



Providing hope for the community

Domestic Violence Center  
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# Domestic Violence Center



"Coming to this group has helped me through rough times, helped me get strong enough to do what I needed to, and gave me hope!" -Support Group Member



Coming to this group has helped me recognize the severity of what was really happening" - -support group member



"Coming to shelter made me feel safe and happy and loved again." -Child, Age 5

Dear Friends –

Domestic Violence Center has had an exciting year filled with new partnerships, an increased number of donors and volunteers, new and innovative fundraising events, and strengthened programs. Guided by our strategic plan, DVC continues to expand our prevention and outreach efforts, with the belief that we need to be “in” the community more – rather than having the community come to us.

We are inspired every day by DVC’s powerful mission statement: “To empower individuals, promote justice, and mobilize the community so that all people are free from violence and abuse in their relationships and homes”. Below, we reflect upon what this means to us.

**Empower individuals**

We believe that people have internal power in their lives, to make healthy life choices and a better life for themselves and their families

**Promote justice**

We know that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity - and those who violate that belief, deserve to be held accountable

**Mobilize the community**

We believe in the statement: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

**So that all people**

We include **all** races, ethnic backgrounds, income ranges, ages, gender, and educational levels

**Are free from violence and abuse**

We hope that individuals can experience peace, protection and nourishment for body and soul.

**In their relationships and homes.**

We believe that people need to enjoy comfort, love and safety in relationships – and a peaceful sleep in one’s own home.

DVC is grateful for the support and partnerships in the community that help us to make our mission a reality! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Executive Director      Board of Directors, President

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**Words of Hope from DVC  
Supporters...**

*Freedom will give you a new life  
filled with hope and purpose.*

*You deserve the very best.  
Don't ever forget that.*

*Turn your pain into power.*

*It's not your fault.*

*When you reach out, there's  
always a hand to catch you..*





"I want to go to group! Is there group tonight?" ~ Girl, age 6 daily asking to go to group where she can safely express her feelings & participate in fun activities, while at the same time gaining valuable information and education.



"Coming to this group helped me regain a sense of me and myself, and gives me lots of useful information"  
-support group member

## Our Promise to the Community

**Mission:** The mission of the Domestic Violence Center is to empower individuals, promote justice and mobilize the community so that all people are free from violence and abuse in their relationships and homes.

**Vision:** We envision a Greater Cleveland that upholds the fundamental right to feel safe in one's relationships, free from domestic violence and its impact on the community.

As a dynamic community leader, we will create solutions and partnerships to address abuse and provide services to all who need them.

**Core Values:** The following core values guide the way we work and the relationships we build:

**Respect:** We practice compassionate treatment of others without regard to age, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, income, sexual orientation, marital status, politics or religion. We believe in the inherent worth of all people and in honest, open communication.

**Empowerment:** We stand for an environment where individuals can make decisions and move forward with their lives — free from bias, coercion and fear.

**Accessibility:** We are committed to overcoming cultural, geographic or other barriers to share our expertise and extend our services into every corner of the community.

**Safety:** We uphold the right of all individuals to be free from harm and to enjoy relationships based on fairness and trust.

## How We Achieve Our Mission

The Domestic Violence Center is the only agency in Cuyahoga County devoted wholly towards preventing and ending domestic violence. Our wide range of services include:

**24 Hour Crisis HELPLINE**

**Shelter Services**

**Justice System Advocacy**

**Community Support Groups**

**Latina Domestic Violence**

**Ujima Program**

**Supervised Visitation Center**

**Counseling for Victims**

**Community Education**

**Volunteer Program**

**Interactive Website**

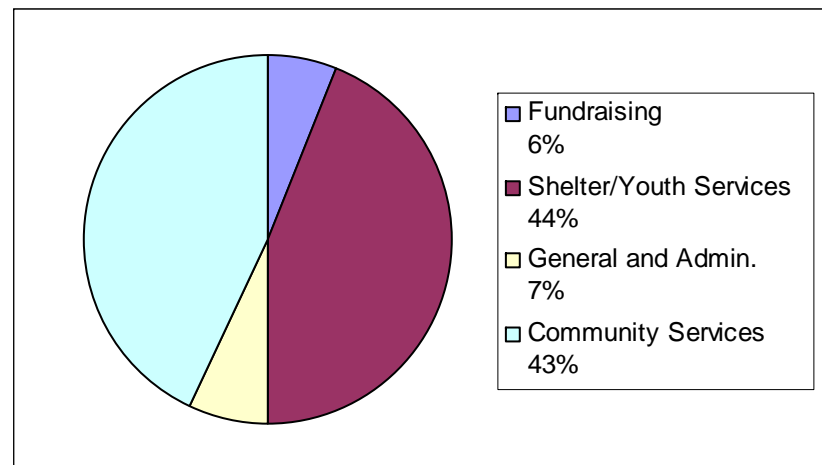
## Program Statistics

<b>HELPLine calls:</b>	<b>14,214</b>
<b>Women &amp; Children kept safe in Shelter:</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Justice System Advocacy clients:</b>	<b>2,009</b>
<b>Community Support Groups held:</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Youth Support Groups:</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Youth Art Therapy Sessions:</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Latina Project Clients:</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Ujima Program</b>	
<b>Individuals reached via presentations:</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Victims served through support groups:</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Hours Donated by Volunteers:</b>	<b>7,944</b>
<b>Supervised Visitation Center Visits:</b>	<b>886</b>
<b>Women Individually Counseled:</b>	
<b>Clients:</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Sessions:</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Individuals Reached in Community Education:</b>	<b>14,217</b>
<b>Presentations/Resource Tables:</b>	<b>382</b>

When asked what could she do to become safe and keep from getting hurt, a six-year old girl answered, "Hug my teddy bear, don't look, and close my eyes and go to sleep."

## Fiscal Year 7/1/07-6/30/08

### Expenses



### Revenue and Support

