



**WOMEN IN NEED**  
ADVOCATING FOR PEACE AT HOME  
THROUGH JUSTICE AND EDUCATION

# **Annual Report**

## 2015-2016



# At A Glance

January 2016 was cold and blustery, but full of hope as we finally began the process of moving into the new Women In Need Advocacy Center & Anna's House. With the continued support of the community, we have since furnished and decorated our new space to provide clients a comfortable and supportive environment.

**“We can't say thank you enough.”**  
**- Barb Channing, Executive Director**

While our 2015-2016 fiscal year has been full of changes and new opportunities, we have continued to provide essential services, assisting a total of 1,820 victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

Our 24-Hour Crisis Hotline that is run by our dedicated staff and volunteers answered 1,534 calls. Many of the calls included victims seeking shelter, counseling, or legal services, while others were requests for one of our advocates to accompany a victim at the hospital or police station. In just one year, our advocates provided emotional support and advocacy during 47 SARTs (Sexual Assault Response Team) at the hospital. This included staying by their side through the forensic examination.

Anna's House has doubled the capacity of our old shelter and can safely house up to 24 individuals. In 2015-2016, we have provided 125 women and 60 children safe housing for 3,082 days.

We provide empowerment counseling to help victims heal from the trauma of violence, including a children's counselor who primarily assists children ages 5 and up. In 2015-2016, our counselors provided 10,083 hours of advocacy and counseling to our clients.

Our legal advocates and law office work diligently with clients who have experienced physical violence or threats



of physical violence to help obtain legal justice through assisting with protection from abuse orders, simple divorces, and custody cases. In 2015-2016, they opened 450 new cases.

All of these services and more are crucial in helping to end domestic and sexual violence, but we cannot do it without the help of our volunteers who dedicated 5,628 hours last year. We also would not be here without the support of our community.

# New Programs

## Medical Advocate

In August 2015, we started a new medical advocacy program to help promote awareness about domestic violence to medical professionals.



Our Medical Advocate, Selena Miller, is a registered nurse who is actively working with hospitals, medical facilities, and nursing students in Franklin and Fulton counties to discuss the importance of screening patients for domestic violence.

Selena helped implement the Franklin County Domestic Violence Task Force that consists of Emergency Department Managers, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Emergency Department Nurses, Nurse Educators, and Hospital Social Workers. In June, the task force implemented a new screening in Chambersburg and Waynesboro Emergency Rooms that will ask all patients whether they are experiencing domestic violence at home. If a patient screens in for domestic violence, Women In Need is automatically called and an advocate presents at the hospital to speak with the patient. From November 2015 to June 2016, Women In Need responded to 43 domestic violence calls at local hospitals.

Selena is raising awareness about related topics including, reproductive coercion, traumatic brain injury, strangulation, and human trafficking.

## Law Enforcement Liason



In 2016, we received a grant to hire a Law Enforcement Liason to help strengthen our relationships and collaborations with local law enforcement.

Alexa Stouffer is also engaged in the promotion and training of the Lethality Assessment Protocol or LAP.

LAP is an assessment that law enforcement can use during domestic violence calls to help assess the victim's safety and the chances of lethality. It has not only helped connect victims with services immediately following an incident, but has also fostered better relationships between service providers, police, and community members. In addition, LAP has helped local law enforcement and Women In Need to more effectively safety plan using evidence-based questions and validations. For example, if a victim answers 'yes' to the last question, "does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages", advocates are able to speak with the victim about stalking safety planning and the police can provide them with a stalking log and investigation information. Overall, LAP has improved how the police and Women In Need provide services to victims of domestic violence.

The lethality assessment protocol is currently being utilized by three of Franklin County's police departments. In 2015-2016, there have been 128 LAP screens conducted with half of them being connected to Women In Need for Services.

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# Financial Review

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,521,286</b>
Unrestricted net assets	3,107,226
Permanently restricted net assets	20,063
Temporarily restricted net assets	393,997
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,521,286</b>
Contribution Income	240,697
Capital Campaign Income	199,946
Total Grant Income	1,382,188
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,822,831</b>
Program Services Expenses	1,382,960
Supporting Services Expenses	209,235
Fundraising Expenses	31,746
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,623,941</b>
Changes in Net Assets (Net Income)	784,590

