

2019-2020 Annual Report

EXECUTIVE AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR NOTE

This last year was a year like none we have seen before. In October, we had bright ideas for the upcoming fiscal year, ways to expand our mission and meet and help people who may not know about us already. As winter came and the news started flowing of COVID-19 we knew that things would have to take a shift. Between the social justice uprisings and the spread of the pandemic, HOPE's mission statement, Empowering Lives Through Hope became even more important. People became increasingly confused, sad, scared and a multitude of other emotions due to tumultuous times. Even with changes to our normal operations, HOPE persevered and continued to offer our services and our 24 hour crisis lines. As leadership at HOPE, we are incredibly grateful for the staff who stepped up to the plate and pivoted with the world. As an organization we provided personal protective equipment to staff and clients, we enhanced partnerships with our community partners and offered new services. Staff also had more conversations about race and equity and provided a safe space for many people to process their feelings. This year brought about many changes but one thing that remained steadfast was our commitment to the community and those most in need. As a team we look forward to continuing our support to our friends, neighbors and community members.



Kris Kvols
Executive Director



Sara Kern
Associate Director



IMPACT STORY

In March 2019, Jane who was 6 months pregnant and her 2 year old child experienced a domestic violence incident with the father of her unborn child. After spending two days riding a train she connected with staff at the Haven of Hope to find safe shelter.

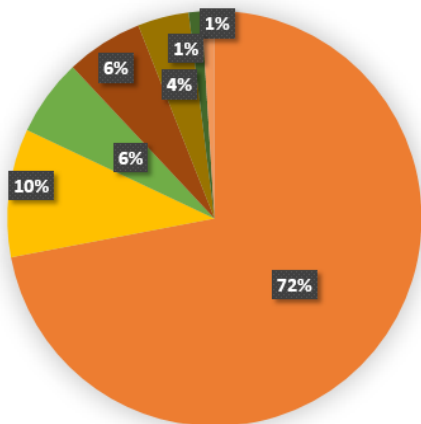
While seeking services at Haven of Hope, Jane knew she needed to become stable again. She reported feeling lost and overwhelmed.

Advocates worked with Jane to identify her barriers and identify ways to work through them. Advocates at Haven of Hope made sure Jane had the information she needed to make the best choices for herself and her family, Due to this she was able to thrive at the Haven.

Jane stated multiple times that she didn't know what she would have done without help from Haven of Hope. She and her child were homeless during the COVID 19 pandemic while experiencing domestic violence. She was dependent on others to help her complete necessary paperwork. She also wouldn't have had a safe place to give birth to her child or help with her toddler. With the help of Haven of Hope she now has permanent housing, has what she needs for her children, an outreach advocate who is continuing the care she received in shelter and most importantly a new lease on life!

2019-2020 HOPE COALITION CLIENT SERVICES AT A GLANCE

- 1,066 individuals in 764 households
- Domestic Violence: 422 people
- Sexual Assault: 67 people
- Kids Count: 90 people
- Housing Support: 109 households
- Community Care Fund: 157 households
- Provided 23,474 services



FUNDING SOURCES

- Government Grants
- Individual Donations
- Organizations/Corporations
- United Way
- Churches
- Rental Fees
- Misc

2019-2020 Board Members

Catherine Johnson - President
Tilton Davis - Vice President
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Barbara Von Haaren
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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness. In, 2018 there were at least 14 Minnesotans killed due to violence from a current or former intimate partner. We honored the victims by displaying their names and stories in the Central Park Bandshell in Red Wing and displaying them in Wabasha. HOPE Coalition works closely with victims by providing shelter, outreach services and advocates to help them choose the best path for their families.



Domestic Violence Awareness Display in Wabasha.

FIRST ANNUAL HOPE COALITION GOLF OUTING

In October 2019, we hosted our first golf outing at the Jewel Golf Club in Lake City, Minnesota with 58 golfers participating. An employee of the golf club, Melissa is the inspiration behind the tournament. She was a victim of domestic violence and met her abuser working at the golf course. After having the courage to leave she decided that she wanted to have an event to help other victims of domestic violence and recognize the hard work of first responders that help these victims daily. She met with the event coordinator at the Jewel to see what they could do about having a first responder tournament. Then she went to a HOPE Coalition Board meeting, met Linda Flanders our Development Coordinator and it was history from there.



OCTOBER IS DECLARED AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH BY THE MAYOR

"WHEREAS: Relationship violence, a pattern of behavior used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner, occurs across Minnesota and the nation to one in three women; and
WHEREAS: We remember the lives of over 600 Minnesotans killed due to domestic violence in three decades; and
WHEREAS: Domestic violence programs across the state provide support and resources to over 55,000 victim/survivors to ensure their safety; and
WHEREAS: Barriers and systemic racial disparities impact victim/survivors of domestic violence and we believe everyone experiencing violence should easily access the help they need; and
WHEREAS: Domestic violence programs serve survivors of all immigrant statuses because no one should choose between staying in an abusive relationship and finding safety; and
WHEREAS: Survivors are believed and supported in their search for justice in order to empower others to come forward and bring accountability to those who commit harm; and
WHEREAS: Safe and affordable housing is a top priority and a human right, as domestic violence continues to be a leading cause of homelessness for women; and
WHEREAS: Collaboration between domestic violence programs, law enforcement, court advocates, housing agencies, and community members ensures the safety of victim/survivors in Red Wing and across Minnesota; and
WHEREAS: Preventing violence before it begins and transforming behavior after violence has occurred is essential to our shared goal of a violence-free Minnesota;
Now, THEREFORE, I, Sean Dowse, Mayor of Red Wing, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2019, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

