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## A Message from Our Executive Director: Debra A. Morrow



As I reflect on my first year as Executive Director, I cannot help but recognize the incredible dedication of our agency's staff and board members during this period of transition as well as the community's grief in the wake of our loss of our long-serving Executive Director, Toby Strout in February 2017. During this time of loss and change, the staff and board committed themselves to ensuring that survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, and human trafficking continued to receive the high level of services that Middle Way House is known for. I must also pause to acknowledge the passing of our board member, Al Lyons, in March 2017. Al's valuable insight and leadership on our development committee has been greatly missed.

When the buildings which housed our Greene and Martin county offices were sold, our staff successfully faced the challenges of securing new space and relocating. Their efforts ensured that survivors in these rural communities will continue to have access to vital resources and services.

While 2017 brought many challenges, there were also moments of celebration. The successful efforts of our "I'm with Jesse" capital campaign allowed us to pay off the mortgage on our New Wings building. The generosity of so many wonderful donors, whose contributions were kindly matched by Jesse Eisenberg, made it possible to secure the availability of this safe haven within our community. We extend our gratitude to all of those who helped make this milestone possible.

As we worked to maintain current programs, we also found new and innovative ways to better serve survivors. As a long-time member of the Protective Order Assistance Partnership (POAP), grant funding allowed Middle Way to hire and place a full-time legal advocate within the office of the Monroe County Clerk. Through another successful collaboration with the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, we began joint efforts to implement a community-wide protocol based on best practices for first responders to better recognize and address the seriousness of strangulation in domestic violence cases.

As I look forward to 2018, I am excited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our transitional housing program, The RISE!, which provides 28 safe and affordable apartment units to individuals recovering from the impact of violence. I am also pleased that we have begun working with Applegate Consulting Group (ACG). ACG assists nonprofit organizations with developing their human and organizational capacity. While the successful operation of Middle Way House is evident, I am a firm believer that a leader should constantly look for areas in which the agency can grow and improve. I eagerly welcome this opportunity to maximize our agency's ability to work with survivors of violence as effectively as possible.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to those of you who throughout 2017 volunteered, attended fundraising and educational events, or contributed to the work of our agency in any way. Please know that I understand that the successes we share in serving survivors would not have been possible without the contributions of each and every one of you. We make a great team as we continue our work, not only to support survivors, but to end violence in our community.

*Debra*



## January -December 2017 Program Highlights: Impact & Outcomes

### Emergency Shelter Services

- MWH provided emergency shelter to 281 adults and 187 children at the New Wings emergency shelter, totaling nearly 6,000 nights of safe shelter.

### Crisis Intervention Services

- Advocates and trained volunteers answered 823 calls on the crisis line, providing options and helping create safety plans.
- Crisis intervention specialists provided support to 138 requests for support related to domestic violence and 106 related to sexual assault.
- These advocates provided on-scene support at the hospital to 20 survivors of sexual assault.

### Volunteers

- Dedicated volunteers contributed more than 16,000 hours of service.

### Support Groups

- Nearly 150 individuals throughout the community participated in our support groups for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

### Childcare/Youth Programs

- Our Youth Empowerment Services (YES) program exists to intervene in the cycle of violence affecting children, ages 3-18 who have lived in our shelter or transitional housing programs. Programming focuses on tutoring, health education, conflict resolution, arts education, summer educational groups, and more.
- In October both Rise and Shine Childcare classrooms went through their annual Paths to Quality renewal rating and will retain level 3 designation.

### Transitional Housing

- Throughout 2017 there were an average of 28 women and 63 children in residence at The RISE!
- During the year, 25 families moved out and 24 families moved in.

### Legal Advocacy

- Our team of three on-site legal advocates and their volunteers worked with 681 new clients and continued working with 152 existing clients, totaling 833 survivors.
- 95 percent of the individuals who accessed legal advocacy services were members of the wider community and **not** residents in our emergency shelter or transitional housing programs.

### Prevention

- In 2017 we offered 355 Building Healthy Relationships (BHR) classes in Monroe County alone. BHR is a curriculum developed by MWH that uses evidence-based primary prevention strategies to reduce the likelihood of sexual and dating violence among junior and high school aged students.

### Words of Impact:

- **"Thank you for your resources, services, [and] for making me feel safe. You have no idea how important this agency is for women like myself."**
- **"Thank you so much for helping me, when I really needed it the most. "**
- **"Middle Way has seriously saved my life."**



## Financials

| <b>Assets</b>                        |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | \$789,156          |
| Grants receivable                    | \$493,103          |
| Related parties receivable           | \$4,164            |
| BCL note receivable                  | \$97,042           |
| Other current assets                 | \$11,876           |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>          | <b>\$1,395,340</b> |
| <b>Property and Equipment</b>        | <b>\$4,965,974</b> |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                  |                    |
| Investments in subsidiaries          | \$702,279          |
| Investments                          | \$26,755           |
| Other assets                         | \$327,585          |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>            | <b>\$1,056,618</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>\$7,417,932</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                   |                    |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>           |                    |
| Accounts payable                     | \$11,739           |
| Payroll liabilities                  | \$40,723           |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>     | <b>\$52,461</b>    |
| <b>Non-current Liabilities</b>       |                    |
| MtG City of Bloomington              | \$81,377           |
| MainSource mortgage                  | \$0                |
| <b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b> | <b>\$81,377</b>    |
| <b>Equity</b>                        |                    |
| Temporarily restricted               | \$815,959          |
| Unrestricted                         | \$4,865,454        |
| Board designated                     | \$155,521          |
| Permanently restricted               | \$1,000            |
| Retained earnings                    | \$943,409          |
| Net income                           | \$502,751          |
| <b>Total Net Equity</b>              | <b>\$7,284,094</b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>  | <b>\$7,417,932</b> |

## 2017 Board Members

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## Who We Are

Since 1971, Middle Way House has been providing services to people in crisis. Today, Middle Way House provides emergency shelter; a 24-hour crisis line; on-scene advocacy, support services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking; transitional and permanent housing solutions for survivors; legal advocacy; and educational and prevention programs. Middle Way House serves six counties in southern Indiana. For more information, please visit: [www.MiddleWayHouse.org](http://www.MiddleWayHouse.org).



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