



**women aware**

MOVING BEYOND ABUSE

Helping victims,  
their families  
and our community  
move beyond abuse  
for 35 years.

"I expect to pass through life but  
once. If therefore, there be any kind-  
ness I can show, or any good thing I  
can do to any fellow being, let me do  
it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I  
shall not pass this way again."

- William Penn

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## From the Executive Director



2015 was a milestone year for Women Aware. In October, we marked our 35th year as the domestic violence service agency for Middlesex County. Over the last four decades we have helped thousands of victims reclaim their lives and move beyond abuse.

As I reflect on this milestone, I am struck by the impact our work has well beyond the life of each victim we serve. You see, left unchallenged, domestic violence is a learned behavior passed down from generation to generation. It impacts the entire family as well as the broader community. Abuse may lead to illnesses caused by stress, substance abuse and depression; it is a leading cause of homelessness, lost work productivity, diminished earning power; and on and on. Tragically, it is the children who will suffer most.

I am blessed to lead the skillful and dedicated staff of Women Aware who work every day to save lives. Our work is supported by individuals and organizations in our community who offer their time and resources to ensure that we can offer a safe bed, a caring hand and a new start for every victim. We are immensely grateful for that support. With thanks, I offer this reflection of our collective efforts to fight injustice.

Together, we are changing lives with kindness and all that is Good. We are moving -- at least our corner of the world -- closer to becoming a just society. Let us do what we can today, it will have an impact long beyond our own precious time on earth.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phyllis'.

Phyllis Adams, MSW, MA, DVS  
Executive Director

## Anniversary Celebration

Women Aware marked 35 years of service on October 8, 2015, by celebrating our work and honoring community leaders who help advance our mission:

Judge Marina Corodemus  
Senator Joseph Vitale  
Jane Kurek, The Provident Bank Foundation  
Detective Danilo Gallardo, New Brunswick Police Department

The event offered guests an insider view into the journey of a survivor, featuring dynamic, interactive stations that tap into what it means to move beyond abuse.

There was live music, wine and hors d'oeuvres, and guided museum tours of the beautiful Zimmerli Museum.



35th Anniversary Benefit Committee: Edward Cross, Linda VanderVeer, Nancy Drumright, Diane Palmer, Phyllis Adams, Joe Del Guercio, Jessica Oppenheimer, Lois Kahagi, Patricia Whitehouse, Tina Dave, Pratima Patel



Our profound gratitude to sponsors of the 35th anniversary celebration.



# Yissel Comacho

Yissel Comacho was rushed to the ER clinging to consciousness. Her husband had repeatedly kicked her in the head, fracturing her cheekbone and eye socket.

Two years and four surgeries later, it's hard for others to tell how far she has come. But she can tell you about the times how, in a jealous rage, her husband threatened her with a chainsaw, with a bucket of bleach. All because he wanted to mark her. He wanted her disfigured so she would not be attractive to anyone else.

The Department of Child Protection and Permanency was called to the hospital that November night because Yissel's 7 year-old daughter and 9 year-old son were there, too. Child protection services made arrangements for Yissel and her children at our Safe House.

"The Safe House is usually a bustling place," says Maria Betanzos, Assistant Executive Director. "But the moment Yissel walked through the door there was absolute silence." Even experienced staff were shocked at how visibly close to death she had come.



Yissel today



After helping Yissel secure a Temporary Restraining Order against her husband, Women Aware connected her with Central Jersey Legal Services which provides free legal representation. She got a Final Restraining Order and her husband was charged with aggravated assault.

The assault left Yissel permanently disabled and unable to return to work. Women Aware connected Yissel with financial and medical resources to help her get on her feet, including a two year grant from the New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office.

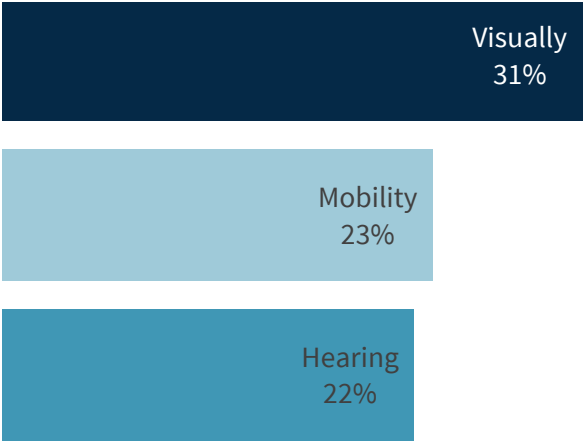
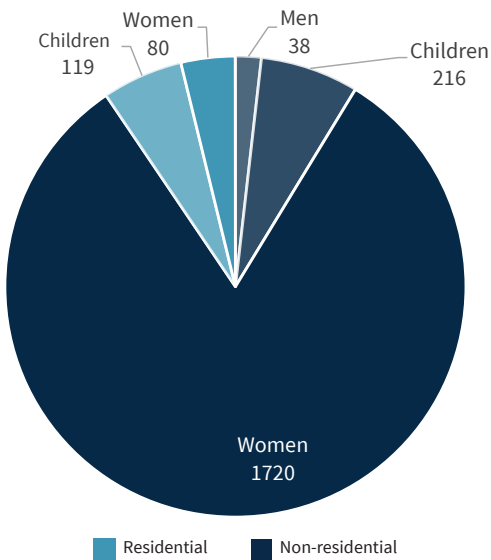
On March 15, 2013 Yissel and her children moved into their own apartment. They achieved our ultimate goal for clients: to find safe, stable, affordable housing.

Yissel's doctors are planning at least one more surgery on her eyes. Once medical treatment is complete, she will be eligible for free cosmetic surgery through the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Her victory will be in feeling beautiful again, in erasing the scars he left on her.

Yissel is coming to terms with her functional hearing loss, blindness in her right eye, and blurred vision in the left. All that she wants is justice—for herself and for others. "Looking back now, I see how blind I was. I didn't understand what was happening. I didn't know there was help out there." She found the courage to tell her deeply personal and painful story so that others might see.

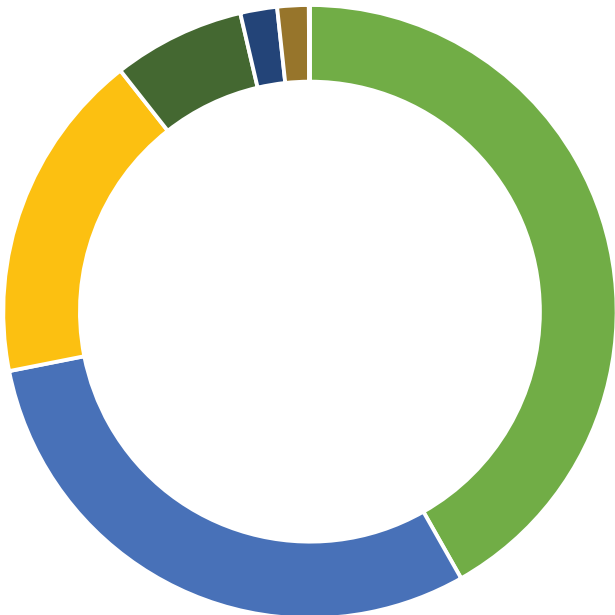
# Who we serve.

Women Aware served **1 in 8** of all victims receiving domestic violence services in New Jersey last year.



% of domestic violence clients statewide with impairments served by Women Aware last year, according to the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence.

- Latino 42%
- White 30%
- African American 18%
- Asian 7%
- Biracial 2%
- Unknown 1%



# Our Work.

We help clients break down the barriers that keep them trapped in abusive relationships. We provide free, confidential, trauma-informed services thanks to the generous support of individuals and organizations in our community.

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## HOTLINE

Victims of physical, emotional, financial and sexual abuse call our hotline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to get help, answers and reassurance.

Our multi-lingual staff assesses each caller's situation, including the need for emergency shelter. They help the caller develop safety strategies and connect her/him with additional resources in the community.

### 2015

5,804 hotline calls answered

5,192 callers received safety strategies

5,452 callers were given information for  
local resources





## SAFE HOUSE

When victims are in imminent danger, they need to be sheltered in a safe and secure environment.

Our 24-bed emergency shelter is staffed and monitored 24/7. For victims who arrive with nothing, we provide meals, clothing, toiletries, and a private bedroom. The house is handicap accessible (important since disabled women are 40% more likely to be abused) and we are able to accommodate mothers and children with special needs.

Our professional staff works closely with each family. In fact, our shelter residents get 2.3 times more services than those in other shelters around the state. We address the financial, medical, legal, emotional and educational needs of each client. Our goal is to help families find safe, stable and affordable housing.

### 2015

- 197 clients sheltered
- 96% occupancy rate
- Average stay of 43 nights
- 27,726 meals served
- 82% clients leave to stable housing





## LEGAL ADVOCACY

The next step for many victims is often to secure protection from the abuser through a restraining order. 82% of our clients live below the poverty level and cannot afford legal representation.

Our legal advocates empower victims to represent themselves for restraining order hearings. They work with victims on custody, child support, visitation and mediation. Last year, we provided legal advocacy to 1,158 victims.

Immigration  
Advocacy  
38%

Pro Bono  
services  
36%

% total services statewide to domestic violence clients  
provided by Women Aware



## COUNSELING

### Creative Arts Therapy

Without intervention, children exposed to abuse are at risk of becoming abusers or victims themselves. Traditional psychotherapy is ineffective for children who do not have the words to understand or express what has happened to them.

Women Aware offers a creative arts therapy program for children ages 3 to 12. Children process traumatic memories through painting, drawing, music and role-play to begin the healing process.

### Support Groups

After years of demeaning treatment, victims of domestic violence feel worthless and hopeless. In support groups, they share stories, learn about the complex dynamics of domestic violence, and begin to move beyond abuse.

### Responsible Fatherhood Program

In 2013 Women Aware partnered with the New Jersey State Department of Children and Families to launch one of the first pilot batterer intervention programs in the state. Through a structured 26-week program, these men learn to recognize their abusive behaviors, understand the impact it has on their families, and integrate strategies for nonviolent lives.

## SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

One of the biggest barriers to sustaining a life free of abuse is the lack of affordable housing. Victims often don't have the financial resources to make rent, and so face the difficult choice of returning to their abuser or becoming homeless. 30% of families living in Middlesex County shelters in 2014 were victims of domestic violence.

Women Aware was the first agency in New Jersey to provide subsidized, supportive housing for survivors of domestic violence. Residents continue to access our support services as they work with our case managers toward self-sufficiency.

## EDUCATION

Knowledge is power.

We provide education programs that empower victims of domestic violence.

- Financial literacy and job readiness training with support from the Allstate Foundation.
- Legal clinics and workshops provided by our pro bono attorney partners.
- Nutrition workshops at our Safe House supported by The Provident Bank Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.
- Parenting workshops that address the unique concerns of families exposed to domestic violence.

## OUTREACH

Domestic violence is a silent epidemic. Women Aware raises awareness about abuse and services available to victims. We offer prevention and intervention programs in the communities we serve, with volunteers at local police departments, and at events around the county.

Violence in the household often coincides with child abuse and neglect. Women Aware liaisons serve as consultants to the New Jersey State Department of Children and Families in cases of child abuse in Middlesex County. They provide training to Department of Child Protection and Permanency case managers and coordinate domestic violence services for family members.

## INTERNS

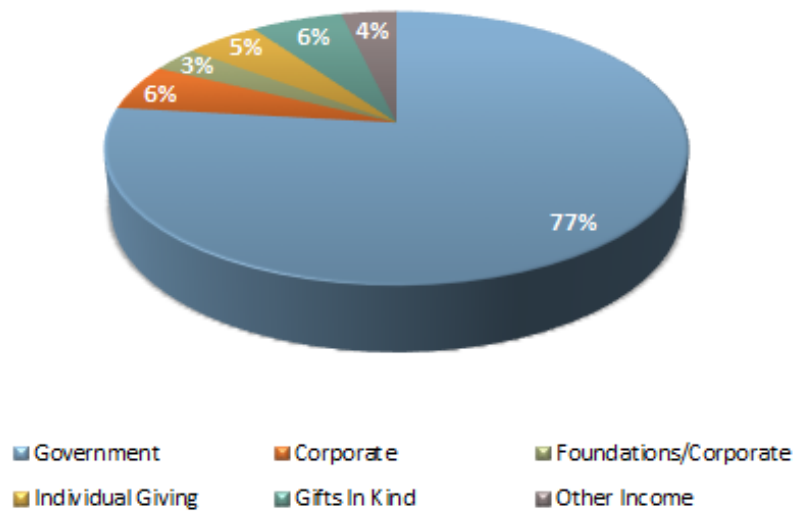
Women Aware supervises Bachelor and Master of Social Work candidates, many from Rutgers University, who are participating in academic internships that are a required part of their curriculum. Last year our interns provided a total of 2,749 hours of client services in our Safe House, Creative Arts Therapy and Legal Advocacy programs. In doing so, they gained real-world experience in working with children and adults affected by trauma. They are then better prepared to serve as counselors in healthcare, human services, and educational settings.

## STAFF NOTES

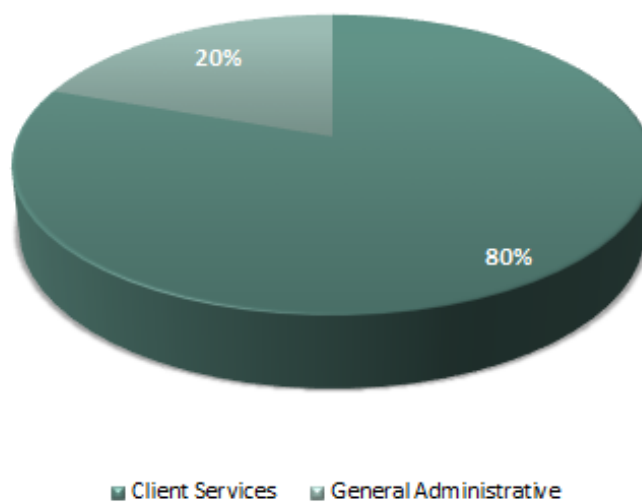
May 2015 Phyllis Adams, Executive Director, was recognized as a leader in the field of human services, with the 2015 Women of Achievement Award from the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and Douglass Residential College.

September 2015 Phyllis Adams, Executive Director, and Maliha Janjua, Director of Client Services, were invited to present at the Third National "Safe & Together" Symposium. They presented on our collaboration with the NJ Department of Child Protection and Permanency.

# 2015 Revenues



# 2015 Expenses



To view our complete financial statement, go to [womenaware.net/financials](http://womenaware.net/financials)



# Gifts and Grants



Public funding for victims of domestic violence is often the result of legislation such as the federal *Victims of Crime Act* of 1984 and the *Violence Against Women Act*, passed in 1994.

## Funding Partners

Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program  
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Middlesex County, Department of Community Services  
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New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety,  
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## Private Donors

Gifts from the following individuals and organizations provided life-saving services for the victims of domestic violence that we serve.

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Arthur and Debbie Roedel  
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### \$5,000 +

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\*Gift includes a corporate match





For over four decades, Arthur and Debbie Roedel have owned and managed Monmouth Mobile Home Park – fondly known to locals as the "communities of nice people".

The Roedels wanted to support Women Aware in a way that would inspire others to do the same. So they committed to match up to \$25,000 in gifts from the community made during the month of December. "What better way to make a difference than to help vulnerable women and children begin a new life," says Arthur. As a result of their challenge, 99 donors responded with a total of \$22,900 in gifts.

### **\$500 +**

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## Monthly Giving Club

The following individuals have set up a monthly payment to Women Aware allowing them to spread out their total annual donation over the course of the year.

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 Sheila Fichtner  
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 Linda Van Derveer



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## Tribute Gifts

Women Aware is honored to be the recipient of the following gifts:

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Women Aware received donations of various items, all of which are distributed to our clients.

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