



women aware
MOVING BEYOND ABUSE

2018 Annual Report

Message from the CEO

True victory won is for another. In the past year, we moved one out of every eight victims beyond abuse in New Jersey. This translates to over 2,000 survivors in Middlesex County receiving four times more services than the state average. In an effort to address the barriers our clients face, we have expanded client services to include specialists in immigration, housing, and special needs. In 2019, we unveiled two sensory stimulation rooms to meet the needs of every child.

Women Aware could not succeed without our partners because teamwork makes the dream work. This past year our legal advocacy staff moved to the County Prosecutor's Office, Victim Witness Unit. This pilot program is well positioned for a future internationally recognized Family Justice Center model. This evidence-based, one-stop shop has been shown to reduce recidivism, as well as domestic violence homicides.

We have only just begun.

Simply put: Love Wins



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phyllis Adams'.

Phyllis Adams, MSW, MA, DVS
Chief Executive Officer

“We are better together, and together we can accomplish great things.”

JON GORDEN

The Power of a Positive Team



You break down barriers to survivors' moving beyond abuse by making free and confidential services possible.

THANKS TO YOU



Our emergency shelter provided **7,483** bednights for women and children who fled their homes and needed a safe place to go.



Our accessible Safe House served **1 out of 4** mobility impaired and visually impaired victims in the state.



We answered **4,935** hotline calls, providing support, resources and hope for victims in crisis.



Our legal advocates met survivors daily at the Middlesex County Courthouse and helped them secure **629** legal protections against their abusers.



Our Permanent Supportive Housing empowered **three** families who came through the Safe House by providing comprehensive supportive services and a private independent home from which survivors pursue long-term goals such as education and meaningful employment.

YOUR DONATION IN ACTION

When a mother and her children flee domestic violence, they often have nowhere to go. Your **\$1,000 gift** provides a confidential, supportive place to call home (Safe House) for one month.

Creative arts therapy, individual and group counseling help children heal as witnesses to domestic violence. Your **\$250 gift** sponsors a child in our 6-month PALS (Peace: A Learned Solution) Program.

When victims of domestic violence reach out for help, it is critical to provide information, safety planning and community resources in their first language. **\$100** helps staff our multilingual, 24-hour hotline.

To partner with Women Aware in helping survivors move past domestic violence, visit womenaware.net/donate

Or mail your check to:
250 Livingston Ave
New Brunswick, NJ 08901



“I didn’t know where I was going to end up. Women Aware saved my life. I was basically throwing darts in the dark with no direction.... It was not easy but we made it. I could not have done this without you all.”

As the lead domestic violence service agency in Middlesex County, we count on your financial support. In 2018:

Private donors gave over

\$129,000

Foundation, corporate and public funders contributed

\$2.1 million

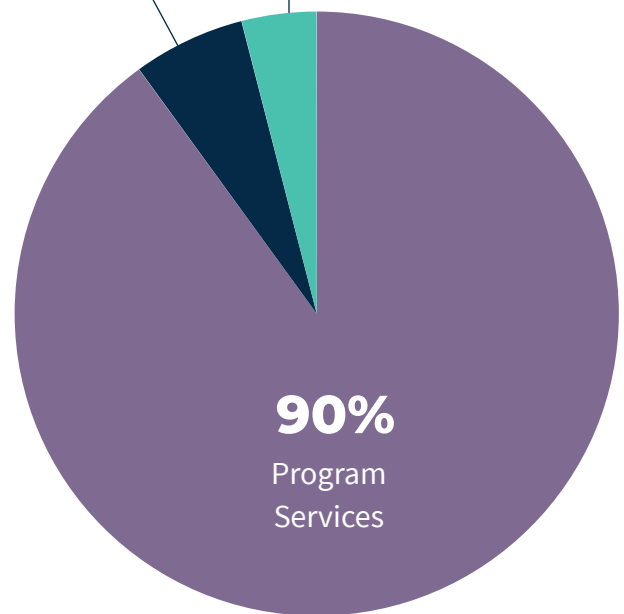
More than 200 volunteers donated over

2,160 hours

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