

2015

annual report

 **DVSAS**
Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault Services



A LETTER FROM KAREN

Dear Friends,

In March of 2007 I became the Executive Director of DVSAS. I believed then, as I do now, that we can make Whatcom County a community where every single person is safe, valued, and respected. I don't want to reduce the number of victims; I want to eliminate domestic and sexual violence completely.

I am honored to work with an ambitious, committed, talented staff and Board of Directors who fully support that vision. We are continually striving to increase our impact and 2015 was no exception. We increased our prevention programs by 42%, increased service numbers by 10%, purchased two new shelters, and expanded our support to victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

I can never quite find the words to express the tremendous gratitude I feel for you, our supporters. Whether you contribute finances, or in-kind support, I am thankful beyond explanation. It is possible to have a community free of domestic and sexual violence. We have a long way to go, but together we will get there.

Sincerely,

Karen Burke
Executive Director





“DVSAS has been an amazing resource for me. They have helped me notice red flags in my relationships. They gave me a safe place to work through the abuse I have endured. I was able to get the strength to leave my abuser and start a better life for my children. I am so thankful for this program.”

-DVSAS Client

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services supports individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and leads the community towards ending these abuses of power.

We believe...

All people have the right to be in a safe, non-violent community- free from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

Certain cultural and societal beliefs lay the foundation for sexual assault and domestic violence.

Sexual assault and domestic violence result from the abuse of power and control.

Community based solutions are essential to ending violence.

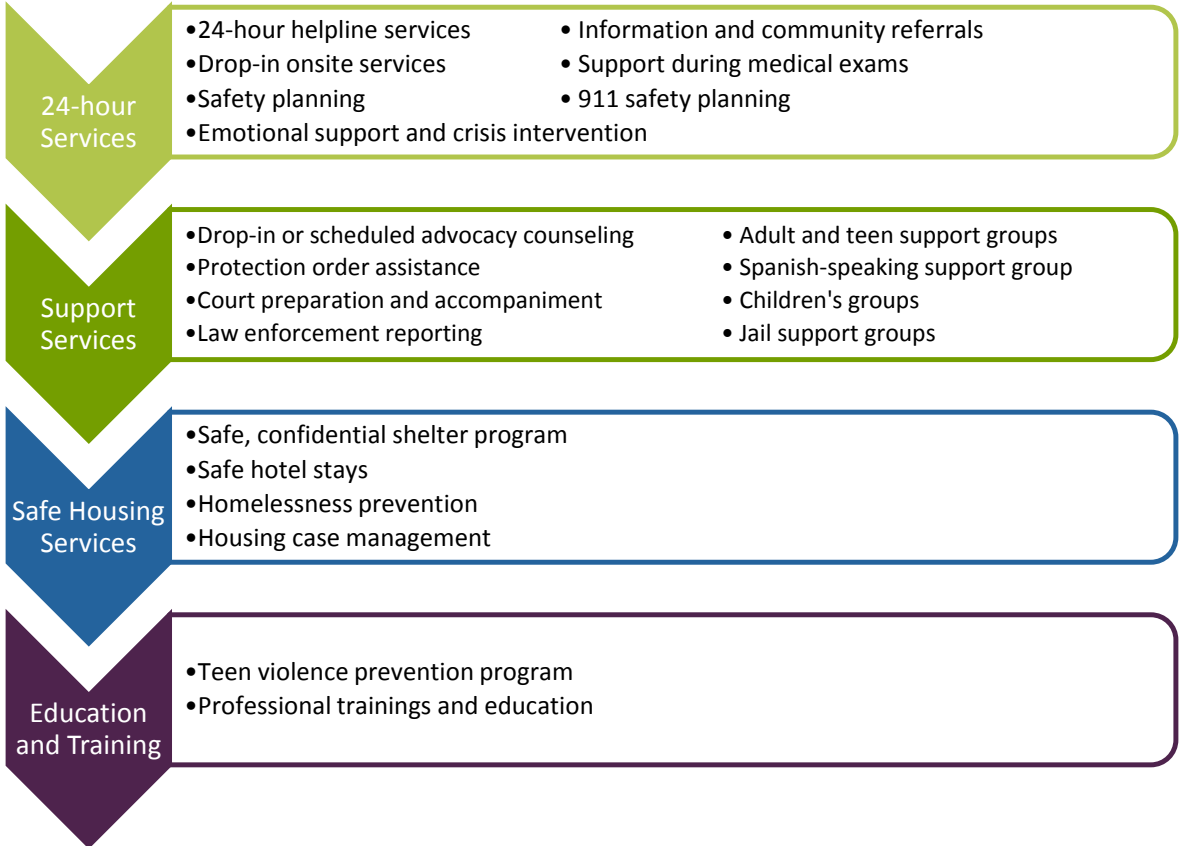
Volunteerism empowers the community to help and care for itself.

Diversity promotes understanding, sensitivity, and respect.

It is individuals who choose to abuse and they are always responsible for their behavior.

Personal empowerment is essential to an individual's growth and healing.

DVSAS SERVICES



OUR SERVICES ARE ALWAYS FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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YEAR IN REVIEW:

A tally of transformation

123 adults. 81 children. Those are the people that make up the families kept safe last year at the DV SAS safe shelter.

201
sheltered

2038
served

Though it is likely more. For someone afraid in their own home, giving your name to a stranger can feel unsafe. DV SAS clients are never required to give their names.

Domestic Violence doesn't just affect adults. Whether at the Safe Shelter or through support groups, these children are on their way to a brighter future.

238
children helped

127
classrooms
reached

Math. Science. Healthy Relationships. All things teens and youth throughout Whatcom County learn in class thanks to The Empowerment Project, our education program designed to reduce dating violence and sexual assault.

Available 24/7, the helpline fields calls throughout Whatcom County. 90% of helpline calls are from primary and secondary victims of domestic violence.

3445
calls taken

1329
hours of legal
services
provided

Making a police report. Petitioning for a protection order. Attending court hearings. Those activities can be stressful and confusing. DV SAS provides legal support to those in need of help navigating legal waters.

We served 6% more clients in 2015.

EVENTS

Hands for Hope Auction & Gala

301 of Whatcom County's most dedicated community and business leaders attended our premier event in 2015. The auction has grown dramatically each year and raised \$93,458.

Tournament of Hope Golf Classic

13 recreational and competitive teams competed for titles, prizes, and bragging rights in our tournament last year. This fun event raised almost \$10,000.

Victory Over Violence Luncheon

Our annual spring luncheon brought together over 150 guests, DVSAS volunteers, and community leaders to celebrate Victory Over Violence. Presentations from keynote and client speakers remind us of the crucial need for these services in our community.

**Gala
Sponsors**

\$1000 +

JP Morgan Chase
Metcalf Hodges
Northshore Veterinary Hospital
Peoples Bank
Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery
Sanitary Services Co.
Superfeet

\$500 +

Belcher Swanson Law Firm

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CSS Communication
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Peace Health St. Joseph's Hospital
POSGUYS.com/MGM Solutions
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**Golf
Sponsors**

\$1000 +

Barkley Company
Hilton's Shoes
Trans-Ocean
Superfeet

\$500 +

A1 Shredding
Andgar Corporation
Dawson Construction
Foster Group
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Larson Gross
NDE Technology

\$250 +

Bank of the Pacific (Aberdeen)
Caliber Home Loans
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Industrial Credit Union
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Pacific Survey Engineering
Peoples Bank

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Sponsors**

\$1000 +

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Faithlife
Hub International
Sanitary Services Co.
Superfeet

\$500 +

Barron Smith and Daugert
Industrial Credit Union
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2015 IN NUMBERS

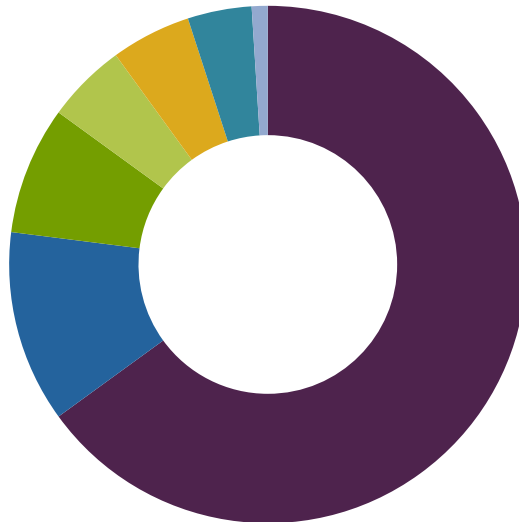
For a family or individual in the chaos and fear of violence, nothing feels safer than stability. Thanks to diversified funding, a healthy endowment, and rigorous accounting practices, our community can count on DVSA to support victims and survivors for many, many years to come.

	Agency	Endowment	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$135,619	\$40,218	\$175,837
Grants and pledges receivable	\$178,080	—	\$178,080
Investments	—	\$1,290,685	\$1,290,685
Property and equipment, net	\$1,177,099	—	\$1,177,099
Other Assets	\$10,748	—	\$10,748
Total Assets	\$1,501,546	\$1,330,903	\$2,832,449
Accounts payable	\$33,842	—	\$33,842
Accrued liabilities	\$94,445	—	\$94,445
Note payable	\$265,000	—	\$265,000
Total Liabilities	\$393,287	—	\$393,287
Total Net Assets	\$1,108,259	\$1,330,903	\$2,439,162

Balance Sheet

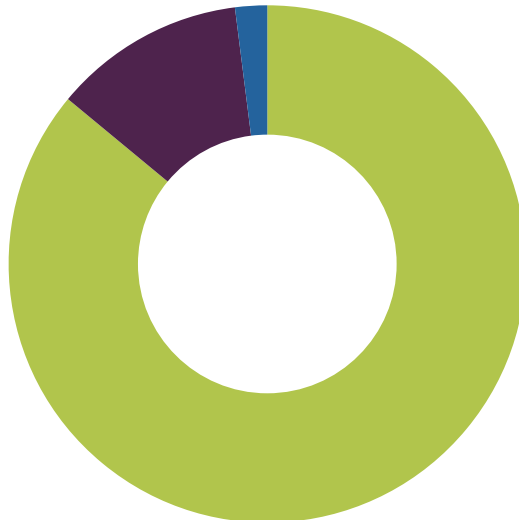
2015 OPERATING BUDGET: 1,651,820

Revenue



- 65% - Government Grants
- 12% - Corporate and Foundation Contributions
- 8% - Special Events
- 5% - Individual Donations
- 5% - Commercial Rental Income
- 4% - Endowment Income
- 1% - Interest, Fees, Misc.

Expenses



- 86% - Program and Services
- 12% - General Admin
- 2% - Fundraising Activities



PROGRAM GROWTH:

Working with CSEC victims

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is a commercial transaction that involves the sexual exploitation of a child, such as the prostitution of children and child pornography. CSEC involves coercion and violence against children. It amounts to forced labor and is a form of contemporary slavery. CSEC offers the sexual services of children for compensation, financial or otherwise.

Thanks to an exciting grant from Access Freedom, DVSAS has worked in tandem with Northwest Youth Services (NWYS) and other representatives on the Whatcom County CSEC Task Force to improve our community's capacity to identify CSEC survivors and provide them with safety and services.

This work has included identifying the needs in our community and bringing representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, Child Protective Services, and other agencies together to close the gaps. DVSAS and NWYS are working jointly with others to begin the process for implementation of a model protocol in Whatcom County. This model is aimed at preventing and responding to CSEC because everyone has the right to be free from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.



PROGRAM GROWTH:

A new housing facility, Baker Place

At DVSAS we have learned that two agencies are better than one when it comes to solving complex problems.

In 2014, DVSAS began operating Whatcom County's only safe shelter for domestic violence victims (previously operated as Womenscare Shelter). It became immediately apparent that this five bedroom facility was not big enough to meet the need of women and families seeking immediate safety.

Additionally, with a rental shortage in Whatcom County, it is difficult for our residents to find permanent housing. That difficulty is increased when there are compounding mental health or substance abuse issues.

To solve this problem, we are proud to announce that we have partnered with our friends at Lydia Place to acquire a multifamily property that will greatly expand the capacity of our Safe Housing Services. It will also provide permanent supportive housing for homeless women in Whatcom County.

We call this new facility Baker Place.

Baker Place includes two houses and a seven-unit apartment building. DVSAS will remodel and manage the houses on the property to provide immediate safe housing for up to 14 women at a time, thus increasing our capacity by 67%. Lydia Place will manage the apartments as permanent supportive units for currently homeless women in Whatcom County.

Domestic violence and sexual assault create multiple problems in the lives of survivors and we work closely with a multitude of government and service agencies to help our clients get back on their feet.

2015 VOLUNTEERS

Abby Schroff
Ali Steffani
Ann Berntsen
Ann Macdonald
Annarose Krug
Annie Rojas

Isabella Ramos Miller
Jessie Bullough
Jonya Hamilton
Julia Carroll
June Fraser-Thistle
Karla Ramsey

Martin Prado
Mattie Bly
Meaghan Beaton
Morgan Sicilia
Pam Hunnicutt
Rachel Gold

Ashleigh Griffin
Ashley Lynes
Autumn Simmons
Brea Thomas
Caley Stafford
Catherine Witney

Kasey Vanderpol
Kate Davies
Kayla Christiani
Kelsey Brown
Kim Laskey
Kimberly Butorac

Rochelle Robinson
Sangeeta Parulekar
Sara Wilson
Seneca Erwin
Shale Ninneman
Shanda Strong

Chloe Merino
Cindy Burroughs
Clarisa Sandoval
Esther Faber
Gloria Reyna Gill
Hilary Susnar

Kyle Brown
Lynne Castle
Madeline Randazzo
Maggie Herbert
Marion Jewell
Marleigh Noska

Sheila Browne
Sophia Warner
Sue Rodgers
Tess O'Reilly
Valerie Streets
Yuki Matsukura

Volunteers are the foundation of DVSAAS. Volunteer advocacy counselors, board members, and office assistants will allow DVSAAS to provide confidential services 24-hours a day, free of charge. Last year, these volunteers generously donated their time, helping thousands of survivors.



When communities support victims needing help, change happens on individual and societal levels. Our volunteers drive that change.

Volunteers are our future.

OUR SUPPORTERS

\$2500+

David Flanagan & Christina Byrne
Flo Simon
Jono Manion
Kirsten Barron
Linda Zemler
Mary Pat & Joel Thuma

\$1000-\$2499

Alma & Mark Thoma
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Buzz and Mary Ann Ostlund
Carolyn & Buck Gibbons
Christoph & Geraldine Reitz
Dorothy Banister
Georgia MacGregor
Jordan & Jen Sandoval
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Kimberly Barron
Kristin Anderson & Paul Sterling
Lynette and Kurt Ziegler
Mark Lindenbaum
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Phyllis Graham
Randall Curran & Deborah Heard
Rick Bulcroft
Susan Anderson
Sharon & Greg Yonally
Tamara Bronkema
Theresa Reavis

\$250-\$999

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Alan Kemble & Sally Albers
Ann Reading
Anthony Ranallo
Autumn Mattson
Beth McGinty
Bob & Marley Ann Koll
Bonnie Rose
Brian Lawrence
Cathie & George Cobean

Corenia & Kevin Murphy
David Cahill
Deanna Kenney
Desirae Hill & Lotni Elm-Hill
Eric Richey & Quenby Peterson
Ethelyn Payne
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Gary Marconi
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Kevin & Deanna Pawlowski
Kevin Pike
Kirstin Hunt
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Laurie Bertsche
Linda Blackwell & David Goldman
Lindsay & Martin Spencer
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Ted Mork
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Tina Cummings & Clark Parrish

\$100-\$249

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Leandra Coyote
Leslie & Bill McRoberts
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Lisa Sohni
Liz & Paul Stuart
Liz Darrow
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Megan Wallstrom
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Pam Laughlin
Pam Pontious
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Tiffany Bergsma-Evans
Tiffany Evans
Torhil & Todd Ramsay
Traci Burgler
Wendy Owen
William Kern





BUSINESS & FOUNDATION SUPPORT

\$10,000 +

Bellingham Bay Rotary
Northwest Children's Fund
Superfeet
Safeway
United Way of Whatcom County
Women Sharing Hope

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Benevity
100+ Women of Whatcom

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Bellingham Unitary Fellowship
Christ The King Church
First Congregational Church
Harrington Schiff
Horn Foundation
Lummi Tribe
Tucker Family Foundation
Wilson Engineering

\$250- \$999

Bellingham Mamas
Blessings Salon
Demon Destroyers
Evergreen Quilters
First Christian Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Sunnyland Properties
Thieves of Eden
Wise Lake Bazaar
Women of Immanuel Lutheran
Church
Women's Professional Network

**A huge thank you to
the many businesses,
community groups, &
foundations helping to
end domestic violence
and sexual assault.**



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