# ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



Mission Statement

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

# Programs 2020-2021

# **Emergency Shelter**

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.

Adults Sheltered: 97
Children Sheltered: 117
Total Safe Bed Nights: 10,935

# **Supportive 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.

Adults Housed: 67
Children Housed: 119
Total Safe & Secure Bed Nights: 40,378

#### Help Line (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: 4,685

**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: 775
Hours of Advocacy: 2,876

## 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: 132
Hours of Activities: 88

#### **Prevention Education**

DVS offers classes, trainings, workshops and webinars on healthy relationships and the warning signs of abuse. Teen dating violence education is provided in local high schools, middle schools and other student-based groups.

Students Participated: 4,487
Adults Trained: 250
Youth engaged out of school programs: 44

# 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 helpline 425 25-ABUSE for additional information.

Number of Meetings/Trainings: 105 Community Members Served: 607 People Received COVID-19 Assistance: 130

# **Community Outreach**

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) attends a wide variety of fairs and events in Snohomish County providing informational materials on programs and services offered. Speakers, trainings and workshops are also available.

Community Members Trained: 780 Number of Trainings: 46

## **Thrift Shoppe**

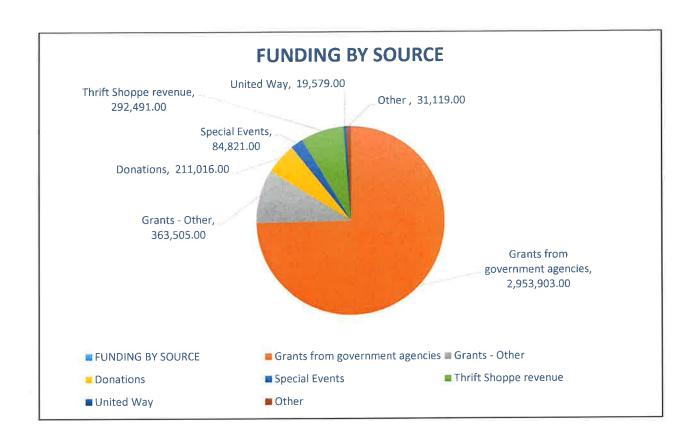
New & Again Thrift Shoppe was created to provide the best available used clothing, home furnishing and furniture free of cost to shelter and transitional clients in an organized retail location. Additionally, New & Again provides quality used goods to the general public to support the operations while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

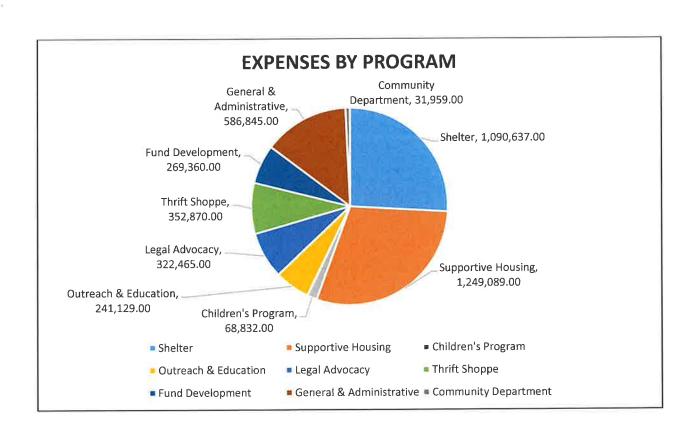
All Shelter/Transitional Clients Are Served

#### Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the work we do at Domestic Violence Services (DVS). DVS provides a variety of volunteer opportunities in all program areas, from working with clients and their children to helping survivors navigate the legal system.

Volunteers: 38 Hour of Support: 2,922





Vision...

Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County is 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.

Help Line 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