

Advocates of Ozaukee

Working to end domestic and sexual violence

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

During this past year, we have read and heard a lot about crimes of abuse against animals - dog fighting, cat hoarders, and puppy mills. In all of these situations the animals are defenseless. They need us to speak up for them. For many of us, it's difficult to imagine that there are **people** in our community that are defenseless in their environments and living conditions as well. Due to the cycle of abuse, many individuals do not even realize they are in an abusive situation. Others cannot speak out because they are afraid of retaliation or they don't know where to turn or how to escape and seek help. Our community is not immune to abuse, these people also live in our neighborhood, they come from every zip code in the county. In 2007, Advocates saw a 37% increase in the total number of clients; growing from 488 to 668. In addition, in 2007 we had a 49% increase in total nights of shelter and an 82% increase in the average length of stay in shelter. Clients came to Advocates from every zip code in Ozaukee County.

As you interact in and around the community, please help to raise the awareness of the services we offer so those in need may soon realize there is a way out and the possibility for a safe and healthy future can be a reality.

On behalf of those we serve, we thank you for your support, and for your part in making others aware of who we are and the services we provide. Together we can make a stronger and healthier community.



Kathy Bentley
Board President

To the staff at Advocates:

Thank you for letting me vent, vent, and vent. I was so bottled up for so long, there was a lot of "stuff" inside, but even so, being that I was still so scared and anxious, I had fears about revealing things. Nevertheless, you have been, and continue to be, so very kind and patient with me as I still have questions and concerns. I am very thankful that I had someplace to go - and thankful you took me in. You have helped me so much and I am very, very thankful.

I knew that you believed in me. You encouraged me and strengthened me. I am where I'm at today largely because of you. Thank you all for helping me!

Excerpted from a client letter.

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Our Mission

With a commitment to safety, respect, and compassion for individuals and families, Advocates of Ozaukee works to end domestic and sexual violence through education, prevention, and intervention services.

Services Provided in 2007

Domestic Violence

Services to individuals and families include: 24-hour domestic and sexual violence hotline, emergency shelter, safety planning, child and adult counseling and support groups, legal advocacy, transitional living, and prevention education.

410 Crisis Calls and an additional 2,354 Information and Referral calls

359 Active Clients

1,200 Nights of shelter

2,405 Hours of Adult DV Counseling

2,316 Hours of DV Support Groups

489 Hours of Legal Advocacy

Sexual Violence

Services to adults, child, and adolescent victims of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse.

1,918 Client contact/hotline and information calls

160 Clients

2,454 Hours of Counseling

1,128 Hours of Support Group

Children's Program

Services to children who are experiencing or witnessing domestic violence or are victims of sexual violence.

704 Hours of Individual Counseling

1,458 Hours Attending Support Group

Outreach Program

Provides domestic & sexual violence education to the community to civic and social service organizations, business, religious organizations, elementary, middle, and high school children and law enforcement.

83 Presentations

2,483 Total Youth and Adults Reached

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of Advocates, providing services from serving on boards and committees to providing transportation, donation pick up, child care, grounds maintenance, and fundraising.

198 Volunteers

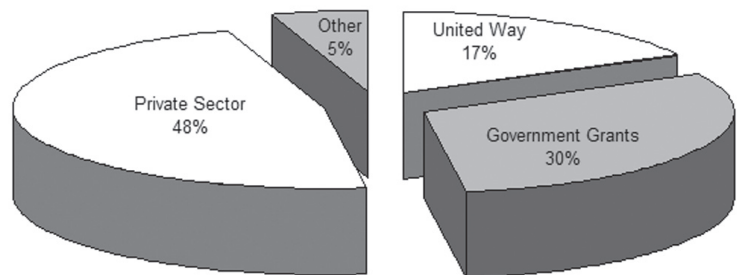
1,929 Volunteer Hours

3,125 Miles transporting clients and donation pickup

Programs & Services

- ❖ 24-Hour Crisis Line
- ❖ Children's Program
- ❖ Weekly Support Groups
- ❖ Transitional Living Program
- ❖ Temporary Housing & Food
- ❖ Legal & Medical Advocacy
- ❖ One-On-One Counseling

Financial Review



2007 Revenue



2007 Expenses

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Dear Advocates,

Thank you so much for the home I stayed in 4 months until I was stable and ready for my own place. All of the donations you gave me to full up my beautiful little apartment was exactly enough for me and my little ones.

Your counseling and support services still extended is very much appreciated not even to mention the Christmas gifts, food, and a real reason to live again... It's just more than I ever expected!

*Thank you so much,
Excerpted from a client letter.*

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It is often assumed that many of the clients Advocates works with come from outside the county. While we do work with other local shelters to assure that families are safe, the vast majority of people seeking safety at Advocates come from Ozaukee County.

At least 75% of our clients come from Ozaukee County. The other 25% come from surrounding counties who are in emergency situations, with shelters full in their home county. They generally stay here until space opens up at a shelter in their county.