Dear Friends,

In today’s world, we have so many opportunities to share… on social media, phone calls, emails, and texts. So often, we are inundated with messages of despair, fear, and sadness. But Pope Francis encourages us to “spread a contagion of hope.” We—you and I—can spread hope just as easily as we can spread fear.

When we click share on a message of unity, we are sharing hope. When we tweet words of kindness instead of despair, we are allowing hope to grow. Smiling at strangers, even while wearing a mask, spreads hope. And like fear, hope takes root and grows.

Every woman and child who walks through our doors has some level of both hope and fear. You can see it etched on their faces. Both are powerful motivators. Fear of an abuser might be the reason a person first comes to Saint Martha’s Hall, but hope is what keeps them there. Our job as advocates is to help that hope take root.

This past year it would have been easy to feel hopeless and let fear take over. To feel like the trauma of our work, and the impact of COVID, was simply too much. But we chose hope, and just like Pope Francis said, it is contagious. We found hope in the encouragement that staff get from each other every day. We found hope seeing a woman overcome abuse and take control of her life with our support. We found hope in the generous support we received from generous donors and allies like you. Most recently, we have found hope in our new collaboration with Assumption-Mattese parish, the home of our new drop-in center, to expand outreach to victims seeking non-residential support.

Not a day goes by when we do not feel hope because of the courage and strength we see in each and every woman and child we serve.

Thank YOU for giving us hope.

I wish you a happy, healthy, hope-filled holiday season,

Jessica Woolbright
Executive Director
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

House Bill 432  Sections of this bill provide unpaid employment leave for a victim of domestic or sexual violence if their employer has at least 20 employees. The leave could be used to get health care, recover from injury, obtain victim services/counseling/legal services, and to participate in safety planning. The unpaid leave sections also include family or household members of victims as eligible for the unpaid leave.

House Bill 430  This bill expands the current domestic violence shelter tax credit program by increasing the credit to 70% and providing unlimited tax credits, effective July 1, 2022.

Senate Bill 71  This bill combines three protection order priority bills and allows judges to award possession of pets in Orders of Protection hearings and to issue protection orders two to 10 years, and up to a lifetime order against a respondent. It also updates the requirements for law enforcement entry of protection order data into both state and federal databases.

MISSION

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VISION

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VALUES

Dignity   We treat women and children with dignity.
Safety     We promise a safe place.
Advocacy   We advocate at every level.
Stability  We bring tranquility through stability and structure.
Healing    We understand healing is a journey.

DROP-IN CENTER

Over the last two years, the need to expand services outside of the shelter has become imperative. Many women in crisis are not seeking immediate shelter but are looking for information and referrals, understanding, and non-judgmental support. A woman who is experiencing abuse is often isolated or left feeling very alone. Providing a support system that also enhances their knowledge of safety planning and community resources leads to increased safety and well-being over time.

Saint Martha’s Hall is excited to announce the opening of its new drop-in center located on the campus of Assumption – Mattese Catholic Church at 4733 Mattis Road in South County. Beginning January 3rd, 2022 advocates will be available Monday through Friday 10am – 4pm to provide safety and support to all individuals impacted by domestic violence. At the drop-in center there are no waitlists, no capacity limits, no requirements for services, and no other additional barriers to safety and independence for victims.

Services provided at the center will include crisis intervention and ongoing support services, remote access to apply for orders of protection, legal advocacy, housing assistance, and an extension of the Saint Martha’s Hall Children’s Program. The center will also be available to family and friends who want to have a better understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and find safe ways to support to a loved one experiencing abuse.

This new program has truly been a community effort. We have been humbled by the outpouring of support by not only the Saint Martha’s Hall committed donors and volunteers but by our new partnership with Assumption-Mattese Catholic Church and members of their parish. Everyone at Saint Martha’s Hall is excited to bring new services to the region as we continue to work towards ending violence against women.
## Revenue & Expenses

### REVENUES

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### NET UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS

- **$496,876**

### Total Year End Net Assets

- **$2,666,055**

*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. Saint 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, 2020 – June 30, 2021 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 Cassie Esswein at 314-533-1313 or cassiee@saintmarthas.org.*
In 2020-2021, Saint Martha’s Hall staff provided the following services:

Support and information to 1,618 callers through the 24-hour crisis and support hotline. Peace, safety, and hope for 2,706 days and nights.

Support and healing through 32 support groups, 25 parenting support groups for women, and 82 support groups for children. Resources to build for the future through 482 referrals to other services for our residents. Continued support and resources through follow-up services to 15 women.

Assistance for 23 women establishing a goal plan for their lives freed from abuse. Emergency shelter for 37 women and 43 children who were forced to flee their homes to escape abuse.

Community education to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic violence to 38 community groups. Support, information and accompaniment for 7 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 Saint 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 75% 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. 86% 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.
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.

In memory of:
Barbara Stewart Heater
Arden Weis
Rhonda McMahan
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Muich
Jim Becker
Tony Daus

Joseph and Elaine Daus

In memory of:
Minnie L. Todd
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Lenore Petruso

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Mother’s Day Tributes

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

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Pam Brown
Sue Brown
Joyce DiStefano
Ashley Ferguson
Kathy Ferguson
Tiffany Hoeckelman
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125 cleaning supplies
Over 1,000 rolls of paper towels
125 boxes of cereal
Almost 2,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment
140 rolls of toilet paper
24 First Night bags

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Mr. Lawrence Simmons

For almost 20 years, Saint Martha’s Hall has partnered with Fathers & Families Support Center (formerly Fathers’ Support Center) to offer training to their staff and facilitate discussions about the impact of violence against women with members of the Family Formation program. This year we were deeply saddened by the loss of two true gentlemen – Mr. Halbert Sullivan and Mr. Lawrence Simmons. Both made an impact that will continue for generations, and we were lucky to call them friends.

Mr. Halbert Sullivan
was the founder and CEO of Fathers & Families Support Center (formerly Fathers’ Support Center). Sullivan founded FFSC in 1997 with a mission to provide uninvolved, noncustodial fathers the support they need to get back into the lives of their children as positive, productive parents.

Sullivan’s work was supported by research showing that children who grow up with involved fathers in the home are much more likely to avoid risky behaviors, finish school and go on to enjoy happier, healthier futures.

Sullivan got in trouble as a youth, spent time in prison and struggled with substance abuse before turning his own life around — so he was a credible mentor to the men in his program struggling with these same issues.

Prior to starting FFSC, Sullivan was a St. Louis Public Schools social worker, where he saw the harmful effects absentee fathers could have on their children. He held a M.S.W. from Washington University’s Brown School of Social Work, which honored him as a 2014 Distinguished Alumni. Sullivan was a frequent speaker at national fatherhood conferences, where FFSC is increasingly called a national model for fatherhood programs.

Mr. Lawrence Simmons
spent much of his young adult life behind bars, during which he found himself reflecting on what it meant to be a father. Seeing so many young people coming in and out of prison spurred a realization that shaped the rest of his life: guidance matters.

“[If] all of those guys only had a little more guidance, structure, discipline, they probably wouldn’t have made some of the decisions that they made,” said Lawrence.

While in a halfway house, Lawrence came across Fathers and Families Support Center and soon fell in love with its mission. He stayed as a volunteer after graduating from FFSC’s Family Formation program.

Lawrence served as a Supervisor of Facilitators at FFSC and taught evening GED classes. He learned that all actions have consequences and impact the trajectory of others’ lives.

As Lawrence explained, accepting responsibility is a vital step in reestablishing a normal life: “Living that life of making poor choices and thinking about what it cost me in the past has allowed me to stay focused on what I’m doing today.”

Mr. Lawrence was a true testament to the power of responsibility as a father, facilitator, and agent of change.
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OPENING JANUARY 3, 2022

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*No appointment necessary. All services free of charge. Children’s Program offered Tuesdays/Thursdays.

Advocates are available during the drop-in hours to provide services and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence, seeking resources and information, or wanting to learn more about healthy relationships. The Children’s Program will be offered 2 days a week to provide resources for kids who attend the Drop-In Center with their mothers.

Women’s Program Includes:
- Crisis intervention & support services
- Remote access to apply for orders of protection
- Safety planning
- Referrals to community agencies (housing assistance, shelter, legal, etc.)
- Information and support for family & friends

Children’s Program Includes:
- Learning center
- Daily living skills
- Safety planning
- Emotional regulation skills
- Parenting support
- Community resources
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St. Martha’s, a shelter for women and children, has a history of providing unconditional advocacy services in a safe, compassionate, supportive, and residential environment. St. Martha’s is excited to expand its services and community outreach through a drop-in center.

Services are provided regardless of religion, disability, race, marital status, gender identity, color, or residency.

St. Martha’s envisions a future where domestic violence is no longer a threat to women and their children. Until that day arrives, we will continue in our efforts to provide a safe refuge and resources. The staff, board and volunteers are dedicated to empowering women and children to start new lives free of violence.

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