

# 2005 Annual Report

## 25 Years and Counting...

In 1980 two women saw a need, a need to provide help for victims of domestic violence in Ozaukee County. They called on their friends and families and together they founded Advocates. That was 25 years ago and in that time Advocates has grown to include a dozen support services, a 16 bed shelter, services for victims of sexual violence, and a prevention outreach program.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing support Advocates receives from the community. Last November we celebrated our 25th Anniversary with an event at the Mequon Country club. We took the opportunity to thank those who were instrumental in the first quarter century and we challenged ourselves to recognize and prepare for the needs that will arise in the next 25 years.

One of those emerging needs became very clear to us this year; it is the need for housing for women and children leaving the shelter. Each year as many as 50 women and their children stay at the shelter as they begin to put their lives back together. One of the biggest obstacles for them is finding affordable housing. Currently, Advocates has one transitional living apartment which provides a family with rent assistance, along with program and personal support for up to 18 months. This type of housing and support is vital to families leaving shelter and is often the key to them not returning to an abusive home. Transitional housing is the emerging need that is at the top of our agenda, and just as we have in the past, we are working with the community to find a solution.

As the next need is identified, Advocates will again be there to work with the community to find solutions; solutions that will make our entire community stronger and safer. We thank you for your support, for your part in finding those solutions, for your answers to our calls for help, and for being there to celebrate success with us. The bottom line for Advocates is creating a safe, healthy life for the women and children who come to us for help. We couldn't have done that for the last 25 years without you and we need you to continue to partner with us for the next 25 years.

Nadine Guirl  
Board President



*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.*

- Marjorie Moore

## 25th Anniversary Celebration

### 2005 Program Highlights

#### **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.

343 Crisis Calls

309 Active Clients

63% Increase in nights of shelter

3,276 Hours of Adult DV Counseling

2,370 Hours of DV Support Groups

190 Hours of Legal Advocacy

#### **Sexual Violence**

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

204 Client contact/hotline and information calls

76 Clients

402 Hours of Counseling

1,110 Hours of Support Group

#### **Children's Program**

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

278 Hours of Individual Counseling

3,456 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.

137 Presentations

3,953 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

2,589 Volunteer Hours

7,829 Miles transporting clients and donation pickup

***"Two days ago I had nowhere to go. My baby and I were facing living in my car. Then I heard about Advocates. Thank you for being there to give us a safe place to live."***

That statement, by a resident of Advocates' shelter, was one of seven special thank you notes written to honor the Shining Stars of Advocates' past 25 years.

The anniversary celebration in the evening of November 10th at Mequon Country Club featured live music, a silent auction, great food and drinks, and a program that honored a special group of individuals who have made significant contributions over the last 25 years.

Nadine Guirl, President of Advocates' Board of Directors, presented each honoree with a gift chosen especially for them and a thank you letter written by a resident of Rosemary House, Advocates' shelter.



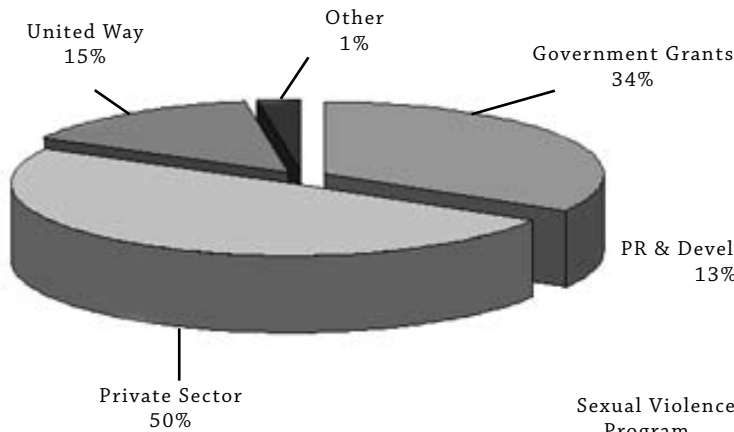
Honorees pictured above from left included: Nancy Byers – Paper Bag Princess Fundraising Event for the past 5 years, Ron and Judy Pugh – Safehouse Volunteers, Marilyn Gieczak – Leadership, Barb Schaenzer and Elaine Wadle (not pictured) – Founders, Katie and Trace Tendick representing The Tendick Family – Shelter Donors. Also honored were the late Peg Mudroch and her husband John, who could not join us – Volunteers.

Each of these honorees has made a vital contribution to Advocates and its clients. In addition, each of them represents many other volunteers who have supported Advocates, making it possible to maintain and expand services to women, children, and men who are victims of domestic and sexual violence.

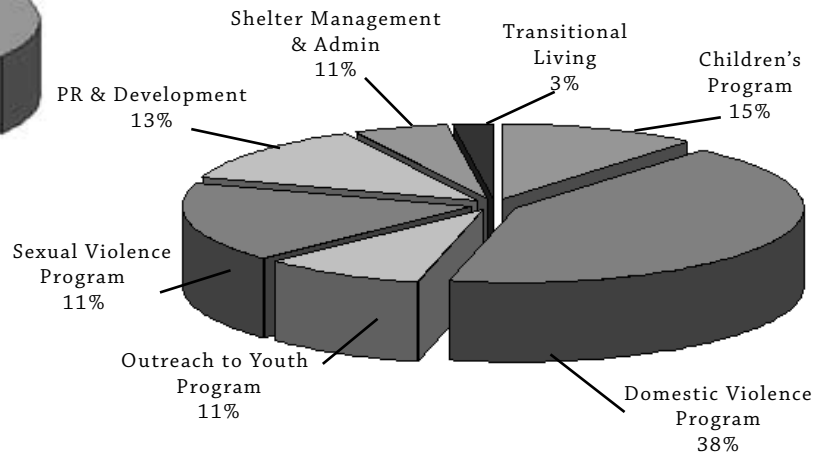
Advocates would like to thank all of those who donated items to the silent auction, served on the planning committee, and underwrote or attended the event.

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## 2005 Revenue - \$505,680



## 2005 Expenses - \$491,864



Take a Stand!

### Some of our dedicated 2005 volunteers include:

Evelyn Beuscher  
 Nancy Byers  
 and the Paper Bag Princess Committee  
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## Volunteers...

As a nonprofit, Advocates has limited funds for staffing which means we depend on volunteers like you to do a wide variety of tasks to help keep the agency running smoothly. They help with everything from assisting with support group, running errands, sorting clothing, upkeep of the grounds, painting, childcare, cleaning, and stuffing newsletters. The jobs they do aren't glamorous, but they come in and help us out and we want them to know how truly grateful we are to all of them.

*We couldn't do it without them!*



Mike Melnick (center) leads children's support group with the help of volunteers Anya Myaskovsky (upper right) and Kelly Edelstein (left center).



Ruth Maze (left) helps out in the Hope Room, where clothing is collected and sorted for clients.



Marquette clean-up day.

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