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2016
ANNUAL
REPORT

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A Message from Our Executive Director: Debra A. Morrow



2016 was a year marked by opportunities, celebrations, and challenges. In October, the Middle Way House family came together to honor the retirement of Toby Strout, our executive director of 30 years. In February of 2017, the entire community came together to honor Toby's life of passionate service and tireless advocacy for survivors. I am forever grateful to Toby for building an organization that helped me realize my full potential, and to the board, for selecting me in January of 2017 to lead this vital organization.

A lack of access to safe, affordable housing is often a significant barrier for survivors and is a critical factor to achieving long-term safety. As such, one of the most significant challenges we faced in 2016 took place when the Department of Housing & Urban Development de-funded transitional housing programs across the country, during which Middle Way House suffered a loss of \$174,000. Thankfully, our staff and community rose to the occasion to secure alternative funding from grants and donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

Because of this support the RISE!, a proven success, survived and continued to provide transitional housing to 100 women and children last year. Due to my own experiences, I am incredibly passionate about our transitional housing program. I feel confident that through our community's ongoing support we will be able to continue to address this crucial need for safe and affordable housing through the RISE.

Middle Way House served six counties and our emergency shelter provided 7,000 nights of safety to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In a year's worth of data collected from resident's exit surveys, nearly 90 percent of emergency shelter clients indicated they were exiting to safe housing.

We could not accomplish this work without the support of our dedicated staff, amazing volunteer force of over 300 individuals, and the support of this wonderful community.

This report contains just a sampling of moments and information about the services we offer. If you want to learn more, we are just a call or email away.

On behalf of all of us at Middle Way House, thank you for your support!

Debra



Program Highlights: Impact & Outcomes

Emergency Shelter Services

- MWH provided emergency shelter to 166 adults and 106 children at the New Wings emergency shelter, totaling nearly 7000 nights of safety.

Crisis Intervention Services

- Advocates and trained volunteers answered 865 calls on the crisis line, providing options and helping create safety plans. Of these, 22 were suicide calls.
- Crisis intervention specialists responded to 108 requests related to domestic violence and 85 related to sexual assault. They provided support at the hospital for 28 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Volunteers

- Our dedicated volunteers contributed more than 28,000 hours of service.

Support Groups

- Over 200 individuals participated in our domestic violence and sexual assault support groups

Childcare/Youth Programs

- Our Youth Empowerment Services (YES) program exists to intervene in the cycle of violence in the lives of children, ages 3-18 who have lived in our shelter or transitional housing programs.
- Programming focuses on tutoring, health education, healthy strategies to resolve conflict, arts education, and the importance of community and civic engagement.

Transitional Housing

- Throughout 2016, all 28 apartments at the RISE! were full, with an active waiting list.
- There were an average of 66 children in residence.

Legal Advocacy

- Our team of three on-site legal advocates and their volunteers worked with 400 new clients and continued working with 411 existing clients, totaling 811 individuals served.
- 92 percent of the individuals who utilized legal advocacy services were members of the wider community and **not** residents in our shelter or transitional housing program.

Prevention

- In 2016 we served nearly 720 junior & high school-age students in Monroe County alone with our Building Healthy Relationships (BHR) curriculum. BHR uses evidence-based primary prevention strategies to reduce the likelihood of sexual & dating violence.

Words of Impact:

- "If it wasn't for the shelter and wonderful staff, I would not have survived."
- "It was important to know my abuse was not unique."
- "I know a miracle happened to me while I was here and I hope others give themselves the chance to experience it too."
- "You guys got me to where I need to go. New life ahead!"
- "Thanks for the judgement-free environment you provide."



Financials

2016 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash Equivalents	\$705,142
Accounts receivable, net	\$3,537
Grants receivable	\$56,073
Contributions receivable	\$905
Related party receivables	\$11,472
BCL Mortgage note Receivable	\$99,125
Other current assets	\$16,163
Total Current Assets	\$892,418
Property and Equipment	\$5,122,004
Other Assets	
Investments in subsidiaries	\$686,458
Investments	\$15,820
Other assets	\$343,622
Total Other Assets	\$1,045,900
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Liabilities and Equities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$8,714
Payroll liabilities	\$39,695
Total Current Liabilities	\$48,409
Non-Current Liabilities	
MTG City of Bloomington	\$81,377
MainSource Mortgage	\$149,192
Total Non-current Liabilities	\$230,569
Equity	
Temporarily Restricted	\$815,959
Unrestricted	\$4,865,454
Board Designated	\$155,521
Permanently restricted	\$1,000
Retained Earnings	\$984,649
Net Income	-\$41,239
Total Net Equity	\$6,781,343
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$7,060,322

2016 Board Members

Officers:

Michael DeNunzio, President
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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



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