



WOMEN IN NEED

ADVOCATING FOR PEACE AT HOME
THROUGH JUSTICE AND EDUCATION

Annual Report

2017-2018

Services to the Community

During the fiscal year of July 2017 to June 2018, Women In Need continued to provide necessary services to Franklin and Fulton counties.



Our 24-hour crisis hotline received 1,462 calls from victims of domestic and sexual violence seeking shelter, counseling, legal assistance, and resources. Trained staff and volunteers were always available to provide immediate assistance days, evenings, and weekends.

Individual counseling was provided in person and over the phone, as well as group counseling to those who needed support in starting their healing journey. Counselor/Advocates provided 7,663 hours of counseling and advocacy over the past year to 1,908 new victims and their family members.

Anna's House, WIN's emergency shelter, is a safe haven for victims fleeing domestic violence with nowhere else to turn. In one year, 148 individuals found safety for 5,384 nights. During that time, counselors worked with residents to goal plan and find resources to help them live violence-free lives.

Chambersburg Hospital, Waynesboro Hospital, and Fulton County Medical Center continued their partnerships with WIN to screen for domestic violence. Women In Need responded to 30 domestic violence hospital calls during this past fiscal year to provide medical accompaniment and offer services.

The hospitals also continued working with Women In Need's Sexual Assault Response Team to assist victims of sexual assault. Women In Need provided accompaniment to 25 sexual assault victims, including supporting them during the Forensic Rape Exam.

WIN's Civil Legal Representation Project provides victims of domestic violence assistance with legal assistance in obtaining Protection from Abuse Orders, custody, support, and divorce. During the past fiscal year, WIN's law office opened 161 new cases for protection orders and 146 new cases for custody, support, and divorce. While they only represented 43 individuals with child and spousal support cases, they were able to obtain \$390,440.76 per year in support.

WIN is also working to prevent violence from occurring through education in the schools and community. Prevention Educators provided 322 programs to 5,946 students. This year, an educator provided ongoing educational groups at Greencastle School Districts Academic Character Education Program and Shippensburg High School.

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The Training & Education Specialist, Law Enforcement Liaison, and Medical Advocate also provided 27 trainings to 298 community members. One of the topics WIN has been educating the community on is strangulation. During the fiscal year, 141 victims of domestic violence who called Women In Need reported that they had experienced strangulation by their intimate partner.

40th Anniversary Celebration



In 1976, a small group of women came together to address a problem that common in every community, sexual violence. This group of dedicated women started the Rape Crisis Hotline that, a year later, became Women In Need, Inc.

Since those early days, Women In Need has grown into the comprehensive service it is today, and, in October of 2017, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary.

To celebrate this important milestone, we hosted several events, including a Celebration Breakfast. Community leaders and donors were invited to The Orchards Restaurant as a thank you for their ongoing support.

During the breakfast, survivors spoke about how Women In Need helped them, Barb Channing spoke about her time as Executive Director, and Representative Rob Kauffman presented Women In Need with an award for serving the community.

Women In Need also recognized those who have not only supported the agency, but victims of abuse, including board members, staff, volunteers, and police.



Also during October, we hosted a Mindfulness and Trauma seminar presented by Professor Toru Sato from Shippensburg University, followed by beginner's yoga with Tammy Hawbaker.

Timeline of WIN History

1976

Franklin County, PA opened the Rape Crisis Hotline that later became Women In Need.

1977

Women In Need became incorporated.

1979

The first WIN shelter opened in an apartment above a shoe store on Main Street in Chambersburg.

1984

Four board members pulled together to buy a house on Franklin Street that became the WIN shelter.

1986

The Victim Witness office opened in Franklin County.

In February, the WIN shelter caught fire, burning to the ground. It reopened that October after the community rallied to help rebuild.

1990

WIN purchased a former dentist office on Queen Street to be the administrative office.

2001

WIN established a law office through the Civil Legal Representation Project.

2004

WIN helped establish the Franklin County Sexual Assault Response Team.

2010

WIN, in conjunction with Your Safe Haven, established a Sexual Assault Response Team in Fulton and Bedford counties.

2016

In February, WIN opened the new Advocacy Center and Anna's House.

Our Year in Review

This year has been full of events, celebrations, new programs, and farewells.

Dancing with the Cars

October 14, 2017 was the final Dancing with the Cars fundraiser at Jennings Chevrolet. For the past 5 years, Dancing with the Cars has twirled the community and raised \$190,000 for Women In Need.

Each year featured a three course meal, live and silent auction, and live music performed by bands such as the Nik Lite Band and Lea Jolan.



Purple Purse

Each year, the Allstate Foundation hosts Purple Purse to break the cycle of domestic violence through financial empowerment. The campaign features a month-long online fundraiser that supports hundreds of domestic violence organizations across the country.

In October, 2017, Women In Need participated in the fundraiser for the first time. The Purple Purse Challenge ran from Monday, October 2 to Tuesday, October 31. The top seven teams who earned the most money would win up to \$100,000 with all monies raised going directly to the agency. There were also weekly bonus challenges with cash prizes. Through online donations from the community and additional prize money, WIN managed to finish in the top 15 and raised over \$22,000 dollars.



Allstate Foundation

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes™

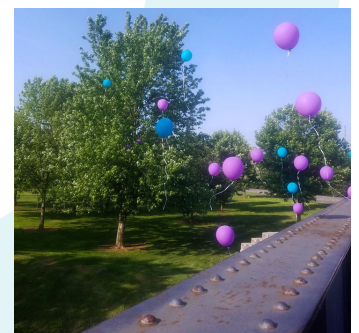
On May 4, 2018, over a hundred men strutted, limped, and stumbled down Main Street in Chambersburg to raise awareness about sexual violence. This was Women In Need's sixth year hosting the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes™ event.

Men who register to walk are also asked to raise money to support WIN's services. Participants can choose to raise money as an individual or as a team. This year, the team that raised the most was Chambersburg Career Magnet School, raising \$1,050. Craig Kauffman raised \$1,165, receiving the award for the top individual fundraiser.



Vigil for Crime Victims

In June, 2018, Women In Need hosted the annual vigil for victims of crime, after having to postpone the event from April due to weather. This year it was hosted at Norlo Park and featured survivor stories, a proclamation by Franklin County Commissioner Dave Keller, poetry reading, and a balloon release.



Volunteer Spotlight



Women In Need started as a volunteer-run hotline and continues to utilize dedicated individuals who donate their time to help end domestic and sexual violence in our community. During the past year, 18 volunteers donated 1,322 hours to answer the 24-hour hotline, provide support in shelter, assist with administrative duties, and more.

Carl began volunteering with WIN in December 2017 and donated almost 40 hours by doing the grocery shopping for shelter every week.

Claire is a volunteer throughout Franklin County, including at WIN. She enjoys assisting with information tables, getting the word out to the community about the services WIN offers.

Ida joined the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes committee this year and assisted with soliciting sponsors for the event, as well as distributing advertising.

Christmas Gift Program



The holidays can be a difficult time when victims of abuse leave their home and try to start over. In 2017, Women In Need was able to assist 37 families with providing presents to children thanks to the generosity of the community, including the staff at Keystone Health.

Transitional Housing Program

Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness in the United States, especially for women and children.

The lack of safe, affordable housing increases the risks for victims of domestic violence. Many victims who leave abusive relationships have no where to turn or may even be evicted because of the abuse they experience. Many victims choose to stay in or return to an abusive relationship due to a lack of housing options.

A new program is coming to our community to assist with this problem. Women In Need has received the Transition to Stability grant funded by the Victim of Crimes Act which will expand relocation services and offer transitional housing to victims of domestic violence in Franklin and Fulton counties.



Two new Transition Advocates, Laura and Amy, will work with clients leaving abuse to provide individualized intensive, trauma-informed advocacy increasing survivors ability to maintain safe, stable, and permanent housing.

Thank you to Bonnie

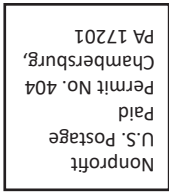
Bonnie Harmon has served on Women In Need's board of directors for 9 years, 5 years as Vice President. During that time she has contributed countless hours to help with fundraising, serve on committees, and more.

Bonnie has also been involved with the new WIN Advocacy Center and Anna's House since the beginning stages. She has served as co-chair of the Capital Campaign to raise money for the facility, assisted with the feasibility study and planning, and even decorated the new shelter and administrative offices.

Bonnie has most enjoyed working with Debbie Ott to pick out furniture to make the shelter homey and working with new people on various committees.

Thank you, Bonnie, for your time and dedication to helping keep our community safe.





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Financial Review

Total Assets	3,656,430
Unrestricted net assets	3,354,606
Permanently restricted net assets	280,754
Temporarily restricted net assets	21,070
Total Net Assets	3,656,430
Contribution Income	149,406
Capital Campaign Income	93,394
Total Grant Income	1,668,176
Total Income	1,910,976
Program Services Expenses	1,609,737
Supporting Services Expenses	234,719
Fundraising Expenses	25,777
Total Expenses	1,870,233
Changes in Net Assets (Net Income)	135,144

Board of Directors

- Barb Channing
Executive Director
- Gloria Walker, Ph.D.
President
- Bonnie Harmon
Vice President
- Deborah Ott
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- Tom Shearer
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- Marge Schollaert
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- Adria Long
- Lori Heckman