

# Programs 2013-2014

## Emergency Shelter Service

Emergency shelter is provided for up to 30 days to victims of domestic violence who are in imminent danger. The exact location of the 52 bed shelter is kept confidential to protect the safety of the residents. All residents receive lodging, food, clothing, crisis counseling, legal advocacy and emotional support.

People Sheltered: 235  
 Total Bed Nights: 7,957  
 Households turned Away: 880 (1789 Individuals)

## Transitional Housing

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) leases 19 apartment units, in various locations throughout Snohomish County, to be used for transitional housing for appropriate shelter residents who face particular barriers to self-sufficiency. Residents may stay for up to 2 years and receive ongoing case management and support throughout their stay. Continued support is available for up to six months after moving into permanent housing.

People Housed: 48  
 Total Bed Nights: 12,377

## Legal Advocacy Program

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) Legal Advocacy Program offers legal information, support and advocacy both to shelter/transitional residents and non-resident clients. Additionally, the Legal Advocacy Department is active in efforts to improve the legal system's response to domestic violence and provides training to law enforcement, prosecutors, attorneys and others interested in expanding their knowledge of domestic violence.

Clients served: 1,055

## Crisis Hotline (425-25-ABUSE or 425-252-2873)

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) offers a 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral counseling service to victims of domestic violence, their friends, families, and concerned citizens and professionals

Calls: 6,397

## Children's Program

The Children's Program provides intervention and enrichment activities for children within DVS's program. Additionally, the program provides education and parenting skills, support and referrals. The Children's Program Support Groups are offered throughout the community.

Children Served: 234

## Community Support Groups/Advocacy

Support groups and advocacy are available for those who are or have experienced domestic violence. Groups are provided throughout Snohomish County, including some specialized groups in collaboration with other agencies. (Children's Groups are available at some locations.) Please call the hotline 425 25-ABUSE for additional information.

Number of Weekly Support Groups: 10  
 People Served: 268

## Thrift Shoppe

New & Again Thrift Shoppe was created to provide the best available used clothing, home furnishing and furniture free of cost to shelter and transitional clients in an organized retail location. Additionally, New & Again provides quality used goods to the general public to support the operations while striving to foster a positive experience for the community.

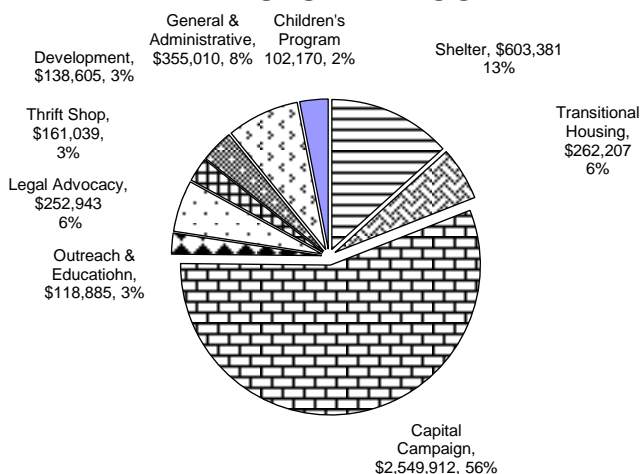
All Shelter/ Transitional Clients Are Served- Value: \$10,718

## Teen Education Classes

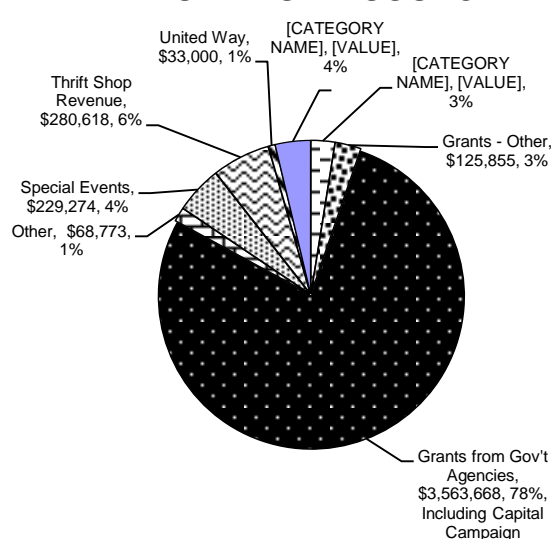
DVS offers classes on healthy relationships and the warning signs of abuse to schools and other agencies throughout Snohomish County.

Attendees: 2,195

### EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



### FUNDING BY SOURCE



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## A Message from the Board President



Dear Friends,

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (DVS) had a phenomenal 2013/2014 fiscal year. The experience of a full year in our new shelter and service center was truly a game changer. After years of hard work, we are now able to truly see the fruits of our labor. The number of shelter residents have increased significantly even though we ramped up rather slowly so as not to overwhelm staff and clients when the doors opened. We have found that people are healing quicker and the children are responding faster than ever before.

“While in shelter we have felt safe in your hands and were more secure than ever before. The advocates were good listeners with very positive attitudes. My advocate worked very hard to help us and to make sure that we found a home of our own.” Notes just like these come to us periodically and each one, as you can imagine, is very special.

Over the years the Board of Directors, staff and volunteer teams have worked continually to evaluate the needs of our clients and the community we serve. Each individual that comes through our doors is unique. Some come to us in need of everything imaginable while others simply need a clean, safe and quiet space for healing. Yet everyone has one common need: understanding and support.

Thanks to our incredible donors and volunteers assisting us daily with ongoing gifts of time and support, we are able to do the great work we do. It gives each of us at DVS great pause to see our community stand up with us as we all move in unison toward ending violence.

On behalf of all of us at DVS, we would like to thank you for believing in our mission and for working beside us as we move through year another great year of anti-violence work. It is the true knowingness of community that makes our jobs so rewarding and reminds us that violence is never acceptable.

Jeff N. Olsen  
President, DVS Board of Directors

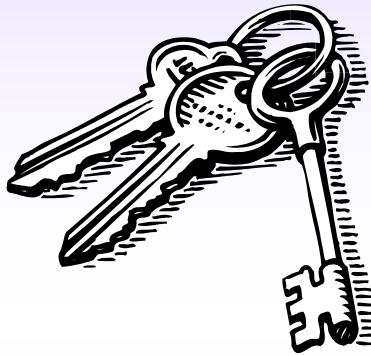
# Vision...

## **Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County...**

**An agency working within the community to create an environment which is safe, responsive and supportive of domestic violence victims and their children and fosters dignity, respect, hope and self-determination.**

Crisis Hotline Number 425 25-ABUSE or 425 252-2873

Free and Confidential- 24 hours per day-7 days a week



The Keys To A New Future For DVS  
Have Arrived

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County

P.O. Box 7

Everett, WA 98206-0007

Administration Office: 425 259-2827

[www.dvs-snoco.org](http://www.dvs-snoco.org)

*“Wow! Three weeks and I feel like a brand new person....I know it’s your job to help, but...I believe you all have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I truly thank you for all you have done for me.”*

*Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish  
County Client*

# ANNUAL REPORT

*July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014*



## *Mission Statement*

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County is dedicated to ending domestic abuse by providing a wide range of services for victims and facilitating social change.