

Women's Center of San Joaquin County

Annual Report

2004/2005

Imagine...




**...if the world were a safe place
for women, children, & men**

a non-profit organization serving San Joaquin County since 1976

Our Mission

Since 1976, the Women's Center continues to be driven by its mission to provide a wide range of supportive, educational, and crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, enabling them to regain control of their lives.

Vision Statement

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- ✿ A community where women can share ideas and feelings, examine their role in society, and learn to bring about change.
 - ✿ An environment conducive to growth and self-empowerment where women can teach and learn skills important for dealing with a changing world, and further community cross-cultural understanding.
 - ✿ A forum where women's issues and concerns can be brought before the public.
 - ✿ A place where women, men, and children in need can find supportive services.
 - ✿ A catalyst for change pursuing societal goals of equity and self-worth, working to insure the provision of quality services, community education, and new, innovative programs for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Message from the Executive Director and President

Nearing our 30th year of service to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, the Women's Center of San Joaquin County continues to be on the front line to support and empower women, children and men who are exposed to violence in their lives. Over 8,200 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault reached out for counseling, advocacy, shelter or support groups last year. Another 6,749 individuals reached out to our helplines for someone to listen and encourage them. The Women's Center staff recognizes that on-going prevention and education are key to reducing and eventually eradicating domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. Our prevention workshops and presentations reached 13,820 individuals throughout San Joaquin County.

Around the world, at least one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime, according to a report entitled, *Ending Violence Against Women: Population Reports, Series L, No. 11*. The Women's Center has long educated our community on the terrifying statistic that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday.

It may not be surprising that the Women's Center continues to be the safety net and beacon of hope for hundreds that call our crisis lines or walk through our doors for crisis intervention.

Fiscal year 2004–2005 brought much growth and renewal to the Women's Center of San Joaquin County. Most notably was the opening of our third undisclosed battered women's shelter, TREE House (Tracy Refuge for Empowerment and Education), serving survivors of domestic violence in South San Joaquin County. We applaud Sutter/Tracy Hospital Community Foundation, the Tracy



Police Department and the Tracy Community in general for their support and generosity for seeing this dream become a reality.

As you browse through the Women's Center's accomplishments for the past fiscal year, what you will not see in ink are the many dedicated hours provided by our amazing and committed volunteers.

Volunteers come in many forms. They are the supportive staff that respond to a rape victim at San Joaquin General Hospital in the middle of the night; they are board members and committee members that tirelessly give their gift of time, away from

their professions, to give guidance and direction in supporting the agency's crucial services and to further our mission. Volunteers are also the thoughtful people who deliver food, clothing, household goods and so much more to benefit our clients. Thank you for helping us all take pride in how far we have come, and for giving us faith in how far we can go.

We are so very proud to be in a community that embraces our work and works in tandem with us to accomplish so much in order to better the lives of so many women, children and men. Although our work is not yet over, today our message is stronger and heard by more than ever before. Until children are no longer exposed to violence in their homes, until women can love without the fear of being beaten, until women no longer are humiliated by the violent crime of rape...we will dare to imagine a world that is safe for all women, children and men. Won't you join us?


Joelle Gomez
Executive Director


Jennifer Spaletta
President, Board of Directors

I don't know what
your destiny will be,
but one thing I know:
the only ones
among you who
will be really happy
are those who will
have sought and found
how to serve.

— Albert Schweitzer

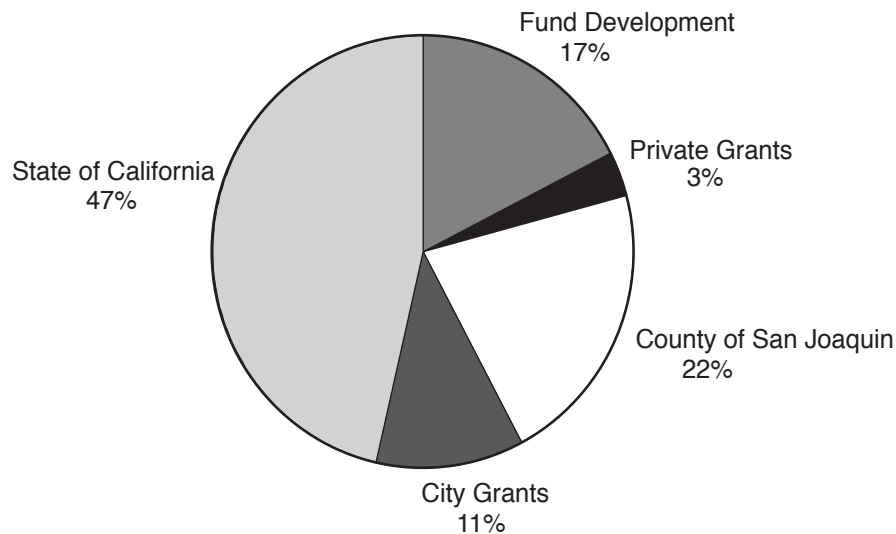
Financial Summary

The Women's Center successfully met the financial demands of its programs and services. The Center managed an operating budget of \$1.7 million that provided critical services to over 28,000 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The agency continues to operate in a cost-effective manner by minimizing administrative and fundraising expenses to 11 percent.

Program income and expenses are allocated to the following direct service programs: Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Housing, Satellite Programs in Stockton, Lodi, and Tracy, Administrative, and Fundraising. An audit is completed annually. Upon request, 990 Financial Reports are available.

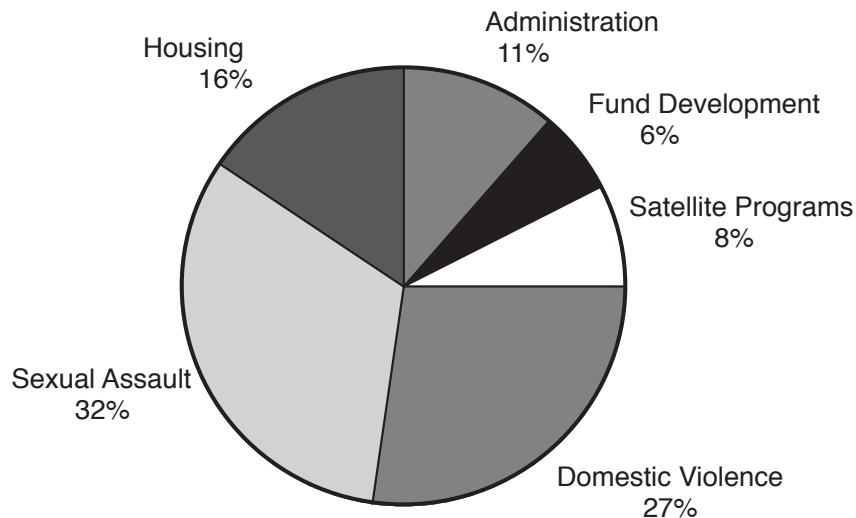
Financial Statement: *July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005*

Income



*Sometimes
those who have
given us the most
are the very ones
we fail to thank...
Thank you.*

Expenses



Fulfilling Our Mission – Making an Impact

2004-2005 Accomplishments

Since 1976, the Women's Center of San Joaquin County continues to be the sole provider of services for women, children and men victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout San Joaquin County. Each year, more than 24,000 victims of all ages and ethnic groups across the county access the agency's crucial services, free of charge.

Domestic Violence Program

- Battered women received individual counseling 1011
- Battered women attended group counseling 1322
- Battered women received advocacy services 496
- Battered women receiving assistance with restraining orders 240
- Battered women assisted on the Domestic Violence Help-line 3332
- Individuals who benefited from community education presentations 1222
- In-home visits through differential response 199
- Women who participated in parenting classes 121

Approximate cost for operating the Women's Center Sexual Assault Programs for one year is \$532,250

Sexual Assault Program

- Sexual assault victims received individual counseling 1988
- Adults who were molested as children received individual counseling 208
- Sexual assault victims received advocacy services 372
- Sexual assault victims received 24 hour hospital accompaniment 709
- Child victims received counseling services 595
- Family members received counseling services 596
- People received Information & Referral Services 5139
- Sexual assault victims assisted on the Sexual Assault Help-line 2086
- Youth, parents and educators received prevention education services 9822
- People received community education services 2776

EMERGENCY SHELTERS



Our shelters are a critical component to our crisis intervention services and continue to be the *only* emergency shelters available to battered women and their children countywide. *DAWN (Directions for Abused Women in Need) House*, the agency's largest shelter, was established in 1982, *VINE (Violence Is Not Excusable) House*, located in Lodi, was established in 1997 by the generous support of Lodi Memorial Hospital, and *TREE (Tracy Refuge for Education and Empowerment) House*, located in Tracy, was established in spring of 2003 from the support of Sutter Tracy Hospital.

Approximate cost for operating DAWN House for one year is \$274,000



Health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking and homicides committed by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year.

The shelters provided the following services:

- Women and children received emergency shelter at DAWN House 410
- Women and children received emergency shelter at VINE House 28
- Women and children received emergency shelter at TREE House 29
- Child survivors, residing at DAWN House, received one-on-one counseling through the "Just for Kids" Program 220
- Battered women and children (accessing our services countywide) received emergency food and clothing 434



90% of all sexual assaults against children are committed by someone whom the victim knew.

**SATELLITE OFFICES
North County – Lodi**

- Battered women assisted on the Help-line 425
- Victims received individual counseling .. 396
- Victims who attended Support Groups 201
- Victims assisted with temporary restraining orders 127
- Victims received court accompaniment and/or advocacy services 68
- Referrals received from law enforcement 188
- People received information & referral services 247

The Lodi volunteers contributed 2933 hours of volunteer services.

On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every year.

South County – Tracy

- Battered women assisted on the Help-line 906
- Victims received individual counseling 283
- Victims assisted with temporary restraining orders 123
- Battered women provided with court accompaniment and/or advocacy services 35
- People received information & referral services 673



Strengthening Our Community

Investing in the Women's Center

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

We could not continue to provide the critical services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault without the support from our generous investors. We continue to be grateful for your support, enabling us to continue the critical work we do. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this acknowledgement listing. If we have accidentally excluded your name, please contact our Development Director to correct our error.

In appreciation of our donors, we proudly acknowledge the following:

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