
Annual Report

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Annual Board President's Report

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of Aware, Inc., I am pleased to report that our scope of services supports outreach efforts to the Jackson County community and continues to meet the needs of those most in need despite the challenges of a struggling economy and continued reductions from our traditional funding sources. Our employees, contractors and partners strive to show and lend their energy and dedication to AWARE's mission to, "Eliminate domestic and sexual violence while promoting social change and empowering survivors by offering shelter and services."

2015 was a challenging year for Aware, Inc. We lost several long time employees and the Executive Director, as well as faced a funding shortage for the SANE Program, but we were able to maintain services and operations due to the dedication of the staff and volunteers. The Staff went far beyond regular day to day activities to make up for the losses and should be commended for their efforts. The Board also worked diligently on its search for a new leader, and found the perfect leader for Aware, Inc., Angelita Velasco Gunn. With new guidance and energy, Aware, Inc. is eagerly looking forward and is on track for success.

Our longtime partner and funder, Gerdau, along with the board were successful in obtaining several new corporate sponsors throughout the year. As for the new programming with our community's youth, our highly skilled and dedicated staff worked with several school districts and community centers to provide a teen dating violence curriculum. This curriculum has been presented to many students throughout Jackson County by our staff and highly trained volunteers.

The economic and funding climate continues to constrict each year. Aware, Inc. and its staff have worked tirelessly to search for new funding sources and revenue options to provide the resources necessary to achieve our goals. The fundraising committee along with our grant writer worked on several events during the year, highlighted by the successful "Lights, Camera, AUCTION!" The

Commonwealth Commerce Center donated their ballroom for this event and our Annual Spring Breakfast. This event center created an excellent space to hold the event and a new relationship for future events. Gerdau Special Steel was again our corporate champion and will partner with AWARE to focus on new funding opportunities moving forward.

I would like to thank the Board members, the majority of who were new in 2015. The Board had an initiation under fire and I feel did a wonderful job during a year of crisis. As a representative of the Board, I would also like to thank the staff, contractors and volunteers for the time, energy and belief each of you have shown. Your efforts, services and passion for survivors are the foundation of Aware, Inc. and the programming we deliver.

Thank you for your continued support,

Marc M Stanley, Board President.

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Letter from the Executive Director



It is with great enthusiasm that I join the staff of AWARE, Inc., as executive director. I officially started on August 17, 2015, during the busiest time for nonprofit operations. I spent the first few months wading through year end reports and acclimating myself to plans set forth by the agency Board of Directors.

I come to AWARE, Inc., with 32 years of experience working in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence, most recently as associate director of the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. I am a Jackson native, and alumni of Jackson

High School and Michigan State University. I spent 18 years living and working in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. I returned to my home town in 1999, and knew then that I would eventually find myself here at AWARE.

I arrived during a critical time in AWARE's history with the departure of former executive director, Rebecca Mayer, who lead the agency through growth and transition for seven years, and the eventual loss of SANE services. SANE services are part of a coordinated response to sexual assault that include gathering forensic evidence for the prosecution of rape cases. Loss of significant funding in 2014 prevented our being able to carry the program to its full capacity beyond 2015. As a result, Deb McEldowney who managed the SANE program for nearly 10 years departed in the fall to join the staff of Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County.

Our core services remain stable, and include:

- 24-hour crisis hotline
- Short-term emergency shelter
- Scattered site transitional housing
- Legal, medical, housing and systems advocacy
- Counseling services
- Supervised visitation and safe exchange services
- Community education and a coordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and staff to honor past success with an eye toward building a strong foundation for the future.

Sincerely,

Angelita Velasco Gunn, Executive Director

Staff

Rebecca L. Mayer, Executive Director
 SeQuita Brown, Shelter & Facilities Manager
 Leighanne Rappaport, Resource Director
 Kathryn Hall, Clinical Director
 Deb McEldowney, SANE Coordinator

Professional Development

A well-trained staff is essential to meeting the complex needs of those we serve. During this fiscal year, staff attended 70 training opportunities on issues related to cultural-competency, domestic violence, sexual assault, housing, best practices for visitation centers, managing conflict, record keeping, empowerment, and a host of other topics.

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Mission Statement

“AWARE, Inc., strives to eliminate domestic and sexual violence while promoting social change and empowering survivors by offering shelter and services.”

Core Values

Collaboration

We recognize that our mission requires working successfully with clients, funding units, donors, the community, the court system, and other non-profit agencies. We encourage staff initiative, innovation and leadership. We promote teamwork with our clients as we strive for excellence in facilitating the best possible results for the survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Impact

We are committed to making a difference and effecting change in our community. We will do this by supporting and empowering survivors, and being leaders in the movement to eliminate domestic and sexual violence. We take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to educate residents of all ages in Jackson County about our mission, services and programs.

Empowerment

We believe in the right of everyone to live a violence-free life. Our dedicated staff and volunteers use all available resources to improve the lives of survivors and empower them to create an independent life free from violence and fear.

Commitment

We are dedicated to and passionate about our mission of empowering survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We treat our clients with compassion and acceptance. We will always exhibit professional and personal integrity, and adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work.

Agency Goals

Provide quality housing and support services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Enhance resources to enable staff and volunteers to carry out the agency's mission.

Evaluate and coordinate preventative programs designed to eliminate domestic and sexual violence.

Help individuals cope with crisis and empower them to achieve violence-free lives.

Facilitate education and collaboration within the community to promote social change.

Program Services

Jackson County Family Visitation Center

Jackson County Family Visitation Center (JCFVC) is a collaborative project of AWARE, Inc. and Jackson County. With funding from the Office of Violence Against Women, the Center began operating in October, 2010

The Center provides supervised visitation and supervised exchanges in a safe, supportive environment to families where domestic violence has occurred and parenting time has been ordered. During this fiscal year the Center provided approximately 624 supervised visits, and approximately 588 exchanges, serving 32 families a month on average.

Housing Services

Transitional Housing Program is funded by the Community Action Agency to bridge the gap between short-term crisis shelter and independent living. Survivors of domestic and sexual violence may live in transitional housing for up to two years.

While in transitional housing, our advocacy staff work with survivors on self-identified goals in the areas of employment, childcare access, education and training, and other necessary supports to facilitate long-term housing success.

During this fiscal year, 9 women and 19 children received supportive services such as rental assistance, transportation assistance, help with utilities, clothing and food vouchers. Shelter services funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Jackson Area United Way, the Jackson Community Foundation and other private sources, are short-term housing services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. During this fiscal year, we provided 7,341 nights of shelter services to 349 adults and 295 children.

24-hour Crisis Line Services
During this fiscal year, 1,609 crisis calls were received by our advocacy staff who provided supportive listening, referrals and intake services for shelter.

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Program Services

Counseling Services

During this fiscal year, 136 survivors of domestic and sexual violence received crisis support through individual counseling services, and support groups.

AWARE's SANE Program Coordinator and nurses responded to 55 crisis calls, providing forensics exams to 50 victims of sexual assault.

Through Kids Club (ages 5-12) and Teen Club (ages 13-18), 35 children and 10 teens received education and support services. The phase-based program is designed to enhance the child's sense of safety, develop the therapeutic alliance, and create a common vocabulary of emotions for making sense of violence experiences.

AWARE's Children's Program also offers opportunities to engage in fun, family-focused activities at no cost. This fiscal year, 15 group activities were planned and 122 children participated. Activities included outings to the Michigan Historical Museum, Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farm, Lazy Bee Ranch, the Wharton Center, Ella Sharp Museum, the Michigan Theater of Jackson and local parks.

100% of victims who completed surveys reported that the counseling services they received were helpful.

100% of victims who received trauma counseling and completed surveys reported increased understanding that the sexual assault was not their fault.

"The counseling was my one saving grace. It gave me knowledge, safety, and a plan. I received information and resources. Without it I would have been in trouble ... I am so grateful for it being there."

Program Services

Individual and Systems Advocacy

This fiscal year, 349 adults and 295 children received individual advocacy such as assistance with housing, employment, economic empowerment skills, childcare resources, transportation, and referral to other community resources through residential services. An additional 28 survivors of domestic and sexual violence received advocacy and supportive services through nonresidential services.

Legal Advocacy funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, MDSVPTB and the Crime Victim Services Commission, supports two full-time legal advocates housed in the County Clerk Office. Staff provide court assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence, help in completing and filing personal protection orders, referrals to legal aid and Victims Rights Unit located in the court house, and court accompaniment.

During this fiscal year, staff assisted 324 adults and children received assistance through 454 instances of contact civil and criminal justice advocacy, court accompaniment, and victim notification or outreach.

Through a joint project between Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) and AWARE, Inc., we employed a part-time paralegal who provided case management, performing initial intakes, drafting pleadings, assisting with legal support, and making attorney referrals to the legal team of LSSCM. A total of 327 received legal advice, 89 of whom received full legal representation on issues of divorce, custody, housing and domestic violence.

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Program Services

Community Education & Collaboration

AWARE is active in numerous collaborative activities to address the broader goals of social justice, supporting families in crisis and ending poverty and homelessness Jackson County. We are the lead agency for the Jackson County Domestic and Sexual Violence Coordinating Council and participate in the following initiatives:

- Jackson County Continuum of Care
- Human Services Coordinating Alliance
- Department of Public Health Fetal Infant Mortality Review
- Allegiance Health Improvement Organizations
- Jackson County Cradle 2 Career
- Emerging Needs Coalition
- Legal Services of South Central Michigan Jackson Advisory Board
- Juvenile Justice Committee
- Department of Public Health Maternal and Child Health Action Team

AWARE, Inc. staff responds to the needs of area schools, community centers, churches, and other professionals for community education on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. This fiscal year, we responded to 34 requests reaching over 1,000 adults and 510 teen/youth, addressing issues such as healthy relationships, sexual violence, domestic violence and services offered by our agency.

Fund Development

Our Fifth Annual Spring Breakfast and Volunteer Recognition event was held in April 14, 2014 in honor of Sexual Assault AWAREness Month. The event was held at the Commonwealth Commerce Center Ballroom and featured Mary Beth Leonard who shared her moving story of hope and the power of resilience. Nearly 140 people attended. The buffet was provided by Davan's Fine Catering.

The Winter/Holiday Appeal was successful this fiscal year, raising nearly \$35,000 in unrestricted funds to support AWARE, Inc., operations and program services.

Our Fourth Annual "Lights, Camera, AUCTION!" took place on October 22, 2015 in honor of Domestic Violence AWAREness Month. This year's event featured local celebrity chefs, "MEN WHO COOK." With the help of many community volunteers, board members and employees, the event was a fun-filled success, raising over \$14,000 in unrestricted funds.

AWARE, Inc. would like to thank the local community for their generous support through financial donations and in-kind help. We also thank all the businesses and persons who reside outside of the Jackson community who have found it in their hearts to donate to AWARE, Inc.



Community Volunteer Awards

The Knights of Columbus received the Corporate Volunteer of the Year Award.

Tim Phelps employee of Allied Mechanical Services and member of the Knights of Columbus received the Individual Volunteer of the Year Award.

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Government Grants

U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women	
• Safe Havens Grant (Jackson County sub recipient)	\$ 104,186
• Legal Assistance for Victims (Legal Services of So. Central MI sub recipient)	\$ 9,305
U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Community Action Agency sub recipient)	\$ 35,329
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	
• Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board	
Domestic Violence Comprehensive	\$113,402
Domestic Violence Emergency Services (MSHDA and Salvation Army)	\$ 97,760
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/SACS	\$ 54,090
STOP (Services, Training, Officers & Pros.)	\$ 40,504
• Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission	\$ 84,355

Private Grants

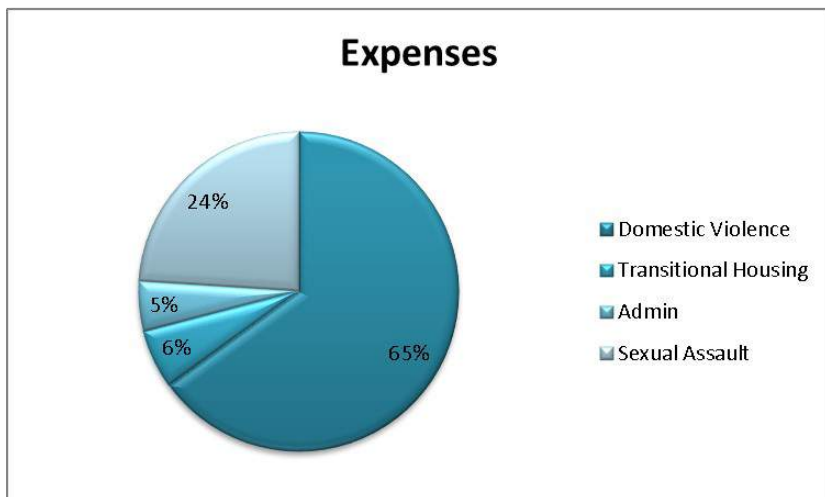
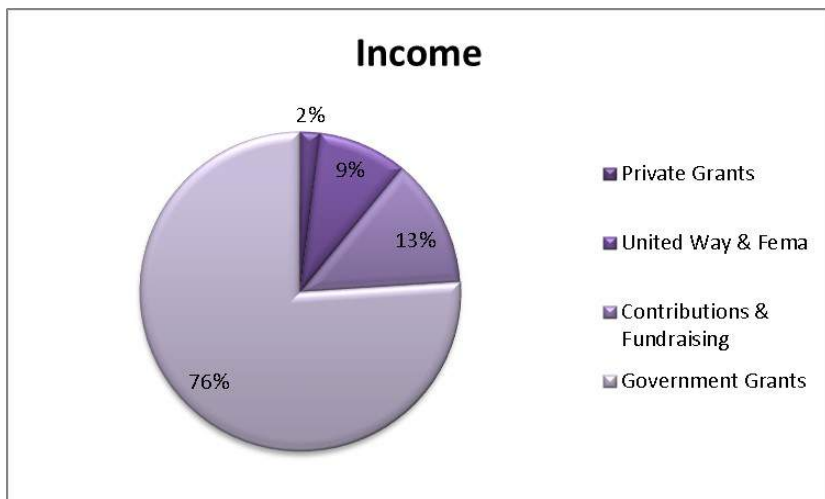
• Mabel Harris Trust	\$ 4,000
• Gaynell Fausell Charitable Trust	\$ 3,000
• Allan B. Copley Charitable Trust	\$ 3,000
• Louis Glick Memorial and Charitable Trust	\$ 2,000
• Enterprise Holdings Foundation	\$ 1,000
• Saint-Gobain Corporate Foundation/CertainTeed	\$ 1,000
• Dirlam Family Endowment	\$ 571

Contributions & Fundraising

• United Way	
Community Solutions Fund	\$ 59,972
FEMA	\$ 3,750
• Contributions	\$ 56,004
• Fundraising	\$ 37,666

TOTAL REVENUE: \$715,894

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Fund Development

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of AWARE. Last year over 190 volunteers provided nearly 2,000 hours to support our events, advocacy and crisis services. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following volunteers:

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| Angela Crittenden | Tim Phelps |
| Cheryl Klima | Chris Boulter |
| Christine Trine | Joe Merritt |
| Christine Wright | Marty Butler |
| Jamie Tomlinson | Janet Gage |
| Joy Gebhardt | Ben Dandrow |
| Joy Riley | Donalda Antrup |
| Kerry Neville | Hannah Ainsworth |
| Molly Kennedy | Mike Butchart |
| Sarah Pranger | Dan Bishop |
| Sarah Stanham | Jeff Sirola |
| Savannah Curtis | Jessica Sirola |
| Shannon Davis | Char Smith |
| Sofia Johnson | Lanni Velasco-Cook |
| Lindsey Edwards | Suzanne McCloskey |
| Patricia Lynk | Camerson Hohman |
| Margaret Cunningham | Sarah Paterson |
| Chad Kennedy | Angie Shinos |

