

2013

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



IBM Employees at Sterling Forest donated a "Day of Caring" to the Safe Homes' shelter.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2013 brought Safe Homes a combination of milestones, achievements and heartbreak.

In the earlier part of the year we were very active in global efforts to end violence against women and girls. On Valentine's Day, we participated in the first **One-Billion-Rising** event of the international **V-Day** Movement, hosting our own Flash Mob Dance to the theme song, "Break the Chain," with over 100 participants. To bring home the message of justice and equality of the **V-Day** Movement, in April our staff and volunteers put on our second production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," with over 200 people in attendance.

One of Safe Homes' proudest achievements in 2013 was our partnership with the **Warwick Valley Humane Society (WVHS)** and the launching of the **Safe Pets Project**. This collaboration provides emergency care for the pets of individuals and families temporarily sheltered with Safe Homes, removing a chronic barrier in our clients' access to safety.

In the summer, Safe Homes was awarded several grants from **United Way of Dutchess and Orange**. One grant addressed crisis intervention and greatly improves our response to the emergency needs of victims of domestic violence and their children. Additional funding was allocated to programming within our Shelter to enhance our **Nurturing Families Program**. Most exciting was the funding awarded to expand our Youth Education and Dating Violence Prevention Program. We have since partnered with schools across Orange County to launch the **Mentors in Violence Prevention** program (MVP). Part of a unified response to domestic violence, MVP is a leadership-based approach that mentors young bystanders to stop and prevent bullying and gender-based violence in their schools and communities. MVP is presenting Safe Homes with opportunities to connect with today's Youth in deeper, more meaningful ways, and we are excited to see where it will take us.



Through funding secured by **Senator William J. Larkin** for the **Police Chiefs' Association of Orange County Police Academy**, Safe Homes co-facilitated trainings on domestic violence for law enforcement agencies across county, involving 150 officers, approximately. We are encouraged by this continued collaboration between Safe Homes and law enforcement, which is essential to a coordinated response to domestic violence in Orange County.

In October 2013, Safe Homes was awarded a grant from the **Children's Trust Fund/NYS Office of Children and Family Services** to enhance our **Child Protective Services/Domestic Violence Collaboration**. This funding supports the colocation of an additional full-time advocate at the Newburgh offices of Child Protective Services (CPS), and an additional part-time advocate in the Goshen CPS offices. This colocation of services and sharing of expertise improves safety for victims and reduces incidents of re-victimization.

This was also the year Safe Homes adopted a new tagline, after much reflection, conversation and input from the community: **Creating Safety, Reclaiming Equality, Pursuing Justice**. It's a very high mark, and we aim to live by it.

2013 was also particularly tragic for victims of domestic violence in Orange County. Three women were killed by an intimate partner, and we must not forget them: **Tyrochelle Haughton, Sabine Icart and Ada Lara**.

In closing, I want to use this opportunity to thank the advocates that dedicate their lives to ending domestic violence. This work is emotionally challenging, and it would be easy to lose faith, but the tireless staff at Safe Homes is committed to the larger picture. They measure success in small steps and understand the slow but irreversible course of change. It is their determination, each and every day, that shines a bright light when darkness seeks to prevail.

Shine on!

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Surviving domestic violence is a formidable, unrelenting journey. We are humbled and honored to serve those who turn to Safe Homes as their passage to safety and a life free from violence and abuse. Here we share a glimpse of the impact of Safe Homes' work in the Orange County community, throughout 2013.

SAFETY & SHELTER

Safe Homes' 17-bed **Emergency Shelter** provides an opportunity for survivors/victims and their children to receive appropriate services and plan their journey from shelter to independence in a safe, secure facility. Shelter services include crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, court advocacy, educational support groups, children's services, and much more. During 2013, **87** adults and **76** children found safety at the Safe Homes' Shelter. **4,761** nights of safety were provided within the Shelter's inclusive environment.

In 2013, Safe Homes partnered with the **Warwick Valley Humane Society** to launch the **SAFE PETS PROJECT** to ensure that survivors/victims can leave their abusive partners without having to make the difficult decision to leave a pet companion behind.

IBM Employees at Sterling Forest (pictured on the cover of this report) dedicated their annual "**Day of Caring**" to our Shelter, painting, cleaning, organizing and making small repairs. Their contribution helped us improve the safety and quality of our living environment.



ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICES

Safe Homes' Advocates answered **3,846 Hotline Calls** providing safety planning and access to available support services and resources.

5,180 Advocacy Services were rendered in the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical and mental health, social services, housing, employment, economic empowerment and education.

1,636 Emergency Services addressed such needs as food, clothing, personal care and critical household items.



Advocates assisted victims/survivors with the development of **2,983** individualized **Safety Plans**.

Support Groups, in English and in Spanish, met **144** times.

Advocates conducted **4,744 Supportive Counseling** meetings with individuals victims/survivors.

In July of 2013, Safe Homes' **Family Justice Center** partnered with **Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV)**. Over a six-month period, LSHV handled **105** cases, assisting clients with orders of protection, custody, visitation and support. Under this new partnership, Safe Homes has a co-located full-time attorney and paralegal.

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OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Safe Homes offers free education on issues surrounding domestic violence, violence prevention, and healthy relationships to community groups, schools, workplaces, law enforcement agencies, healthcare, government and service organizations. Trained educators design presentations or workshops according to the needs and characteristics of each group or audience, in English and in Spanish.

64 presentations reached **2,757** adults raising awareness on topics such as the dynamics of domestic violence, stalking, technology safety, human trafficking, the impact of domestic violence on children, and domestic violence in the workplace.

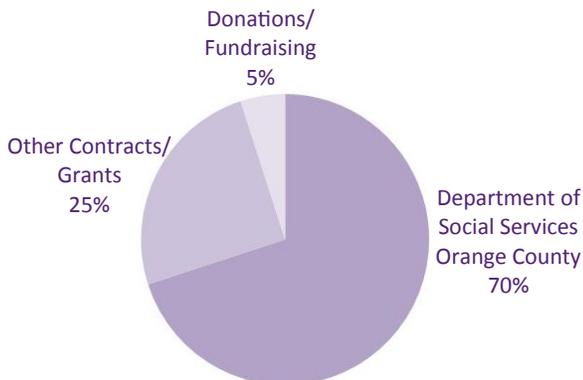
Safe Homes' Teen-Dating Violence Prevention Program held **170** age-appropriate presentations reaching **4,481** adolescents and teens. Topics included abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, the impact of stereotypes, sexism and other cultural-competency themes.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

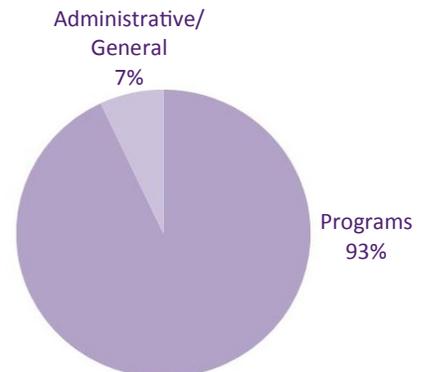
SUPPORT & REVENUE: \$1,357,372

- Program Revenue \$435,195
- Grants & Contracts 852,225
- Donations 29,274
- Special Events 40,621
- Interest 57



EXPENSES: \$1,389,749

- Program \$1,293,635
- Administrative & General 86,623
- Fundraising 9,941



Total Agency Budget: \$1,389,749
93 cents of every dollar go directly into programs.



Thank You

VOLUNTEERS, FUNDERS, DONORS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Safe Homes' comprehensive support services and outreach programs are made possible by the dedication of our volunteers, the solidarity of our community, and the vision of our funders and government leaders.

We gratefully acknowledge all forms of support of the Safe Homes mission and of the individuals and families we serve. All gifts, big and small, move our work forward. The following names represent organizations, groups and individuals who made monetary or in-kind gifts valued at \$50 or more. Thank you.

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 Family Violence Prevention & Services Act
 NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 NYS Office of Children and Family Services
 NYS Office of Victim Services (NYSOVS)
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 The County of Orange
 Orange County Department of Social Services
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 Staff at Crystal Run Village
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 First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh
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 Fishkill United Methodist Church
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 Goshen Brownie Troop 184
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 Inmates at Green Haven Correctional Facility
 Hamptonburgh Seniors
 Highland Mills United Methodist Church
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 Jack's Pub at Catlin Gardens
 Kidz4Causes.org
 King of Kings
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MISSION

SAFE HOMES of Orange County is a private non-profit agency dedicated to providing confidential assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children. Our mission is to work to eliminate all forms of domestic violence through education, outreach and provision of services to individuals and families affected by domestic abuse. Safe Homes is client-centered. We educate and empower people to make informed choices. We serve with compassion and dignity.

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