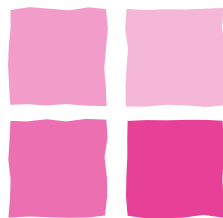




The day will come when, after harnessing space, the winds, the tide and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love.

Teilhard de Chardin

St. Martha's Hall
Annual Report
July 2017 - June 2018



SAINT MARTHA'S HALL
BREAKING THE CYCLE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

How is it that we have the hope and ambition, as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, the French Jesuit philosopher and scientist says, to harness space, wind, tides and gravitation before we harness the energy of love? One would think that of the five, we would first harness love because it is the most accessible. It lives right there within us. Just call it forth! Yet it can be the most arduous one to recognize, give, receive and maintain.

But I am awestruck that I have been given the undeserved gift of witnessing visible acts of love, if I keep my heart and eyes open to them, when I open the door and walk into the shelter. I see a staff member at 6:45 in the morning gently putting lotion on the cheeks of a seven year old girl before she leaves for school. I hear staff and a resident belly laughing together over something silly. I smell a resident baking something to share with everyone. I get to feel the hand on my shoulder from a co-worker when she thinks I need one and I taste the tears shed for the violence we witness. All of these sensations are activated out of love and they give me pause.

Every volunteer, board member, staff member and donor that has come into the mission of St. Martha's Hall activates this energy, this sensation, this power of love. It doesn't get any better than that.

And with that I thank you for harnessing for God the energies of love that you then give to us at St. Martha's.

Peace and Perseverance,



Michelle Schiller-Baker
Executive Director

WHO WE ARE

Since 1983 St. Martha's Hall has been providing confidential emergency shelter and support services to abused women and their children.

We provide a supportive environment with a strong emphasis on peer support; implement a self-help philosophy to enhance self-esteem and decision-making skills; provide accurate information and referrals to abused women and their children and when appropriate to their abusers; provide advocacy services; provide individual crisis, group and family counseling; and offer community education to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence.

The program tries to ensure community effort, cooperation, independence and support of the women and their children that reside here. The staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors of St. Martha's Hall are dedicated to empowering women to live violence-free lives.

ETHICS AND VALUES

Our primary value is for human dignity and life. Ethics are our code of conduct.

Dignity is the sacred respect for others and self. Ethics are the actions we implement in our work to help assure the dignity of our clients, co-workers, community representatives and volunteers. Our specific values and ethics focus on violence against women and how oppression is played out and implemented through well-defined and systemic use of power and control.

NAME AND LOGO

St. Martha lived in the time of Jesus. She was recognized for her nurturing and caring ways as well as her courage and outspokenness. She was highly respected for her service to others and recognized for such by the Catholic Church. Our logo, a cross, which also resembles a windowpane, gives a sense of place - representing a window of opportunity and a balance of power. Our logo was designed by Brian Woolbright.

MISSION

Motivated by Christ's imperative to love neighbor as self, we dedicate ourselves to improving the dignity of family life and of the persons involved by meeting the challenge and resisting the evil of all forms of abuse: physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual.

Our mission is to help abused women and their children break the cycle of violence in their lives. St. Martha's Hall is guided by the social justice teachings of Jesus Christ. We attempt to accomplish this by providing safe shelter and supportive services that empower women to rebuild their lives.

ENVISIONED FUTURE

Peace and safety for all women and their children.

2017-2018 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

Shelter Program and Collaborations

Court Watch Project –

Completed its Third Year with Office on Violence Against Women Funding

We completed the final year of our three year grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women to fund our Court Watch Project. This grant allowed us to hire a Court Watch Project Coordinator, Carla Maley, as an independent contractor to coordinate the project in collaboration with the St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network -SLEVAWN. SLEVAWN is a network of organizations and individuals who serve in the interest of victims of domestic and sexual violence. Its mission is to end this violence. The project is overseen by a Leadership Team comprised of Christina Holmes, Project Director at RUNG, an organization committed to empowering women; Susan Kidder, Executive Director of Safe Connections, a counseling organization; Michelle Schiller-Baker, Executive Director of St. Martha's Hall and; Jessica Woolbright, Children's Program Coordinator of St. Martha's Hall.

Unfortunately we applied for but did not receive a renewal of funding for this very important project. But fortunately, the Board of Directors of St. Martha's voted to use some of our reserve funds to keep the project going for at least another year. This gives us time to passionately seek funding from other sources as well as reapplying to the DOJ.

The Court Watch Project has made strides into the judicial system in both St. Louis City and County circuit courts in improving victim safety, offender accountability and creating a more informed and involved public about the judicial system's effectiveness in handling domestic violence cases. We have trained over 200 volunteer monitors, provided training to court clerks on the nature and dynamics of domestic violence and developed courtroom safety protocols.

Please go to <https://slevawn.org> and click on the Court Watch Project tab to read the reports summarizing the Projects work.

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) Batterer Intervention Policy Workgroup

Two staff members, Jessica Woolbright and Michelle Schiller-Baker were asked to be members of the MCADSV's Batterer Intervention Policy Workgroup. The workgroup was convened in in 2017 to review, evaluate and update the statewide standards for Batterer Intervention Programs throughout Missouri. The workgroup included advocates from batterer intervention programs, representatives from the Missouri Department of Corrections' Divisions of Probation and Parole and advocates who work with women and their children who are victims of domestic violence.

This year long process produced standards and guidelines for programs working with perpetrators of violence against women and was approved by the MCADSV's Board of Directors in June of 2018. These standards are now recognized by the Missouri Department of Corrections.

St. Martha's Hall was also a member of the workgroup in 2005 that produced the first set of state-wide standards.

Update- Missouri Supreme Court Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission

For the last year and a half St. Martha's Hall has been a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission. The Commission was established by the Missouri Supreme Court with the goal of reducing human trafficking and domestic violence in our state.

We have submitted a full report to the Court along with a request for a statewide needs assessment on how each judicial circuit handles cases of domestic violence and human trafficking. Great news!!! The Missouri Supreme Court approved the Commission's request and the Commission will begin the assessment pronto with hopes of having a report by early spring of 2019.

The Commission will continue its works on producing a judicial benchbook to be used statewide in providing best practices, protocols and legal procedures for judges hearing both civil and criminal domestic violence cases.

Father Support Center, Angel Band Project, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

We continue formal collaborations with these outstanding organizations.

We provided on-going domestic violence orientation to Father Support Center staff and facilitated monthly classes working directly with the fathers providing education about the effects of domestic violence on children. We also facilitated bi-weekly classes for women in the Parenting in Partnership program at the Center.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri provides our women and children priority legal services at intake and then provides holistic expanded and enhanced services to our residents.

Angel Band Project promotes healing and hope to survivors of sexual and domestic violence through music and provides a music therapist to come to the shelter and work with the residents once every six weeks. Beginning in 2019 Angel Band will provide weekly music therapy sessions at the shelter.

Community Support

Board of Directors

- **Showers for the Shelter**

This past spring our board had a “shower” for the shelter. The “shower” provided the shelter with hundreds of dollars’ worth of supplies and gift cards. We are most grateful to Kathy Rehmer, our board president, for hosting this shower by opening her home and providing all the guests with beverages, hors d’oeuvres and desserts. Kathy’s generous hospitality helped make the shelter more comfortable for our residents.

- **Hit a Home Run for St. Martha’s Hall**

The Board held this event on April 6, 2018 at the historic Magic Chef Mansion. The event included tours of the mansion, a bourbon tasting bar, silent auction, food and drinks. We netted \$11,847.90. A big thank you to the fundraising committee, staff and volunteers who worked very hard to put this together.

The following companies and individuals donated items to our fundraiser:

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Volunteers and Fundraisers

- Thirty-nine volunteers contributed 1357 hours of service not including the countless hours that are contributed by our dedicated board of directors. Our volunteers provided childcare, tutoring, picked up and sorted donations, cleaned and organized parts of the shelter, facilitated arts and crafts groups, provided music therapy and health classes, helped with resumes, packed snack boxes, organized fundraising events and many other jobs.
- **Solid Lines Productions** This theatre fosters community dialogue through theatre about socially relevant issues, including domestic and sexual violence. St. Martha’s Hall began working with Solid Line Productions in 2014 and since that time we have participated in 4 different productions facilitating open dialogues with the audience after each performance. Each production includes a partnership with local non-profits to raise awareness about community resources. All regular shows are free-of-charge because Executive Director Chris Labanca understands that social change affects all levels of income. Audience members are encouraged to donate in-kind gifts such as full size toiletries to St. Martha’s Hall. This year’s production Sensitive Guys was performed at The Stage at KDHX and SIUE. Chris states “there aren’t any blurred lines when confronting domestic and sexual violence. Beyond that, two solid lines reminds us why we are here – equality”.
- **Garden Party and David** a florist and home décor shop located in Clayton, held its 3rd annual book fundraiser to benefit St. Martha’s Hall in December 2017. Autographed copies of local artist Mary Engelbreit’s book The Bedtime Book were sold and a portion of the book sales and shopping revenue from the night went to St. Martha’s Hall. We raised \$900 that night!

- **GiveSTL Day** raised \$1,217.00.
- **Mother's Day Tribute Cards** raised \$1,750.00.
- **Lemonade Stands and Bake Sale:** Supporter, Marty Daly's two granddaughter's *Verona and Hazel* were visiting from France and decided to set up a lemonade stand here in St. Louis to raise money for St. Martha's Hall. They raised \$102! International generosity and its kindest. **Merci et que Dieu vous bénisse tous les deux.**
- Also *Flora*, daughter of staff member Jessica, and her friend *Stella* set up a lemonade stand to raise money to buy pajamas for the children in the shelter. Their kind and enthusiastic work paid off and they were able to buy 10 pairs of really cute children's pajamas. A big St. Louis thank you to these two young women.
- *Artie and Louie*, brothers, baked cookies and an apple pie and sold them to sweet tooth congregants leaving church services one Sunday morning. These sweet bakers raised \$24.74 for the shelter!



In-Kind Donations

Many generous individuals and groups provided new and special in-kind gifts to our shelter.

A special note of sincere gratitude to:

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FINANCIALS

JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

| REVENUES | | % OF REVENUE |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Private Contributions | \$484,408 | 30.24% |
| Investment Income | \$28,883 | 1.80% |
| Government Grants/Contracts | \$846,820 | 52.87% |
| United Way | \$151,521 | 9.46% |
| Other Grants | \$73,564 | 4.59% |
| Special Events | \$13,396 | 0.84% |
| Other | \$3,056 | 0.19% |
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| Total | \$1,601,648 | 100% |
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| EXPENSES | | % OF EXPENSES |
| Fundraising | \$46,391 | 3.46% |
| Administration | \$134,205 | 10.01% |
| Programs | \$1,160,682 | 86.54% |
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| Total | \$1,341,278 | 100% |
| Net Unrestricted Surplus | \$260,369 | |
| Total Year End Net Assets = | \$1,682,941.19 | |

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The Missouri Department of Social Services offers a special Domestic Violence Shelter Tax Credit equal to 50 percent of the amount of a donation. St. Martha's Hall offers this tax credit to any cash donation of \$250 or more over and above the value of goods and services received. The amount of the credit cannot exceed your state tax liability for the taxable year, but if it does, it can be carried over for four successive years.

There are a limited number of tax credits available.

This report honors donors who have made contributions during the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year.

We have tried to make this list accurate but we do make mistakes. If your name has been omitted, misspelled or incorrectly listed please notify Katy Keller at 314-533-1313 or katyk@saintmarthas.org.

SERVICES PROVIDED

In 2017-2018, St. Martha's Hall staff provided the following services:

- Support and information to 2,550 callers through the 24-hour crisis and support hotline.
 - Emergency shelter for 125 women and their 123 children who were forced to flee their homes to escape abuse.
 - Peace, safety and hope for 6,114 days and nights.
 - Support and healing through 44 support groups and 29 parenting support groups for women and 132 support groups for children.
 - Resources to build for the future through 2,189 referrals to other services for our residents.
 - Continued support and resources through follow-up services to 31 women.
 - Assistance for 70 women establishing a goal plan for their lives freed from abuse.
 - Support, information and accompaniment for 13 women going through the judicial system.
 - Community education to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence to 83 community groups.
- The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, which is part of larger federal legislation, provided funding to develop nationally standardized surveys to help document the work of domestic violence organizations. The two key survey questions that are used at St. Martha's Hall ask: As a result of staying in our shelter do you know more ways to plan for your safety and do you know more about community resources? 90% of the women responding said they know more ways to plan for their safety and 95% said they knew more about community resources. 100% of the women stated that they feel more hopeful about the future as a result of their stay. 62% of the women achieved stability in their living situation. 100% of mothers completing a survey regarding their children stated that they can identify, manage, and appropriately express their emotions and behaviors as a result of their stay.



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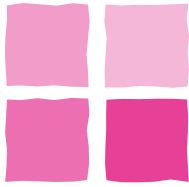
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