



2016

ANNUAL REPORT

 **DVSAS**

Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault Services

LETTER FROM KAREN BURKE

Dear Friends,

As you will see in this report, your support in 2016 made a huge impact. From serving victims of sexual exploitation to expanding our services in rural Whatcom County, this has been a vital year in our work to end domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual exploitation.

One of our clients this year wrote in a program survey:
This is a place of rest, love, acceptance, respect, peace, and a new start.

With your help, this woman and **2,508** other survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual exploitation in our county were not alone when they needed support. Because you invest in this work we can provide thousands of new starts to people in need every year.

DVSAS belongs to you and to all of us in Whatcom County. I can't thank you enough for taking care of the community we share. We continue to grow and meet the needs of survivors because you believe in our powerful vision:

A safe, equitable community, free from the oppressions that lead to gender-based violence, where all individuals feel valued and respected.

We have accomplished so much and together we will continue to accomplish so much more!

DVSAS MISSION

We support individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and commercial sexual exploitation and lead the community towards ending these abuses of power.



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I've been a supporter of DVSAS for many years, donating the "99 Bottles of Beer" to the auction and encouraging friends to join in as attendees, donors, and more. Joining the Board of Directors has been a tremendous honor and has allowed me to help the organization even more, through outreach of prospective supporters and friends just learning of all the good DVSAS does.



-Jono Manion

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In 2016, these volunteers generously donated their time, helping thousands of survivors. Volunteers are the foundation of DVSA. Volunteer advocacy counselors, board members, and office assistants allow DVSA to provide confidential services 24-hours a day, free of charge.

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DVSAS SERVICES

Immediate Help

- 24-hour helpline services
- Support center walk-in services (9am-5pm)
- 24-hour emergency room support

Ongoing Support

- Advocacy based counseling
- Legal advocacy
- Support groups

Services are available for anyone impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, or commercial sexual exploitation.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we are able to provide these services **free of charge**.

Safe Housing

- Safe, confidential shelter
- Homelessness prevention services
- Housing case management

Education and Training

- School prevention programs
- Community education presentations
- Professional trainings

“I am so incredibly grateful for these programs. You have helped me immensely through counseling, referrals, and support groups. Thank you so much for everything.”
-DVSAS Client

DVSAS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Immediate Help



I feel that this is a safe place for me. I'm in the process of leaving my abusive ex-boyfriend who I have children with and I would be very lost without DVSAS. Thank you.
-A, age 28

Immediate help is available at DVSAS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone can call the helpline and talk to a trained advocacy counselor and can also drop into the support center M-F 9am-5pm to get in-person services. Advocacy counselors respond 24/7 to the hospital for forensic exams and to calls from law enforcement officers on scene to help the victim with crisis intervention and safety planning.

Highlights:

- Staff and volunteers answered **2,596** helpline calls in 2016.
- Advocates supported **99** clients at their forensic exam following a sexual assault or domestic violence incident, which is a 68% increase over the past 2 years. Clients report that they feel more comfortable and clear about their choices when an advocate is present.
- We strengthened our work with law enforcement to ensure the safety of clients who are in high risk danger situations. If a law enforcement officer determines that a victim is high risk, they will contact an advocate right away to provide crisis intervention and safety plan.

84% of clients report that they know more ways to plan for their health and safety after receiving DVSAS services.

DVSAS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Ongoing Support



Thank you for empowering me when I was at my lowest. They gave me hope when I thought I had lost it all. I am forever grateful for these advocates.

-C, age 42

DVSAS support to survivors never ends. Legal advocacy, advocacy counseling and support groups are available to clients on a regular, ongoing basis for as long as they need. These sessions are strength and empowerment-based and include emotional support, legal information, on-going safety planning, identifying coping skills, problem solving, and referrals to other community resources.

Highlights:

- DVSAS provided **6,597** hours of individual advocacy counseling.
- **491** adults, teens, and children attended our support groups. These support groups give clients a chance to connect with other survivors, heal from trauma and receive the needed tools to move forward to a healthy life.
- Advocates provided **986** hours of legal advocacy to clients in 2016. Navigating the legal system can be stressful for anyone, but it can be even more stressful after a traumatic event. Advocates accompany clients to court hearings and assist with protection order petitions. Without your generous donations, clients would have to navigate the legal waters alone. Your support ensures they don't have to.

After receiving ongoing support from DVSAS, 93% of clients report that they know the abuse was not their fault.

DVSAS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Safe Housing



I am forever grateful for this safe home and sense of community. I could not have imagined a better place to be during this transition in our life.

-K, age 37

DVSAS provides safe, confidential shelter for individuals and families who are homeless due to domestic violence. Clients are able to stay for 90 days and have access to Safe Housing Advocates 24-hours a day for advocacy and support.

During their stay at the shelter, clients work on building self-sufficiency skills, attaining permanent housing and getting connected to other helpful resources in the city. These all contribute to successful transitions out of shelter and into life free from abuse.

Highlights:

- **137** individuals and families found immediate safety in 2016. Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs for domestic violence survivors.
- Along with Safe Housing Advocates, shelter clients also met with Housing Case Managers from Lydia Place, a partner organization, to help them locate permanent housing options for after they leave the shelter.
- **75%** of safe housing clients moved into permanent or supportive transitional housing after leaving the shelter.

After staying at the safe shelter, 93% of clients reported that they feel more hopeful about the future.

DVSAS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Education



These presentations were super helpful. I learned a lot about what a healthy relationship looks like and what to do if I am in an unhealthy one.

-Ferndale High School Student

DVSAS offers trainings and education at schools, community groups, and businesses on domestic violence, sexual assault, and commercial sexual exploitation. Education, awareness and training is a positive step towards preventing domestic and sexual violence and empowers victims to find help.

Highlights:

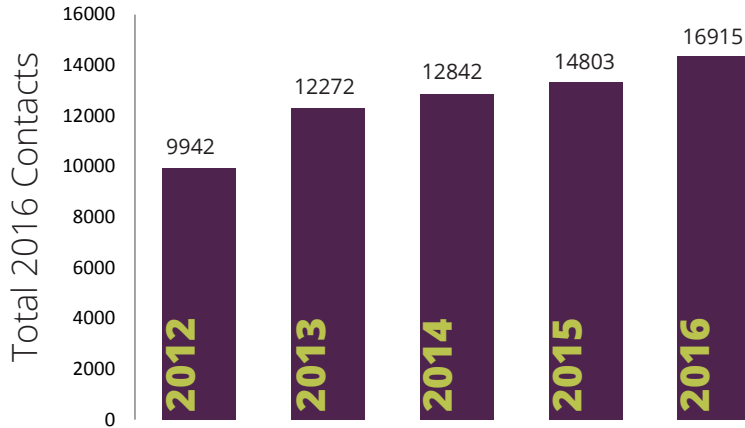
- Our Prevention Education Specialist provided **94** presentations of *The Empowerment Project* to over **1,398** youth participants. The Empowerment Project is a three-day prevention program for middle and high school students and youth organizations. It is designed to help youth understand the dynamics of abusive and healthy relationships, explore consent, develop empathy, and confidence in setting boundaries.
- DVSAS, The DV Commission, and the Ferndale School District completed a three-year grant called STEP (Services, Training, Education, and Policies), which addressed dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in secondary schools.

After participating in The Empowerment Project, 95% of students believe that no one deserves to be abused or assaulted - no matter what.

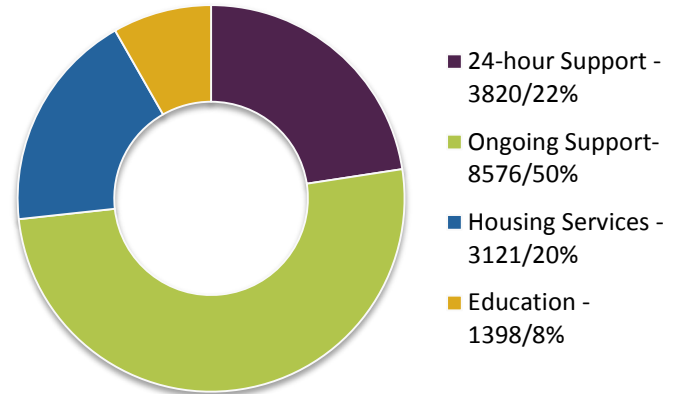
DVSAS SERVICE BREAKDOWN

Highlights:

- In 2016, we served a total of **2,509** clients.
- DVSAS provided 13,148 hours of service in 2016--a 8% increase from 2015.
- Advocates document not only how many hours they spend with clients but how often clients contact DVSAS for support.



Contacts by Service Type



100% of clients report they will come back to DVSAS if needed.

2016 FINANCIALS

For a family or individual experiencing 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 DVSAS to support victims and survivors for many, many years to come.



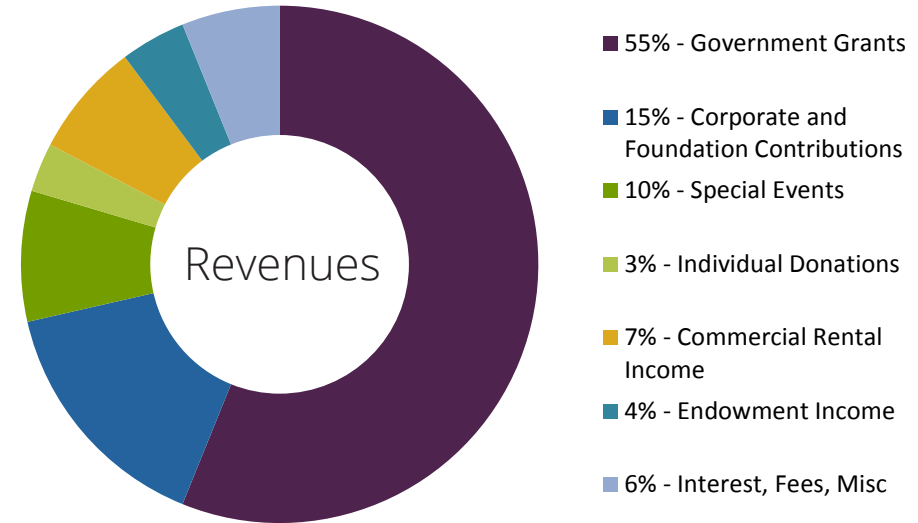
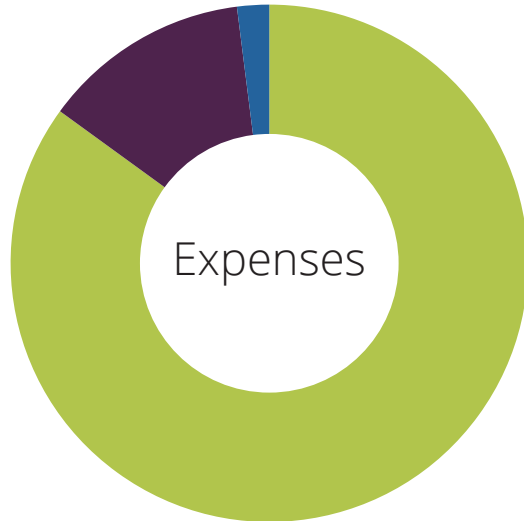
Balance Sheet

| | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$305,084 |
| Grants and pledges receivable | \$189,759 |
| Endowment | \$1,285,230 |
| Property and equipment, net | \$1,177,240 |
| Other Assets | \$5,799 |
| Total Assets | \$2,963,112 |
| Accounts payable | \$32,547 |
| Accrued liabilities | \$81,782 |
| Note payable | \$258,038 |
| Total Liabilities | \$372,367 |

2016 Budget

Total Revenues: \$1,455,672

Total Expenses: \$1,455,672



- 85% - Program and Services
- 13% - General Admin
- 2% - Fundraising Activities

**Learn more about our
financials at www.dvsas.org**

SPECIAL EVENTS



VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE

Our 2016 annual spring luncheon brought together over 200 guests, DVSAAS volunteers, and community leaders to celebrate Victory Over Violence. We were honored to have Linda Quinn, Superintendent of Ferndale School District, as our keynote speaker. The prestigious Kathleen Marshall Award was presented to Pastor Bobbi Virta of United Church of Ferndale.



TOURNAMENT OF HOPE GOLF CLASSIC

21 recreational and competitive teams competed for titles, prizes, and bragging rights in our tournament last year. This fun event raised over \$7,000. It is quickly becoming known as Whatcom County's Most Fun Golf Event!



HANDS FOR HOPE AUCTION & GALA

365 of our wonderful supporters attended our premier fundraising event. The 2016 auction was our most successful yet and grossed \$117,000. That is a 26% increase from the previous year!

Hands for Hope Auction & Gala
DVSAS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE SPONSORS

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Marlin Engineering
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\$10,000 +

Access Freedom
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Northwest Children's Fund
Superfeet
United Way

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Harrington-Schiff Foundation
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