## **Programs 2017-2018**

#### **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: Total Bed Nights: 11 Households turned Away:

373 11,420 801 (1391 Individuals)

#### Housing

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) has 20 Supportive Housing units and 6 Transitional units throughout Snohomish County, to be used for shelter residents who face particular barriers to self-sufficiency. Residents receive ongoing case management throughout their stay. The DVS Rapid Re-Housing program provides rental subsidies for up to 36 families, and focuses on employment, increasing income and eventual self-sufficiency.

People Housed: 191 Households Provided Prevention: Total Bed Nights: 40,723 256

#### 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:

837

#### 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: 3,053

#### **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: 418

#### **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:	6
People Served:	187

#### 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.

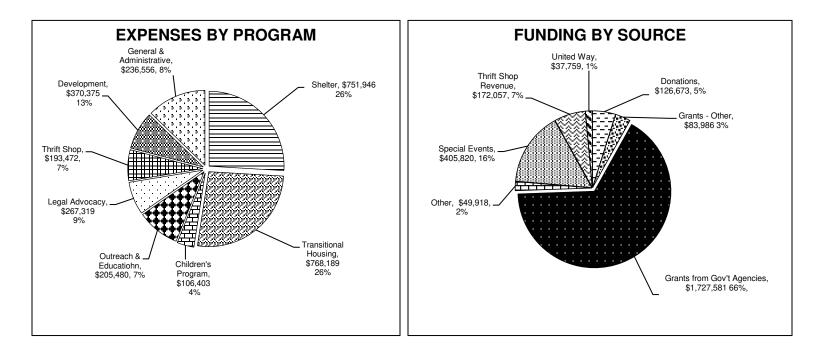
All Shelter/ Transitional Clients Are Served- Value: \$9,321

#### **Teen Education Classes**

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

Attendees:

11,122



### A Message from the Board President



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Dear Friends,

From all of us at Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (DVS) and the many clients and families that we serve, we wish to extend to you an endless THANK YOU for helping us accomplish the incredibly important work we do every day.

Over this past year we've continued to add to our much needed Housing Department, Children's Program, Prevention/Education Department, and our Finance Department. We visited and discussed Healthy Relationships with over 10,000 young people in local schools and organizations, answered 3,053 support line calls, operated 6 community support groups, provided legal advocacy for over 837 people, provided 39,717 bed nights for our housing clients and of utmost importance, provided 11,420 safe bed night in our emergency confidential shelter.

At DVS we are there in the most difficult hour in our clients' lives. Night and day, we are always available for those in crisis, providing services as needed to help move people into a healthier and more loving environment.

At DVS we are also not content with sitting back and allowing the status quo to dictate how our communities engage and talk about domestic violence. A previous history of domestic violence remains one of the only universally connecting thread tying together the suspects of mass shootings. Domestic violence is a security issue, a public health issue and a topic that needs to be discussed openly and honestly in order for healthy change to occur.

In 2013 we moved from a 15-bed to a 52-bed shelter with a children's center and a garden that now helps to provide fresh vegetables for our residents and with excess being donated back to our local food bank. This year we are working towards expanding our services through the facilitation of a south county advocacy center in Lynnwood, Washington!

At DVS we are committed to engaging with our clients and their families through our environment of love and support. Please know how much we appreciate your compassion and support in the work we do. On behalf of our clients, the children, volunteers, Board of Directors and staff, we thank you so much for helping turn our mission into reality.

Adam Ballout President, DVS Board of Directors



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

"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, 2017 - June 30, 2018



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.