

MERCER COUNTY – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE			Total
Victim Crisis Calls			I,886
Information Support Calls			I,783
Female Calls			3,531
Male Calls			
Total Calls			3,669
MERCER COUNTY — SEXUAL ASSAULT Female Calls Male Calls			
Total Calls	••••••••••••••••	••••••••••	
New Jersey Statewide – Domestic Violence	Female	MALE	Total
Victim Crisis Calls	I,690	123	I,8I3
Information Support Calls			1,053
Total Calls			2,866

# PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

• 98% of callers stated that they received all of the information they needed.

# Chaplaincy Program

Womanspace is committed to meeting the needs of clients holistically, and to that end, has a chaplain on staff who can provide pastoral care and counseling to those who seek it. Often fear of violating religious beliefs and confusion and misunderstanding of religious teaching, keeps people stuck in abusive relationships. Womanspace's Chaplaincy program offers nondenominational pastoral care and spiritual counseling to clients of all faiths so that they can learn to see themselves through the eyes of their own faith, as persons worthy of dignity, value and respect. They can use their faith to draw strength in times of trouble and gain courage to make life-giving choices.

The Chaplaincy program also runs groups at the shelter and at the counseling office as the need arises. The "Reflections Group" at the shelter allows women whose lives have intersected because of similarly traumatic experiences to have the opportunity in a safe, spiritual and compassionate forum to share and reflect on their circumstances and what it means to them. All shelter clients are encouraged to participate in this group. As the need arises, a "Spirituality Group" that is a time limited, closed group is offered at the counseling office. This group is focused on examining the intersection of trauma and ideas of what it means to be a person of faith. Womanspace's clients at all sites may request to meet with the chaplain or chaplain interns for individual pastoral counseling. We recognize that spiritual beliefs are held differently by each person, which impacts how they manage a time of crisis in their lives. Our goal is to offer compassion and non-judgmental spiritual support as they create a safe and sacred space for themselves.



*Rev. Susan Victor, Th.M, MSW, LCSW Director of Counseling and Support Services* 

The chaplain networks with area congregations to establish important community links to Womanspace services and to further their understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and its effects on family members, especially children. Through education and dialogue, faith communities can grow to be truly safe sanctuaries and healing places for those affected by trauma as they learn about the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault on individuals, families and the larger community. Womanspace provides field education opportunities to seminary students. Over a year-long placement, seminary interns work closely with staff and clients, supervised by Womanspace's chaplain to learn how theological education can be practically used to provide comfort and care to those in crisis.

# CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM FY 2017 STATISTICS:

Community Education and Outreach (clergy and non-clergy)	
Outreach to Community Clergy Members.	. 259
Number of Speaking Engagements and Outreach events	15
Total Number Educated	. 914
COUNSELING AND SUPPORT (CLERGY AND NON-CLERGY)	
Individual Chaplaincy sessions (Shelter and CSS)	17
Number of CSS Group Participants	0
Self-Awareness (Reflections) Group sessions at Shelter	3
Number of Shelter client group participants	II
Spirituality Group Sessions at Womanspace Facility	I4
Number of Womanspace clients group particpants	56

# Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams

Begun as a model program for New Jersey by Womanspace in 1998, the Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams (DVVRT) are comprised of volunteers who undergo extensive domestic violence training to prepare them to provide support, information and referral to victims. These committed, specially trained volunteers are called to the police station at the time of a domestic violence incident in order to intervene at a time of crisis. The services the team members can offer victims are difficult for the police to provide, given their responsibilities at the time of the incident. This partnership has also allowed for thorough training of the police officers in each municipality in order to sensitize them to the complex issues related to domestic violence. This highly successful program has helped in identifying victims of violence and providing vital information and referral at a very critical time. Response team volunteers provide potentially life-saving services to victims including information about domestic violence and the services available to them as well as support during a time of intense crisis and has served over 6,400 victims.

A coordinated community response to domestic violence is vital in supporting victims of abuse. Response team volunteers also respond to Trenton Municipal three days a week and Hamilton Municipal once a month. Law enforcement officials are responsible for handling the legal aspects of domestic violence including the implementation of domestic violence laws. In Mercer County, Womanspace collaborates with law enforcement to provide counseling and supportive services to victims. Due to the significant number of victims that come into contact with the police, a 24 hour, on-call intervention project that partners municipal law enforcement agencies and Womanspace is vital.

# MERCER COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# VICTIM RESPONSE TEAMS:

- I. East Regional Team: (East Windsor, West Windsor, Robbinsville, Hightstown)
- 2. West Regional Team: (Ewing, Pennington Borough, Hopewell Township and Borough and The College of NJ)
- 3. Hamilton Team
- 4. Central Regional Team: (Lawrence Township, Princeton and Princeton University)
- 5. Trenton Team
- 6. New Jersey State Police



# Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams FY 2017 Statistics:

DVVRT VICTIMS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS TOTAL SERVED: 729

Total Team Call-outs	580
Victims Served	601
Women	519
Men	. 82
Children served	. 82
Significant others served (Women-25, Men-21)	. 46

# PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- The victims we served routinely stated that they felt that the services provided by the response team volunteers were beneficial and that they clearly understood their options.
- The police officers we work with to serve victims are overwhelmingly supportive and helpful.

# Sexual Assault Support Services Program

The Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) Program uses a comprehensive, multiprogrammatic approach to address the needs of victims in Mercer County, with the primary goal of providing services to all sexual assault victims. We assist victims of acute sexual assault through both the medical and legal processes and provide individual and group counseling to support victims in healing from the effects of rape trauma syndrome. Our program structure includes direct service staff and volunteers who work with victims and collaborate with law enforcement and medical professionals to promote healing through a victim centered response to sexual assault.

In addition to services for victims, Womanspace provides counseling, support and education to spouses, partners, parents, children and siblings of victims. These co-victims are closely attached to the person who is suffering from trauma. Counseling is provided through our Counseling and Support Services Program. The quality of life for survivors and their families is increased consequent to this support and they are better able to participate and contribute to their community.

Another important aspect of the program is providing education about sexual assault throughout Mercer County. The staff educators regularly seek out a variety of groups in the community, including students from middle school age through college, educators, helping professionals, faith communities, law enforcement and court personnel to increase the awareness of the serious nature of this crime and educate the public regarding the services available to victims. Education for professionals includes information to assist in identifying and supporting possible victims. Untreated sexual assault trauma is crippling both for the victim and the community, and healing is necessary if both are to progress..

# SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES FY 2017 STATISTICS:

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM TOTAL SERVED: 459

Telephone hotline calls	
Telephone hotline calls Accompaniments	
Victims Served	
Women	
Children	
Men	I
Significant Others Served	
Women	
Men	I
Counseling:	
Individual Counseling Clients Served	
Victims Served45,	Significant Others ServedI;
Women	
Children	0
Men	5
Individual Counseling Sessions	
Family Counseling Sessions	
Support Group Clients	4
Total Support Group Sessions	



# PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 100% of the callers reported that they received appropriate support, information and referrals.
- Victims and their significant others routinely reported that the counseling, support, information and referrals they received were tremendously helpful to them.
- The educational presentations conducted this year were consistently rated as outstanding.

# "I have grown stronger and learned a lot about myself. My therapist is a good fit for me and has been an indispensable part of my recovery."

Client survey, 2016

# Counseling and Support Services

Potential clients find their way to Womanspace's Counseling and Support Services office in Lawrenceville, having been referred to us by word of mouth, by former clients, the police or the court system, by searching the web, or just walking into our office hoping to find some kind of help. All those who seek help are screened to determine how we might best serve them. Womanspace counselors are trained to identify and understand the intricate dynamics of domestic and sexual violence. All of our counselors work hard to ensure that those who seek our services -men, women and children - are offered support and resources to enable them to journey toward healing from trauma. Services are provided to those in crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.



Individual counseling, available in both English and Spanish, focuses on increasing safety and reducing isolation. Our counselors understand that just ending a relationship does not result in an end to violence, threats or harassment. To facilitate access to our services, we are also housed at El Centro in Trenton and at RISE in Hightstown. Wherever our clients receive counseling services, our goal is to help them determine the best options in their particular situation, whether our clients are trying to make sense of what they are living through in a relationship marked by domestic or sexual violence, or are trying to make a decision about what to do about their relationship.

We offer weekly English and Spanish Drop-In Support Groups. Other groups such as our Sexual Violence Psychoeducational Trauma Group and Spirituality Group are conducted as the need arises. The Safe Mother's Healthy Children Group provides support and psychoeducation and is specifically geared to meeting the needs of the non-offending parent in a domestic violence relationship who has been referred to us through DCP&P.

We provide various types of advocacy: court preparation, meeting with our Court Advocate before a final restraining order hearing, and risk assessments for Mercer County Board of Social Services clients. Recognizing the impact that domestic violence has on homelessness, we offer services at agencies like the Rescue Mission and Homefront. Volunteer attorneys staff our bimonthly Legal Clinic and provide brief consultations to our clients, answering specific questions

they have related to family law. Partnering with community agencies and volunteers, we are able to provide support and a variety of educational workshops as requested.

Helping to empower our clients to make the decisions that they determine are best for them, while increasing their safety, is at the forefront of all our work.

# Womanspace Counseling clients are at different stages of healing from trauma. The overall consensus of all or our clients is that Womanspace helped them tremendously.

"My counselor is the best human being on the earth. She helped me so much, I love her, Womanspace is really the best."

"Group has helped me tremendously. It has given me purpose and motivation to continue on in my therapy."

"Womanspace is support, compassion, professionalism, guidance, resources and respect."

"I owe a lot of serenity and joy that I experience today to Womanspace."

"I was able to safely leave an extremely violent marriage of over 20 years and have continued to heal for over 7 years."

# Counseling & Support Services: Total Clients Served: 3,193

# Counseling and Support –DV Services

Counseling (Female)	299
Counseling (Male)	. IO
Counseling (Children)	. IO
Counseling DV Clients Total Served	319

### SA Counseling:

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Individual Counseling Clients
Victims Served
Significant Others I
CSS Total DV Clients + SA Clients
Equil- Count (Climate E 826; M 206) 1042
Family Court (Clients - F-836; M-206) 1,042
Court (Female)
Court (Male) 206
Group Participants
Family Violence Option Assessments 133
Outreach to homeless survivors
Legal Clinic
DV Liaison (Clients- Adult)
Liaison (Female)
Liaison (Male) 12
DV Liaison (Clients- Children)
Trenton Municipal Court (Clients)

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Trenton Municipal Court (Female) I	7I
Trenton Municipal Court (Male)	51
Hamilton Municipal Court (Clients)	34
Hamilton Municipal Court (Female)	30
Hamilton Municipal Court (Male)	. 4

Support Counseling- 4 Groups per week 159
Individual Counseling Sessions 2,914
Individual Children's Sessions
Family, Parenting, Sibling Sessions5
Advocacy
Family Court Legal Services Provided 1,770

## ADULT COUNSELING CLIENTS:

AGE		••
15-18 Adult	I	)%
I8-24		)%
25-34		5%
35-44	93	)%
45-59		Ι%
60+		3%
ETHNICITY		
2110 00111		5%
African American		- , •
African American Caucasian		8%
African American Caucasian Latino		8% 7%
African American Caucasian Latino Asian		8% 7% 4%
African American Caucasian Latino Asian Biracial		8% 7% 4% 5%

# CHILDREN COUNSELING CLIENTS:

AGE		•••••
0-4	0	
5-9	3	
10-14		
15-18	2	

# To a Womanspace Counselor:

"This was very helpful for me to continue my therapy journey. It helped me to look deeper inside and answer tough questions and find my inner true self. It gives me hope and goals to look forward to accomplishing."



HOUSING SERVICES provide an essential stabilizing factor for families who have experienced domestic violence. Statistics indicate that 50% of homeless women and children are homeless as a result of domestic violence. The Womanspace housing programs foster independence and self-sufficiency for victims of domestic violence. The housing services of Womanspace address a number of different issues facing women as they carefully plan to find safety and protection from abuse.

# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Transitional Housing provides individual and group counseling, financial education and assistance with budgeting, linkage to community resources, and career assessment and direction. The selected clients who enter the I2-24 month program are committed to attaining self-sufficiency but need affordable housing and additional support to reach their goals. The individual and group counseling assists victims in recovering from the trauma of the abuse they suffered. Additionally, the work done with the mothers regarding parenting is aimed at helping the children understand what happened in their family and nurturing the parent/child bond. Through this process the children can express their feelings and also heal from the effects of the violence. Another crucial component of the program is connecting clients to needed services in the community and strengthening their support system. Womanspace provides the only transitional housing program in the county designed specifically for domestic violence victims. The program is unique in that it recognizes that leaving a shared dwelling and a relationship does not guarantee safety and that the assertion of independence often increases the potential for violence. Thus, safety planning is an ongoing activity with mothers and their children throughout the duration of their time in the program. The desired outcomes of the program is for each client to experience an increased sense of safety for themselves and their children, the



achievement of individualized goals while in the program, a safety net of services and supports to rely on and for each client to be able to be financially self-sufficient by the time they graduate from services.

Our BARBARA'S HOUSE NEXT STEP TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, provides clients with housing and support services in an agency-owned apartment building. The clients in the program receive services and support from staff onsite, as well as the support of the other survivors in the program.

# Housing Services – FY 2017 Statistics:

# Transitional Housing - Barbara's House and Next-Step

# Total Served 23 Women and Children

Women	AGE Children
Children I4	0-4
Individual Sessions 130	5-9 8 57%
Group Participants61	10-14
Advocacy	15-18 0 0%

Ethnicity	Adults
African American 6	I8-24 0 0%
Caucasian0	25-44
Latino	45-59 I II%
Biracial0%	60+0%
Other0%	

# PROGRAM SUCCESS OUTCOMES FY 2017 (MEASURED BY PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEYS):

- 90% of clients surveyed state that they knew more about community resources as a result of the services they received.
- 95% of clients stated that they knew more about ways to plan for their safety as a result of the services they received.

"Knowing that I was always safe, felt protected at all times so I could focus on changing my life" "There was a certain kind of sisterhood with most of the staff and many of the clients for me"

# Education and Training Program

The Education and Training program works to create a coordinated community and systems response to domestic violence and sexual assault. The program utilizes community education, professional training and technical assistance in order to build public awareness and provide tools to the community that can be helpful in the response to domestic and sexual violence. Collaborative partnerships play a key role in the success of the program. Voices of victims and survivors, and a strong commitment to cultural competency, help to frame all aspects of our work. Womanspace professionals rely on the most accurate information, reliable research and best practice models in sharing critical information.

Our innovative primary violence prevention initiative, New Mexico Media Literacy Project, has continued to impress. We have worked with groups of children attending programs at Villa Victoria Academy, Y Scholars of Princeton YMCA, Girl Scout Troop 61283, Heart of NJ Council, YWCA Princeton Summer Camp and YMCA Trenton Summer Camp. Additionally we completed one cycle of presentations with Urban Promise, a mentoring and after school program in



Trenton. With this group, the prevention educator worked with the older teens who act as mentors to the younger students. The project addresses how the media shapes our culture. Designed for students ages II - I5, this curriculum empowers individuals to better determine their own values and to make personal choices for their individual well-being. It meets multiple core curriculum standards for Wellness, Integrated Skills, Drugs and Medicines, Human Relationships and Sexuality ensuring its position as a valuable tool for all educational venues. This year, the Media Literacy Project will continue to expand services. Womanspace additionally trains teachers, counselors or other school/program staff in order to build and sustain the successes of the curriculum.

Training programs on a variety of topics including: The Dynamics of Abuse and Control of Domestic Violence; Sexual Assault Dynamics; Domestic Violence Effects on Children; Dating Violence; Elder Abuse; Objectification of Women in the Media; Healthcare and Domestic Violence; Human Trafficking; Safety in the Workplace; Stalking; Technology and Violence; are available to professional audiences and community education speakers are provided for those agencies, businesses, associations or organizations who request a Womanspace advocate or specially trained volunteer to speak about agency programs and services at a meeting or event.

# AGENCY-WIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES FY 2017 STATISTICS:

EDUCATION CATEGORY PARTICIPANTS
Professional Training and Education Services
DV Response Team Training
Community Education Services I,86
Total Community Members Educated and Professionally Trained
Community Events
DV/SA Response Team Training

# Community Education/Professional Training & Media Literacy Feedback:

"Thank you for the opportunity to have another avenue of therapy and healing."

"Wonderful Presentation, enlightening and very helpful!"

"The organization of content and the videos were perfectly engaging."

"Excellent, everyone needs this lecture. Susan was heartfelt, articulate and full of wisdom & knowledge."

# Volunteer Program

We are very fortunate to have a very active Volunteer Program, comprised of over 400 generous individuals and organizations who contribute their time and expertise to assist the agency and our clients. Some of the volunteer opportunities include response team members for domestic violence and/or sexual assault victims, child care, home schooling, computer and technical assistance, community education, legal consulting, fundraising, community events and holiday projects. The agency newsletter "Womanspace News" helps to keep volunteers informed of the activities within the agency. These dedicated volunteers are our most active supporters.

# VOLUNTEER HOURS JULY I, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

INTERNSHIPS - 1,622 HOURS

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Administration – 742 hours Events – 660 hours Committees – 397 hours

EMERGENCY SERVICES Residential Services – 391 hours Hotlines – 272 hours

BARBARA'S HOUSE Residential Services – 5 hours COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES Legal Clinic – 22 hours Municipal Courts – 872 hours Education & Training – 18 hours

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES Accompaniments – 237 hours

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM RESPONSE TEAMS Callouts – 545 hours

COMBINED SEXUAL ASSAULT & DVVRT Training – 3,700 hours

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED - 9,483 HOURS

# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Alex & Ani Alpha Kappa Alpha **BARNES & NOBLE PRINCETON** BOB'S BLANKIE BRIGADE BW NICE MERCER COUNTY CHARMING CHARLIE'S CHRISTINE'S HOPE FOR KIDS THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY COVANCE D & R GREENWAY DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DELAWARE VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL DELTA GEMS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY DOCTORS EXPRESS URGENT CARE FIRMENICH THE GATHERINGS OF LAWRENCEVILLE GIRL SCOUT TROUP #70356 – HAMILTON SQ. GLORIA NILSON REALTORS - ROBBINSVILLE & Princeton GRATITUDE YOGA GREAT LOOKS HAIR SALON HAMILTON MOM'S CLUB HAMILTON SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAZEN MEDICAL SPA HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL THE HUN SCHOOL OF PRINCETON

JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS J. KNIPPER & COMPANY JOHNSON & JOHNSON Kehilat Ha Nahar Synagogue THE LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL LIFE ABUNDANT CHURCH - TRENTON LIFETIME COMMUNITY CHURCH - ROBBINSVILLE L'OREAL CONSUMER PRODUCTS LUMINATIONS GROUP McCaffrey's Princeton & West Windsor MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MOLINA MEDICAID SOLUTIONS MUSIC FOR ALL SEASONS NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN NOVO NORDISK NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL PAYMENT MANAGEMENT PENNINGTON QUALITY MARKET PENNINGTON CROSsFit PENNINGTON QUALITY MARKETS PINOT'S PALETTE PRINCETON ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS PRINCETON FARMERS MARKET PRINCETON GIRL CHOIR PRINCETON JUNIOR LEAGUE PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRINCETON UNITARIAN CHURCH PRINCETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRINCETON UNIVERSITY SHARE OFFICE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY QUADRANGLE CLUB **PROJECT FREEDOM - LAWRENCE** RIDER UNIVERSITY ROBBINSVILLE MOM'S CLUB RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ST. GEORGE'S GREEK CHURCH -Philoptochos Society ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. JAMES CHURCH PENNINGTON ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SANDOZ Soma Intimates – Quakerbridge Mall **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES PRINCETON** TERHUNE ORCHARDS TERRA MOMO RESTAURANT GROUP TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION -TRENTON CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY NEW JERSEY WEIDEL REALTORS – PRINCETON West Windsor Plainsbord High School NORTH & SOUTH Whole Foods – Princeton WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS OF CENTRAL JERSEY

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# The Campaign for the Children Because every child deserves Peace at Home

The fresh face of a child, full of wonder, asks nothing more than to be loved. Yet when home becomes a place where fear replaces laughter and "normal" rests only in the unexpected, a child's world is broken. The Campaign for Children seeks to raise funds to sustain and expand our innovative children's program that provides therapeutic interventions including emotional support, the building of a healthy self image and effective coping skills. Strong, healthy children help to ensure future families without violence and generations of children who thrive in peaceful loving homes.

The Campaign for Children is an ongoing initiative that is being led by Womanspace Board members, Joan Bartl and Ingrid Reed. They would welcome the opportunity to discuss your interest in supporting this important endeavor.

For more information, or to make a contribution, please contact Lauren Nazarian, Development Director, at 609-394-0136, ext. 205 or lan@womanspace.org

All donations are welcome and we hope you will consider the urgency of helping our children and be as generous as possible.



# 1977-2017 Serving Mercer County

All numbers include sexual assault statistics beginning in 2002
Community Members Educated & Professionals Trained
Total People served 1977-2017
Hotline Callers
Men*
Children
Women

\*Statistics for male victims beginning in 2001



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Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault I-609-394-9000

Womanspace is friendly to the deaf community. Deaf and hard of hearing individuals please text us 24/7 at (609) 619-1888

> New Jersey Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline I-800-572-SAFE (7233)

For more information, or to make a gift in any amount, contact us: Lauren Nazarian, *Director of Development* I-609-394-0136 lan@womanspace.org

Womanspace affirms its commitment to cultural competency. We recognize and value the ethnic, religious and racial richness of our communities, and encourage mutual respect and understanding among all people. True excellence in our organization and communities results from identifying, serving and enlisting the participation of all people who represent this rich diversity.

Womanspace is a member of the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women, the New Jersey Coalition against Sexual Assault, the National Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking.