

2021
43 Years
of Service

Working Against Violence Inc.



United Way of the Black Hills



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Annual Report



WAVI faced new challenges and adaptation in 2021. The ongoing pandemic impacted affordable housing, mental health, and the economy. WAVI clients face increased abuse at the hands of those who are supposed to love and care for them the most. Trauma, specifically trauma experienced by those encountering domestic violence in their home, is one of the leading causes of homelessness. This trauma directly impacted not only the survivors but also their families, housing, employment, and long-term sustainability. Individuals and families who utilized our shelter services found themselves without a safe home. Their efforts to escape abusive relationships were further hindered by the challenges that came with the COVID-19 pandemic. For WAVI, this meant drastic changes in how our services were utilized.

Despite the challenges, WAVI continued our commitment to support survivors of intimate partner domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking through advocacy, education, and support services. As an active member of the Rapid City community since 1978, we understand the importance of prevention and intervention services. We adapted to meet the growing needs of the community we serve by increasing the number of women, children, and men we can safely house, extending the length of temporary shelter stays, implementing an in-house transitional housing program, and partnering with our community partners who provide additional housing programs.

Dr. Suess best summed up 2021 for us in his book, the Lorax: “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” We discovered a lot of people care and many things are better. WAVI is successful because of the support, patronage, and donations we receive from our community. Every single donation given to WAVI makes our work possible. Thank you, from all of us at WAVI, for caring and supporting us through another remarkable year!

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Mission Statement

WAVI works to create a community free of domestic violence and sexual assault through advocacy, education, and support services.

Shelter Services

- Emergency Shelter
- Information & Referral
- Crisis Management
- Supportive Services
- Court Advocacy
- Community Education
- Volunteer Development
- Support Groups
- Comprehensive Case Management
- Emergency Department Response

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(888) 716-WAVI (9284)

Last year, while a client was in the WAVI shelter, they learned about safety planning from our staff. After the client left the shelter, she found herself in a difficult situation with her abuser. Because of the safety planning strategies she learned at WAVI, the client reached out to a friend with a code word indicating the friend should call WAVI to get the client some help. The friend provided specific information so WAVI staff could call law enforcement for a welfare check on the client. This code word was also shared with law enforcement so they could determine if she was in danger but unable to talk. Through this coordinated effort, the perpetrator was taken into custody, and the client was able to find safety by staying with her friend. This success results from the work we do with our clients while they are in the shelter, actively working with WAVI staff to help them learn how to stay safe after they leave the shelter.



2021 Financial Report

	Audited 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021
Support & Revenues			
Contributions & Fundraising	\$560,766	\$261,025	\$563,494
United Way (local)	\$77,000	\$46,500	\$55,167
Private Grants	\$155,774	\$121,287	\$130,839
Government Grants & Fees	\$451,584	\$461,500	\$748,466
County/City	\$197,021	\$198,244	\$263,441
Other	\$141,762	\$132,334	\$161,995
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,583,906	\$1,220,890	\$1,923,402
Expenses			
Personnel and Benefits	\$851,610	\$942,411	\$941,577
Occupancy	\$82,193	\$94,984	\$199,480
Administrative	\$18,595	\$28,378	\$24,872
Program Services	\$43,331	\$50,820	\$50,452
Fundraising	\$9,960	\$13,239	\$21,063
Professional Fees	\$47,740	\$47,611	\$66,050
Community Awareness	\$193	\$2,395	\$1,520
Other	\$26,744	\$23,162	\$61,253
Depreciation	\$59,629	\$65,038	\$74,185
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,139,994	\$1,268,037	\$1,440,451
Net	\$443,912	-\$47,147	\$482,951

2021 in Numbers

Women, Children, and Men	
Total Clients Served	2,622*
Domestic Violence	2,415
Sexual Assault	85
Human Trafficking	13
Stalking	18
Teen Dating Victimization	28
Crisis Calls	712
Crisis Intervention	907
Emergency Financial Assistance	733
Clients in Shelter	841
Shelter Days	9,039
Criminal Justice Advocacy	1,121
Protection Orders	64
Family Law Assistance	79
Total Services Provided	15,579

*This number is unduplicated meaning regardless of how many times we served each client or how many times they stayed in the shelter throughout the year, we only counted them one time.