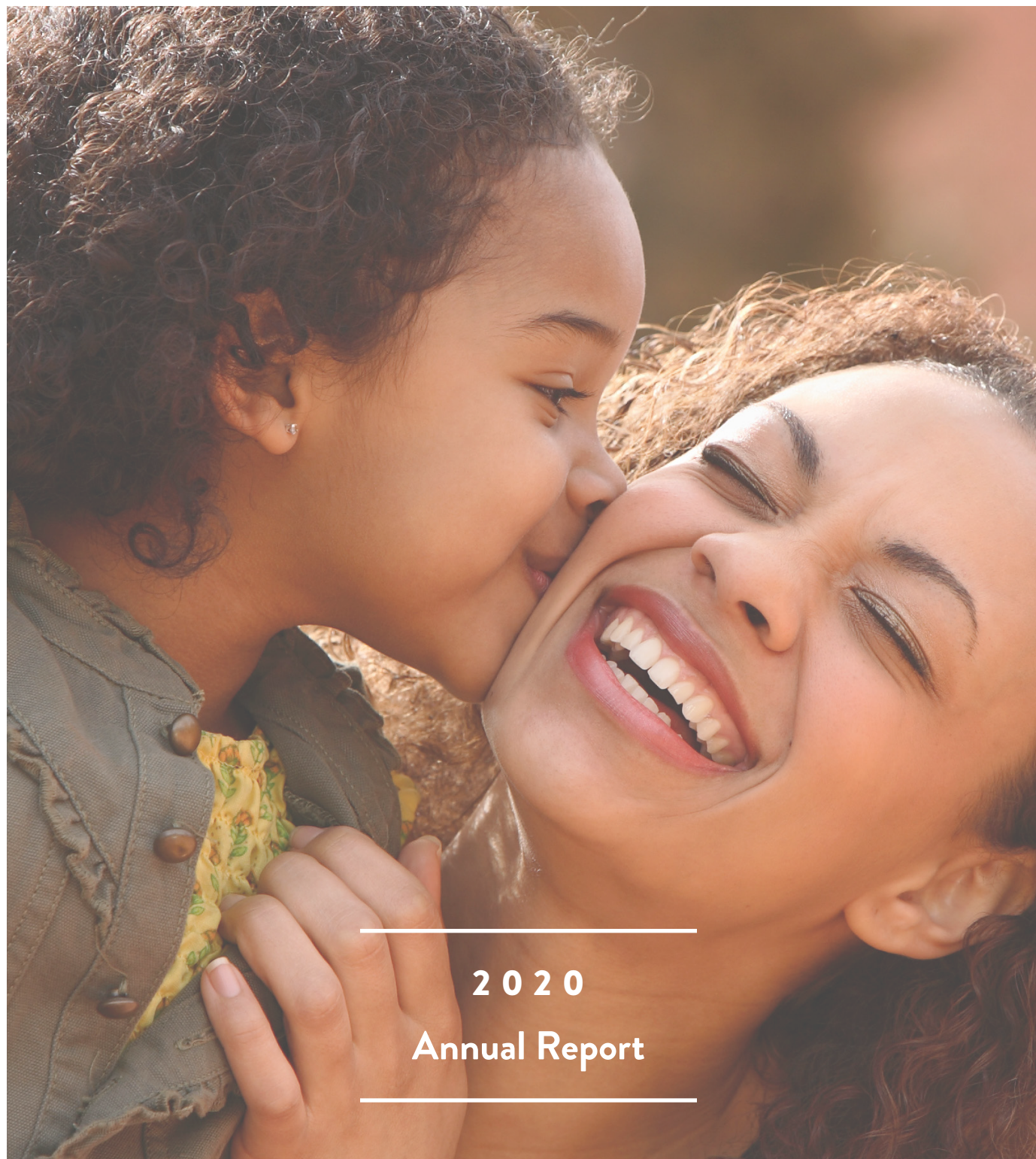




SAINT MARTHA'S HALL  
BREAKING THE CYCLE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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2020

Annual Report

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# A letter from the Executive Director

## Dear Friends,

How do I begin writing a letter that truly reflects the last 12 months? Do I share the good, the bad, and the ugly? I decided to go with the truth of what this last year has offered, its challenges, and how we have continued to serve.

On December 31st 2019, Michelle Schiller-Baker retired after 38 years of service. Each and every one of us at St. Martha's Hall stands on her shoulders. We miss her daily and look forward to her weekly cards that make us laugh, and sometimes cry, but always inspire.

I watched the unprecedented events of this year bring residents to their knees. Every time they chose to get back up and continue the fight, not just against the violence in their lives but also against a global pandemic. Families have quarantined in shelter for 7-14 days, maneuvered virtual school despite technical difficulties, been patient with ever-changing shelter guidelines, and still managed to secure jobs. All while healing from a lifetime of pain.

The staff of St. Martha's Hall has not been immune to trauma. Each and every one of our staff members has battled their own tragedies, from COVID-related deaths in their family to accepting the risk to their own health by showing up to work every single day. Or by working from home because they are on the kidney transplant list and can't risk getting sick. And crises

that have nothing to do with the pandemic but are equally heartbreaking. The staff of St. Martha's Hall is second to none when it comes to compassion and dedication. They serve no matter the cost.

Despite quarantines, isolations, and social distancing, we have never been surrounded by more love and generosity. We have felt that support through your donations of homemade masks, your purchases of t-shirts that supported us while also supporting local businesses, your gifts of cookies, your calls and emails to check on staff and residents, and your prayers. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

This year has been tough, but the residents, staff, and supporters of St. Martha's Hall have been tougher. I look forward to welcoming 2021 and celebrating the hope a New Year promises.

"May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace".

On behalf of the entire staff I wish you a happy, healthy holiday season.



Jessica Woolbright  
Executive Director

## MISSION

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.

## 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, group and family counseling; and offer community education to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence.

## SHELTER UPDATES

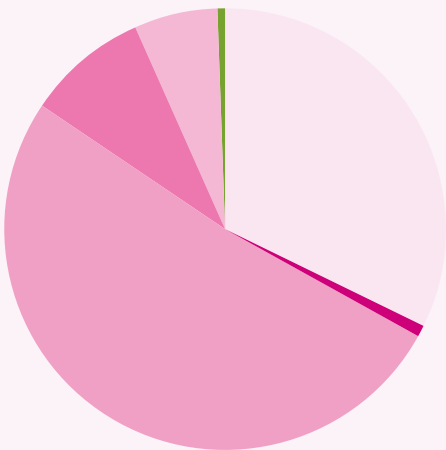
In July of this year we began the process of integrating our knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and daily practice. Counselors from St. Louis Counseling provided us with the support needed to recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma in the families we work with and in staff. Identifying the far-reaching effects of trauma assists in developing plans to heal and build resilience against future trauma.

Despite the challenges these past several months, the St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN) Court Watch Project continues to be an integral part of the advocacy work within the domestic violence victim service community. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Court Watch Project Coordinator has organized a group of advocates and stakeholders from multiple organizations to coordinate a network of communication. This network is instrumental in providing updates regarding procedural changes in the St. Louis City and St. Louis County courts.

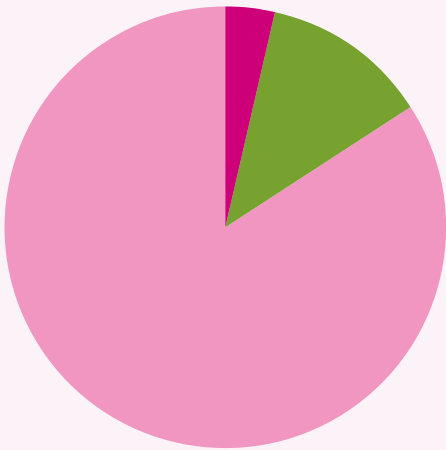
We are happy to welcome three new employees. Melanie, our Children's Program Coordinator, originally started with us 8 years ago as a volunteer. Eldisa, the Children's Advocate, brings with her 9 years of domestic violence experience. Theresa was hired as an Advocate and has extensive experience as an administrator at WashU. She brings a unique and straightforward perspective to her work with the families at St. Martha's Hall.

# Revenue & Expenses

REVENUES	Amount	% OF REVENUE
Private Contributions	\$533,863	32.37%
Investment Income	\$13,584	0.82%
Government Grants/Contracts	\$848,388	51.44%
United Way	\$145,483	8.82%
Other Grants	\$102,500	6.21%
Other	\$5,427	0.34%
Total	\$1,649,245	100%



EXPENSES	Amount	% OF EXPENSES
Fundraising	\$53,737	3.80%
Administration	\$173,603	12.26%
Programs	\$1,188,386	83.94%
Total	\$1,415,726	100%




NET UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS	\$233,518
Total Year End Net Assets	\$2,143,243

Saint Martha’s Hall is a registered 501(c) 3 non-profit agency. All donations to Saint Martha’s Hall are tax-deductible.

The Missouri Department of Social Services offers a special Domestic Violence Shelter Tax Credit equal to 50% 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.

This report honors donors who have made contributions during the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 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 Lauren Alvino at 314-533-1313 or [laurena@saintmarthas.org](mailto:laurena@saintmarthas.org).

## In 2019-2020, St. Martha’s Hall staff provided the following services:



Support and information to **1,878** callers through the 24-hour crisis and support hotline.

Peace, safety, and hope for **4,982** days and nights.

Support and healing through

**39** support groups

**23** parenting support groups for women

**70** support groups for children.

Resources to build for the future through **1,329** referrals to other services for our residents.

Continued support and resources through follow-up services to **52** women.

Assistance for **51** women establishing a goal plan for their lives **freed from abuse.**



Emergency shelter for **92** women and **99** children who were forced to flee their homes to escape abuse.



Community education to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence to **65** community groups.

Support, information and accompaniment for **14** women going through the judicial system.

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? **100%** 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. **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.



# Honors

“Honor one, help many.”

In Honor of Alexandra’s 1st Birthday

Timothy Hark

In Honor of Michele DiMarcellis

Meg and James Huber

In Honor of Oma and Opa Goltzman

Rachel Goltzman

In Honor of Meg and Jim Huber

Gloria Thompson

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# Memorials

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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In memory of Maria Boston

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Don Feldewerth

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# Mother’s Day Tributes

“God could not be everywhere so he created mothers.”  
-Jewish proverb

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Lauren and Matt Alvino

Jennie Amendola

Marie Kenyon

Lisa Arends

Joanne Ferguson

Marilyn Bergmann

Christina Sadasivam

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Christina Sadasivam

Beth Boll

Joanne Ferguson

Kelly Boss

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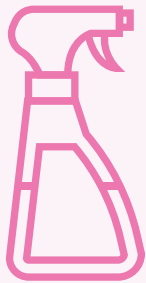
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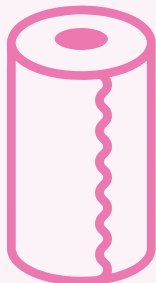
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140 bottles of hand soap/sanitizer



125 cleaning supplies



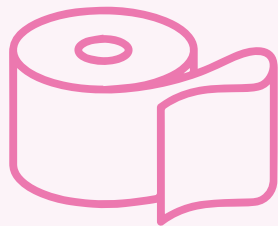
Over 400 rolls of paper towels



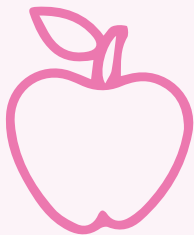
165 boxes of cereal



Over 3000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment



Over 900 rolls of toilet paper



Fresh fruit - \$1200 worth!



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“Spirit of the Holy One may  
you guide and inspire all at St.  
Martha’s Hall to be Protectors  
of the women and children  
sheltered there and that all  
women and children in our  
community are afforded safety  
and shelter.



Sr. Jeanne Meurer

I ask a special blessing for all at  
St. Martha’s Hall, the women,  
the children, the staff, the  
volunteers and the Board of  
Directors.

May they be blessed with a deep  
abiding peace for their love, care  
and safety that they provide to  
the women and children at St.  
Martha’s Hall.”

-Written by Sister Jeanne Meurer, FSM

This year we said goodbye to our dear friend Sister Jeanne Meurer. Those who were fortunate enough to work alongside her saw first-hand the strength and tenacity she embodied when advocating for the safety and well-being of women and their children.

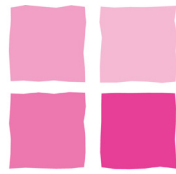
Sr. Jeanne held a Master’s in Nursing Administration from St. Louis University, a Master’s in Maternity Nursing from Columbia University, and a Master’s in Theological Studies from Aquinas Institute. She assisted in establishing nurse-midwifery as a profession and in 1972 opened the first nurse-midwifery service at City Hospital. Under a World Health Organization fellowship, she studied maternal nursing in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. Sr. Jeanne was instrumental in opening Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in 1956.

Throughout her career in the medical field, Sr. Jeanne continued to learn, teach and inspire the next generation.

After almost two years of working to identify the gaps in domestic violence services, she co-founded Woman’s Place, the region’s only drop-in center for domestic violence victims. She worked tirelessly to improve the community’s response to those experiencing violence in the home and reducing the impact on children. Sr. Jeanne was known to persuade and motivate even the toughest of critics.

Merry Christmas from St. Martha’s Hall quaranteam!





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