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Annual Report



**Working Against Violence, Inc.**

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## 2020 Leadership Staff

Executive Director - Linda Shroll  
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## Mission

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

## 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)

## 2020 Financial Report

	Audited 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020
Support and Revenues			
Contributions & Fundraising	\$366,402	\$223,112	\$560,766
United Way (local)	\$69,552	\$69,060	\$77,000
Private Grants	\$108,274	\$140,500	\$155,774
Government Grants and Fees	\$431,213	\$508,400	\$451,584
County/City	\$195,467	\$197,358	\$197,021
Other	\$157,694	\$121,775	\$141,762
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,328,602	\$1,260,205	\$1,583,906
Expenses			
Personnel and Benefits	\$805,697	\$945,141	\$851,610
Occupancy	\$75,747	\$87,592	\$82,193
Administrative	\$29,968	\$38,389	\$18,595
Program Services	\$36,083	\$43,060	\$29,402
Fundraising	\$21,443	\$21,885	\$9,960
Professional Fees	\$43,386	\$40,504	\$47,740
Community Awareness	\$2,207	\$2,520	\$193
Other	\$30,448	\$8,072	\$26,744
Depreciation	\$59,448	\$60,222	\$57,680
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,104,416	\$1,247,385	\$1,124,116
Net	\$224,185	\$12,820	\$459,790

## Dear Friends of WAVI ,

2020 was a year unprecedented! Who would have thought in our wildest dreams we would be emerged in a global pandemic. Covid-19 brought a host of challenges that tore at our hearts, changed our normal, and brought us together to meet the needs of those we serve. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our staff, our Board of Directors, and our community, WAVI was one of the few shelters that remained open and able to provide safe shelter to 952 women, men, and children to total 10,819 shelter stays to our families who had no safe home to return too. We are proud to say that all WAVI services continued throughout 2020; approximately 18,000 free of charge services to 2,845 survivors!

Many hours were spent finding ways to evolve services, to move from in-person community collaboration to collaborating and connecting through virtual meetings. New technology was accessed and adapted to afford us the opportunity to remain engaged with our community, and as well as providing access to trainings to ensure our agency continued to provide best practices. Creative implementation methods were developed to ensure we were able to meet the needs of our families, our friends, our relatives, and our community, while creating and implementing safety measures to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

The largest take-away, the greatest realization learned from 2020, can be summed up in a few words from Winnie-the-Poo:

“You are Braver than you believe

Stronger than you think

More loved than you will ever know”

From all of us at WAVI, Thank you for all your support!

## 2020 in Numbers

### Women, Men, and Children

Total Clients Served	2,845
Domestic Violence	2,592
Sexual Assault	115
Human Trafficking	5
Stalking	42
Teen Dating Victimization	37
Crisis Calls	828
Crisis Intervention	565
Emergency Financial Assistance	1084
Clients in Shelter	952
Shelter Days	10,819
Criminal Justice Advocacy	1,220
Protection Orders	68
Family Law Assistance	73
Total Services Provided	17,492

## WAVI Client Stories -

A pregnant women and her child came to WAVI fleeing an abusive partner. With no safe home to return too, no family or friends to support her, WAVI became her support system and cheering squad. She developed a strong positive relationship with her case manager and began to identify personal and family goals for her and her child(ren).

After revealing her desire to find employment, staff helped her look on line, access applications, and transported her to job interviews. Her case manager helped her complete a child care assistance form, and soon employment was secured.

Securing employment provided this mom with the hope of continuing her education so she could bring longer term sustainability for her and her children. As this young mom found success, and a growing confidence, she began to examine what areas she needed assistance with in order to continue her path to achieving a healthy safe life for her and her kids. She revealed she hadn't had support or positive role modeling growing up, and wanted to do better for her kids. Counseling was secured for this individual and staff provided positive role modeling. As trust was developed, this young woman began to ask more questions, seek assistance, and build confidence.

Fast forward and you will find this woman working, attending counseling, attending school, clean and sober, and awaiting admission into the One Heart campus. Her own words sum it up best, "I'm proud of the progress I've made. My child is happy and I'm committed to having a healthy home for him and for the one on the way. I've learned so much about who I am, and who I want to be. I'm not there yet, but I'm working on it day by day. I'm so thankful for all of you at WAVI for encouraging me to keep going and never give up."