

ANNUAL REPORT

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Domestic Violence Center
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Dear Friends,

Domestic Violence Center (DVC) is proud to present our annual report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. DVC has had a year filled with promise, hope and accomplishments.



As a non-profit which relies on donors, foundations and other supporters, it is very important to be fiscally efficient, effective and responsible. DVC is well-versed in maximizing resources, increasing volunteer hours, and seeking creative solutions in order to be good stewards of our funds which are so generously donated. We are happy to report that DVC ended our fiscal year of 2009/10 in the black. In this economy, that is an outstanding achievement; and with grateful hearts, we thank you for your investment in victims of domestic violence; and your confidence in and commitment to Domestic Violence Center.

After launching our first Purple Light Nights Public Awareness Campaign in Cuyahoga County in 2008, DVC took the campaign statewide which resulted in 8 more counties joining our efforts. Each year, we will seek to add more counties until the entire state is lit up in purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Thank you for your support.

Linda Dooley Johaneck
Executive Director

Jeff Fast
Board President

About DVC

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.



*"This place is beyond my wildest dreams - the healing process, the referrals, the people are awesome".
(DVC Shelter Client)*

How We Achieve our Mission

24 Hour Crisis HELpline: Crisis intervention, support, referrals and information.

Shelter Services: Safe, confidential emergency shelter and comprehensive programming for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence.

Justice System Advocacy: Assistance for victims involved with the court process. Services include crisis intervention, information, court escorts, advocacy, and emotional support for victims.

Community Support Groups: Free weekly facilitated groups for women and children who have experienced abusive relationships.

Latina Domestic Violence Project: Comprehensive, bi-lingual, culturally sensitive services focused on facilitating safe options and stability for Latina victims of domestic violence and their children.

Ujima Program: Outreach and culturally specific programs for the African American community offering education, support and training.

Supervised Visitation Center: Provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can spend quality time with a non-residential parent when supervision is required.

Teen Education: DVC works to educate teens about healthy relationships by doing workshops and presentations in schools throughout Cuyahoga County.

Community Education: DVC provides speakers, seminars and trainings on DV to schools, human service, law enforcement, and medical professionals and interested groups in the community.

Youth Programming: Comprehensive services for children who have been impacted by domestic violence. Includes community based Youth Support Groups and Art therapy available throughout Cuyahoga County.

Volunteer Program: Training and placement for individuals and groups interested in direct service or administrative volunteer roles with DVC.

Thank You Corporate Funders

\$100,000 +

The Cleveland Foundation

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Saint Luke's Foundation

\$20,000—\$50,000

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\$10,000-\$20,000

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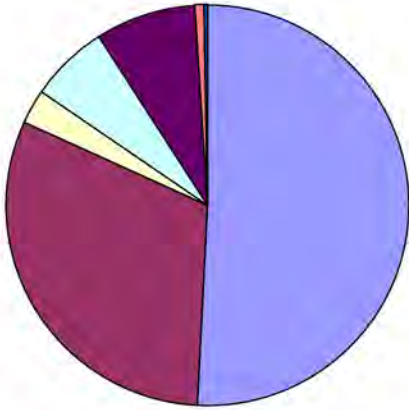
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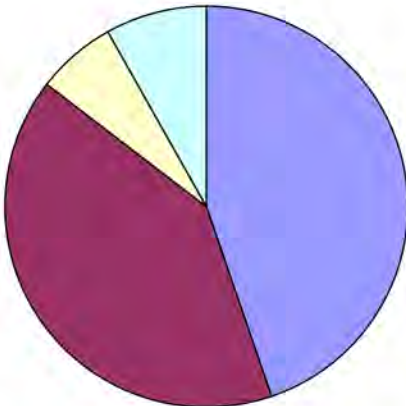
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Revenue—\$2,475,351



- Government Grants & Contracts 50.8% - \$1,257,701
- Contributions 31% - \$766,736
- Fees for services 2.8% - \$68,638
- Special events, net 6.3% - \$157,020
- Donated goods 8.1% - \$200,480
- Investment, net .7% - \$17,932
- Other .3% - \$6,844

Expenses—\$2,392,472



- Community services 44.7% - \$1,070,198
- Shelter/youth services 40.7% - \$973,369
- Fundraising 6.4% - \$153,586
- General and administrative 8.2% - \$195,319

Program Statistics

HELPLine calls:	18,048
Women & children kept safe in Shelter:	339
Justice System Advocacy clients:	1,662
Community Support Groups held:	157
Individual Youth and Art Therapy Sessions held:	215
Latina Project clients:	247
Ujima Program	
Individuals reached via presentations:	1,795
Victims served through support groups:	31
Supervised Visitation Center visits:	1,347
Teens reached via presentations:	4,349
Individuals reached through Community Education:	8,410
Presentations/Resource Tables:	219
Hours Donated by volunteers:	11,483
Website hits:	66,505

3rd Party Fundraising

The past fiscal year has proved to be a great one for DVC's fundraising efforts via events. In addition to the many events that DVC plans, we are lucky to have the help of many third parties that hold fundraisers for us. The assistance of these individuals and groups is critical to our efforts.

For the past 4 years, we have kicked off the summer with March 4 Marci and Dancing 4 Dollars. Dancing 4 Dollars is planned by supporter Mary Harwood, and is a fun event in North Olmsted that attracts line dancing enthusiasts from all over the city. The March 4 Marci takes place at Brush High School in honor of former teacher Marci Kornblut, who was murdered by her abusive husband in 2006. Family and friends of Marci, including parents Joan and Taub Kornblut, plan and execute this event each year.

Also at Brush High School was a fashion show for teens which was held by Ladies and Gentleman Salon and helped to raise awareness and funds (over \$10,000!) for DVC.

DVC is proud that over the past year we have had an overwhelming show of support from the Cleveland Cavaliers and Carolyn Brown, wife of the former Cavaliers Coach Mike Brown. Carolyn became involved with DVC in 2007 and has been a supporter ever since. This past year she spearheaded DVC's Respect Week—our Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative. During this week Carolyn hosted several events, including an awareness night at the Quicken Loans Arena, and helped us reach out to local high schools.

Additionally, Carolyn once again served as the chair of the 2nd Annual Mask or Aid Ball, now one of our major fundraisers, that is held at the Renaissance Hotel in Downtown Cleveland. With the help of Carolyn and the team at the Cleveland Cavaliers, DVC was able to engage new audiences and increase awareness in the community about our services and programs.

DVC also gained a new group of supporters this year—the students and faculty at Hathaway Brown High School. DVC was the recipient of funds raised from HB's Annual 5k Race and Carnival—which turned out to be over \$20,000! DVC is so fortunate to have the support of all these great individuals and groups!

A Message from a Client

Dear Sarah,

It's not often that we meet someone who truly has a profound impact on our lives, but that's exactly the kind of person you've been to me. You've helped me protect my son when I wasn't sure that I could. You helped me find a wonderful counselor for him who changed our relationship for the better. You gave us wonderful memories at Cavs and Indians games that we still talk about today.

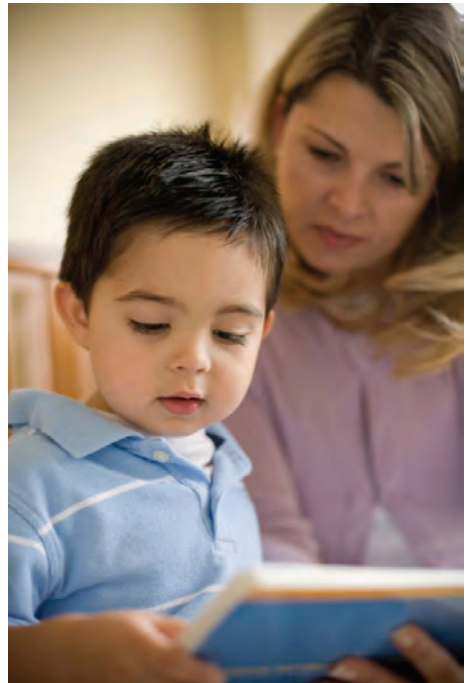
You made sure we had Christmas presents and Easter baskets when I couldn't afford them. And most unexpectedly, you helped me understand my family—something that's confused and frustrated me my entire life.

Needless to say, your insight has been such a gift as it's lifted a huge weight from my shoulders. I no longer ask myself, why?

Over the past 4.5 years, my life has changed in so many ways I never imagined, and I owe that in large part to you. Your kindness and generosity have always touched me. Every week, I've looked forward to come to group because I know I'll see you. Although I'll miss not seeing you every week, it helps to know you'll be empowering other women the way you've helped all of us.

Love, Carla & Max

(Excerpt from a letter from a group member to a group leader)



Ujima Program

Domestic Violence Center's Ujima Program has grown exponentially over the past year! Ujima is the third Kwanzaa principal, and means "Collective Work and Responsibility". It stands for a renewal of efforts to build and maintain the community while working with others to solve problems. The Ujima program at DVC serves the African American community in Cleveland, providing support groups, professional trainings and domestic violence services.

This year was a busy year for the Ujima Program, and we were able to add 2 new staff members in order to respond to the need in the community! The Ujima Program held a "Cut it Out Program", for African American hair stylists, so that they could provide resources to victims that shared their stories in the salon.

Some other highlights and additions:

New collaborations to expand services for victims:

- On Call Weekend Advocate for Huron Hospital's Emergency Department for DV victims.
- 7 week eastside Educational Group at Bellflower Center
- Collaboration with Northeast Pre-Release Prison to provide a 5 week domestic violence curriculum for incarcerated women.
- D/V support group for Hitchcock Center for Women Transitional Housing program.



I shared my struggle for years, but people who haven't been through it didn't understand it and didn't even know to put the name "abuse" to the problem... Thank you and the support group for supporting and believing in me while I work to divorce my abuser and protect my children and myself...

It happens to those of us with master's degrees and professional backgrounds. It happens to those of us in suburban neighborhoods.

(DVC Client)

Teen Education



Abuse and violence is so prevalent among our teens, that the Domestic Violence Center is committed to educating our youth about abusive relationships. 33% of the high school seniors surveyed in the Greater Cleveland area report knowing someone who has been abused by a dating partner. This is an alarmingly high number of teens and it is imperative that we reach out to them and provide resource to assist them in navigating harmful relationships.

Over the course of a school year, we reach thousands of students through classroom presentations on the issue of teen dating violence and stalking. We utilize music, videos, and victim presentations to convey the message that a healthy relationship does not have verbal, emotional, physical, sexual or financial abuse present. Through these media, teenagers learn about extreme jealousy, the cycle of violence, and that abuse is more than just physical violence. We also help them identify the "ingredients" of a healthy relationship. Additionally, we help teens learn about what to do if their friend is being abused by a dating partner. We provide tools for the teens that will help them help their friends.

DVC plans to continue to expand the Teen Education program in the upcoming year and is proud to be involved in so many prevention efforts!

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