

2018 Annual Report



DVSAS

Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault Services

Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services is a place healing and hope. Hope is listening to a victim when they feel they have nowhere else to turn. Hope is sitting by their side during court proceedings when an abusive ex is just 15 feet away. Hope is an advocacy counselor reminding them “it’s not your fault.” Hope is being there, 24 hours a day, to provide support, education, and healing when a person needs it most. In 2018, 113 volunteers, 16 board members, and 32 staff members worked together to provide hope to 2,017 people in every corner of Whatcom County.

You cultivate hope through volunteering, advocating, funding, and supporting DVSA. Domestic and sexual violence are isolating and confusing experiences but you stabilize survivors by making sure that DVSA is **always** available to help. Here are some of the ways you provided hope this year:

Behavioral Health Program: In 2018, we began serving survivors with mental health or substance abuse issues in a new way. The Behavioral Health Program helps clients access treatment and medications while providing them ongoing support like safety planning and crisis intervention. When we launched the program, we anticipated we would serve 45 clients in the first year but the need was so great, we actually served 105. Of the clients we served: 61 were homeless, 15 suffered from both mental health and substance abuse issues, and 18 clients were incarcerated.

Elementary School Prevention Education: We know that true safety will only be achieved by preventing gender-based violence before it starts. To that end, we have developed a new prevention curriculum for elementary school children that will be launched in Fall 2019. The curriculum focuses on creating cultures of consent both in and out of the classroom. When children grow up in a permission-based community and have the skills to recognize when someone is violating their boundaries, we can end gender-based violence.

Through our services, outreach, and prevention programs, we know we are making a difference, and creating hope for every client we serve. We are honored to work with you in making Whatcom County a safe, equitable community where all individuals feel valued and respected.

Sincerely,

Karen Burke, Executive Director

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Board President Pete posing at Hands for Hope Gala

Our Work

Have you ever wondered what a week at DV SAS looks like?

Rural Advocacy Counselor, Devin, attended Foothills Food Bank in Deming, Community Coffee and Tea in Kendall, and met with 1 rural client named Ashley*.

Prevention Education Specialist, Blanca, presented "The Empowerment Project" 7 times to a total of 132 students.

DV SAS posted information about domestic violence incidents throughout Whatcom County on Facebook and local newspapers as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

14 new volunteers began Advocacy Counselor Training. The 53-hour course provides skills needed to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual exploitation heal from trauma.

**Names changed for confidentiality*



Ashley and her daughter Hope

Advocates served 137 individual clients, including 27 new clients.

Six support groups were held for domestic violence and sexual assault.

Advocates provided 150 hours of general advocacy and 35 hours of legal advocacy.

The helpline received 30 calls between the hours of 9am-5pm.

The Safe Housing Program sheltered 11 women and 17 children. 1 client exited into transitional housing.

3 staff participated in Nooksack Tribe's Domestic Violence Walk.

Volunteers

Abby M.	Esther F.	Laura W.
Aliza B.	Evelyne M.	Leah F.
Alyssa H.	Gabby R.	Leia S.
Amanda O.	Georgianna B.	Lily J.
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Ann B.	Hailey C.	Lynne C.
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Ashley H.	Heather W.	Mara P.
Aurela S.	Holly G.	Marion J.
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Blair M.	Izabella K.	Maya W.
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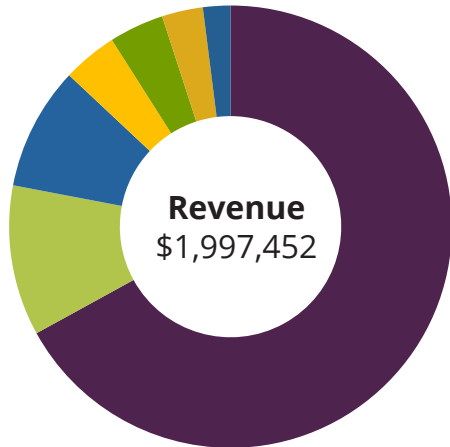
A huge thank you to our
volunteers who donated
12,958 hours to DVASAS.

Volunteers answer helpline
calls, provide court support,
attend forensic exams,
and help at our
fundraising events.



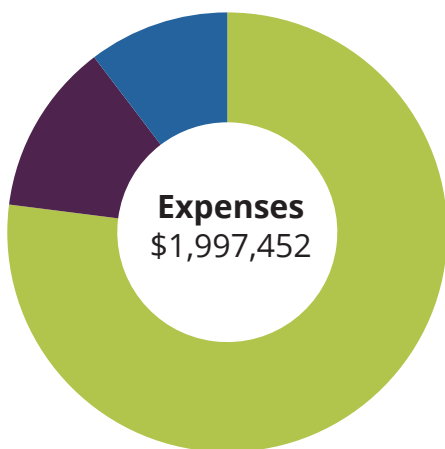
Kylie volunteering at the 2018 Tournament of Hope

Financials



Revenue
\$1,997,452

- Government - 67%
- Corporate & Foundations - 11%
- Special Events - 9%
- Interest & Fees - 4%
- Commercial Rent Income - 4%
- Endowment Income - 3%
- Individual Donations - 2%



Expenses
\$1,997,452

- Program & Services - 82%
- General Administration - 13%
- Fundraising - 5%

Thank you to everyone who made our 2018 events our most successful yet.

Victory Over Violence Luncheon

Net Revenue: \$16,126

***New* Barkley Village Wine Walk**

Net Revenue: \$7,599

Tournament of Hope Golf Classic

Net Revenue: \$20,390

Hands for Hope Auction & Gala

Net Revenue: \$139,614

Total: \$183,729

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When you join Circle of Hope, you are committing to helping survivors find safety, healing, and HOPE. You are reminding the community that everyone deserves to be safe.

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