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### Between \$4,500 - \$15,000

Advance Turning & Manufacturing Inc.  
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AWARE was one of three charities to benefit this year from the JJWL (Jackson Junior Welfare League) Annual Fundraising Gala. The Gala, *Come Fly With Us!* was held on March 3 and raised \$11,462 to support residential services.

# AWARE



## Annual Report

October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018

“AWARE empowers survivors of domestic and sexual violence by providing, shelter, services and programs.”

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Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses in the region who contributed items to both the live and silent auctions held during "Lights, Camera, AUCTION!" this year.

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## Donors 2017-18

### Between \$101 - \$200

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## AWARE, Inc. Board President Report

Greetings,

In 2018 AWARE, Inc. was able to provide valuable services to the Jackson community because of our dedicated staff, volunteers, corporate donors and individual supporters. It takes all of these members of our community to make this possible and we thank each of you.

In 2018 our Staff and Board worked together to request funding from the Crime Victim Services Commission to expand services to sexual assault survivors. Under the guidance of Angelita Velasco Gunn, our Executive Director, a Sexual Assault Response Team was formed in our community to coordinate services and access to justice. The team consists of a cross section of agencies that come together in the event of an assault to respond expeditiously and with a meaningful victim centered approach.

In addition to our annual events, we worked closely with the City Council of Jackson, the Jackson Human Relations Commission, and other agencies to provide domestic violence awareness and training. These activities included the Loving Hands: Safe Community event, training to city workers and a billboard campaign.

While we are excited to be able to provide additional services, our inability to raise funds to support our operating budget is a continuing concern. The Board of Directors determined the need for a staff member focused on developing and implementing a fundraising strategy to support the agency. We are in the process of vetting candidates for our Development and Marketing Manager position and look forward to adding new skills and focus in long term and short term funding.

I look forward to seeing how AWARE, Inc. will grow throughout 2019 while continuing to provide our current valuable services. We will continue to embrace broader and deeper partnerships that will change views and behaviors regarding domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

Sincerely,

*Amber McKee*

Amber McKee

AWARE, Inc. Board President

## Board of Directors

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## Donors 2017-18

### Between \$51 - \$100

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 Pulver, Barb  
 Pung, Charlene A.  
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 Schultz, Lawrence

AWARE was the recipient of \$2,168 raised by the 20th Annual Golumbki Cook-off! Held by Aleksander and Leah Denda, owners and operators of Roadhouse Grill & Bar.

## Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings Friends of AWARE,

The issues of violence against women were elevated to new heights in 2017 and 2018. With the #MeToo movement, survivors came forward in record numbers and into the national spotlight sparking every day conversations in our homes and communities.

At AWARE, Inc., we saw an increase in sexual assault survivors seeking counseling services. Further, the agency experienced a spike in requests from Henry Ford Allegiance for advocacy for survivors seeking medical attention and forensic exams. We began critical conversations with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office and local police agencies on strengthening our community response as a whole to sexual assault.

AWARE, Inc. is an agency that was formed in response to gaps in services for families in crisis and has continued to grow and change based on needs of the community.

Our ability to provide crisis services is only possible because of the vision of our Board of Directors, and the ongoing support of funders that invest in our mission.

Sincerely,

*Angelita Velasco Gunn*

Angelita Velasco Gunn, Executive Director



## Staff

### Executive Staff

Angelita Velasco Gunn, Executive Director  
 Lee Knapp, Operations Manager  
 SeQuita Brown, Director of Shelter Operations  
 Leighanne Rappaport, Special Events & Appeals Coordinator  
 Karis Tripp, Counseling & Community Services Manager  
 Alyssa Duhr, Supervised Visitation Program Manager  
 Nina Thomas, Administrative Assistant/Advocate

### Residential Services Advocates

Rosalind Arch  
 Chelsea Baxter  
 Evon Beavers  
 Sofia Johnson  
 Alma Morgan  
 Kristian Oeschle  
 Kymber Stanley  
 Catherine Williams  
 Rahmecia Wilmer  
 Joanne Wimple

### Legal Advocates

Heather Hunter  
 Sue Griswatsch

### Visitation Center Monitors

Sidney Anderson  
 Hollie Bostain  
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 Sally Shaw  
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### Counselors

Valerie Daft, LPC  
 Terri Schempf, LPC

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 Stachowiak, Elaine  
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 Adams, Craig and Carol  
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 Schauffler, Gary and Pamela  
 Ferrie, Jamie  
 Osterberg, Dawn  
 Cataline, Chandra L.  
 Coffey, Lisa

### Between \$51 - \$100

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 The Purple Rose Theatre  
 Saint James Lutheran Church  
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 FiveOneSeven  
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 Allen, Martha  
 Archer, Michael and Sara  
 Barden, Marjorie  
 Beiswenger, Ronald and Jane  
 Beiswenger, William and Mary Kathleen  
 Bell, Stacy and Randy  
 Brail, Max and Susan  
 Carvel, Rod  
 Central MI Family Support Council

AWARE was one of four charities chosen to participate in national Make-a-Difference Day coordinated locally by Richmond Brothers, Inc. Make A Difference Day is one of the largest national day of community service. Celebrated on the fourth Saturday of October, thousands of volunteers unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others.



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### Up to 50.00

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 Tibbits Opera House  
 Todd, Mary  
 Vieta, Joanne  
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 Warner, Martha  
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 Zingerman's

## 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

The Center provides visits or exchanges between parents and children where domestic violence has affected the family, and where contact between the parent and child could not otherwise occur safely or legally.

Our staff team works cooperatively with courts and service providers to enhance the safety of children and adult victims from any abuse before, during and after visits at the Center.

The Jackson County Visitation Center is a collaborative project between Jackson County and AWARE, Inc.

The Center provided 792 supervised visits, and 401 exchanges, serving 36 families a month on average.

### Residential Services

The Shelter provides emergency shelter in a safe and supportive setting. The Shelter provided 4,955 nights of shelter to 147 adults and 96 children during this fiscal year. While in our shelter, staff work with survivors on goals to facilitate healing and self-sufficiency.

### 24-hour Crisis Line Services

During this fiscal year, 973 crisis calls were received by our advocacy staff who provided supportive listening, intake for shelter, and referrals to other agencies.



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### Up to 50.00

Konieczka, William and Sandra  
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 Raduazo, Ann  
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 Howell, Lola  
 Jackson Coffee Company  
 Kelley, Tay  
 KLAVON'S - VCL  
 Moorehead, Richard and Penelope  
 Vandeburgh, Patrice  
 Wittenberg, Sherry  
 Fenn Valley Vineyard  
 Speedy Oil Change  
 Jackson Area Association of Realtors  
 Hop Cat Ann Arbor  
 Buckner, Kay  
 Riverwalk Theatre  
 Griffith, Judy  
 Bonkowski, Marie  
 American Title Company Of Jackson  
 Vandercook Lake Public Schools  
 Adams, Howard  
 Annable, Karen  
 Anna's Gifts and Home Decor  
 Anteau, James & Athena  
 Avery, Sandra  
 Beggar's Banquet  
 Bradley, Valerie  
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 Carroll, Sharlene and Robert  
 Circle Of Stones  
 Craft, Debbie  
 Easton, Bonnie and Gale  
 Eicholtz, Cynthia

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### Up to 50.00

Burns, Katherine  
 Dixon, Dawn and Daniel  
 LaFollette, Josephine  
 Lee, Susan  
 Lindahl, Jeanne  
 Ramos, Eleanor  
 Sparks, Todd and Elizabeth  
 Target Corporation C/o CyberGrants, LLC  
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 Brown, Justin and Akiko  
 Uebrick, Mitchell  
 Zeller, Shirley  
 Alldaffer, Cynthia  
 Anderson, Sheila  
 Barton, Bruce  
 Emmons, Joan  
 Fiero, Laure and Thomas  
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 Mijal, Robin  
 Murphy, Jack and Lynda  
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 Fleming, Thomas  
 Franck, Paul and Susan  
 Godlewski, Stan  
 Greene, Edward and Helen  
 Hogan, Mary  
 Hughes, Desiree  
 Huntoon, Don and Mary

## Program Services

### Counseling Services

127 survivors of domestic and sexual violence received crisis support through individual counseling services, and support groups.

Our counselors provide support to survivors shortly after a traumatic event, and focus on building the individual's capacity to heal.

### Individual and Systems Advocacy

147 adults and 103 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.

207 adults and children seeking remedies through the courts received legal advocacy services, including court accompaniment, victim notification, outreach, safety planning or referrals.

AWARE received 25 calls from Henry Ford Allegiance Health and provided support to nine survivors seeking medical care or forensic exams.

### Education and Outreach

AWARE, Inc. provides community awareness on domestic and sexual violence issues to area schools, colleges, community centers, service groups, churches, and other professionals. We reached 401 adults and 265 students through 18 presentations, and responded to an additional eight requests from media.

AWARE, Inc., with funding from the Jackson Community Foundation, reestablishes the Kids Club! The program is designed to build resilience and coping strategies for children living with domestic violence.



## Program Services

### Collaboration

AWARE is active in collaborative efforts to address social justice, and ending poverty and homelessness in Jackson County. We are the lead agency for the Jackson County Domestic and Sexual Violence Coordinating Council and participate in the following workgroups:

- Jackson County Continuum of Care
- Human Services Coordinating Alliance
- Emergency Needs Coalition
- Legal Services of South Central Michigan Jackson Advisory Board
- Financial Stability Network
- Strategic Doing Housing Workgroup
- Supervised Visitation Network
- Clinical and Community Linkages Advisory Committee
- Business and Professional Women’s Network
- Cross-network Community Engagement Team

AWARE Executive Director Angelita Velasco Gunn is a member of the national LEAP (Leadership Education and Advancement for Professionals), a project of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Women of Color Network. LEAP promotes professional development for future Women of Color leaders in Michigan and across the nation.

AWARE has continued its work with sister organizations from Adrian, Coldwater, Hillsdale, Monroe, and Three Rivers on strengthening the region’s response to sexual assault crimes and survivor needs.

In 2018, the agency convened a local planning group to investigate the development of a sexual assault response team (SART). Joined by the Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office and several local police agencies, the planning workgroup will move efforts forward in 2019.

AWARE is active in the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, a statewide membership organization whose mission is to develop and promote efforts to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

## Financial Information 2017-18

### Government Grants

U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women Justice for Families grant (Jackson County sub recipient)	\$147,057
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	
• Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board	
Domestic Violence Comprehensive Services	\$ 118,402
Domestic Violence Emergency Services (MSHDA and Salvation Army)	\$ 64,484
STOP (Services, Training, Officers & Pros.)	\$ 38,479
• Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission (VOCA)	\$201,879

### Private Grants

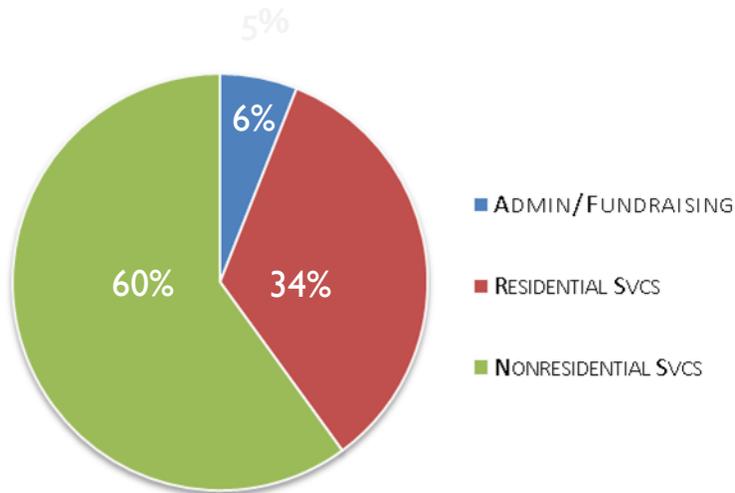
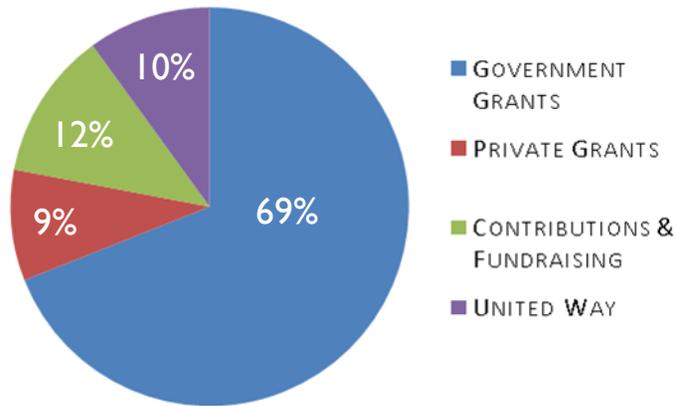
• Speckhard-Knight Foundation	\$ 15,000
• Jackson Community Foundation	\$ 14,660
• Natalie Field Foundation	\$ 10,000
• The Hurst Foundation	\$ 8,000
• Bill and Vi Sigmund Foundation	\$ 7,500
• Consumers Energy Foundation	\$ 5,000
• Anonymous	\$ 4,300
• Mabel Harris Charitable Trust	\$ 4,000
• Gaynell Fausell Charitable Trust	\$ 3,000
• Allan B. Copley Charitable Trust	\$ 3,000

### Contributions & Fundraising

• United Way	
Community Solutions Fund and designated FEMA	\$ 68,968
Fundraising/Events	\$ 7,500
• Contributions/Appeals	\$ 50,398
	\$ 48,725
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$822,462



## Financial Information 2017-18



## Program Services

### Collaboration

In 2018, the Jackson City Council took on the issue of domestic violence education and awareness on a city-wide level. AWARE, Inc. and the Human Relations Commission joined Councilwoman Colleen Sullivan on developing and organizing a series of events that included domestic violence training for all city employees, billboard and bus ad campaigns, and culminated in a community domestic violence event during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

### Professional Development

Staff attended 21 training events for a combined total of 342 hours of training on mindfulness, economic justice, legal advocacy, cyberstalking, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), civil rights, advanced counseling, HUD Equal Access training, supervised visitation, sexual assault on college campuses, compassion fatigue and self-care, sexual assault helpline training, human trafficking, mandatory reporting, and conceptual training on poverty and collective impact for social change.

American 1 Credit Union teamed up with AWARE, Inc. to place billboards around the city in September leading up to Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

If this is love,  
why do I feel so bad?

**LOVE DOES NOT**  
WITHDRAW, LASH OUT,  
CALL NAMES, OR HIT.

**AWARE**  
LET'S TALK.  
24-HOUR HELP AT  
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## Events

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Our annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Volunteer Recognition event took place April 19, 2018 at the Commonwealth Commerce Center.

Kalimah Johnson gave a riveting presentation titled, *Changing Assumptions About Sexual Violence*. Ms. Johnson, Director and Founder of SASHA Services in Detroit, shared her spoken word poetry during her talk. Approximately 60 people attended the luncheon this year.

During the event, AWARE recognized individuals and local corporate/businesses for their contributions to our work and mission.

#### 2018 Individual Honorees:

Tim McElDowney, Spring Arbor Fire Department Chief  
Steve Morrison, outgoing Board Member AWARE, Inc.

#### 2018 Corporate/Business Honorees:

Jennifer Lindahl and the Commonwealth Commerce Center  
Davan Gerding and CCC Catering  
Karen and Bart Hawley, The Bart Hawley Show and JTV



Kalimah Johnson, front row and second from left, is joined by several AWARE, Inc. staff.

## Program Services

### Volunteerism



Men Who Cook chef winners (l-r) James Seagraves, Ruben Pritchard and Mike Paruszkiewicz



## Program Services

### Volunteerism

Over 117 volunteers and interns provided 11,823 hours of service providing crisis services, helping with special events, maintaining the grounds, training and assisting with administration.

American 1 Credit Union	Jerard Jarzynka
Aaron and his Dudes lemonade stand	Chad Kennedy Molly Kennedy
Hannah Annabel	Terry Langston
Pearl Arnold	Ben Latocki
Chris Boulter	Cory Latocki
Lakisha Cash	Jennifer Lindahl
Consumer's Energy employees	Patricia Lynk
Margaret Cunningham	Joy Martin
Kathy Davis	Deb McEldowney
Lindsey Erb	Tim McEldowney
Jason Erb	Amber McKee
Lisa Fairbanks	Joseph Merritt
Crystal Fiero	Macy Moore
Flagstar Bank employees	Steve Morrison
Davan Gerding	Jane Murray
Rebekka Green	Taylor Owen
Chris Hammond	Trey Prichard
Bart Hawley	Elizabeth Raduazo
Angela Hebert	Ben Redmond
Henry Ford Allegiance Health employees	Phylicia Richmond Kylie Romain
Jasmine Hubler	L J Ross Associates employees
Desiree Hughes	Andrea Rumler
The Irish Hills Bombshells Derby Team	Rachael Soderblom Spring Arbor
Pam Kilborn	University students
Sakinah King	Trinity Lutheran Church
Jackson Association of Realtors/ Young Professionals Network	Ashley Zuzelski

THANK YOU!



## Events

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month



The 7th annual "Lights, Camera, AUCTION!" featuring Men Who Cook was held on October 25, 2017 to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Bart Hawley served as Master of Ceremonies and was joined by a host of returning and new chefs.

The *Men Who Cook* included:

Freddie Dancy, Jackson City Council  
Dawn Foods represented by Omar Garcia,

Eliud Saldivar and Gina Ramirez

Davan Gerding, CCC Catering

Jerard Jarzynka, Jackson County Prosecutor

Chad Kennedy and Dave Furnas, Walton Insurance Group

Steve Morrison, former Board Member AWARE, Inc.

Ruben Pritchard, Edward Machine

William Payne, Cascade Humane Society

Mike Paruszkiewicz, O Dats Good BBQ

Dan Ross, Trans Pharm Preclinical Solutions

James Seagraves, MEGGA XP

Frank Slaby, Bone Island Grill & Deer Run

Adam Soper, Bond and Company

Phil Tripp, Tripp's Autoshop Collision Center

Western School District represented by Greg Adams, Ben Gilpin,

Nick Rulewicz, Jared Vickers and Mike Ykimoff

The event was held at the Commonwealth Commerce Center ballroom. Over 100 people attended and helped raise \$15,000 in unrestricted funds for crisis services and operations. Special thanks to auctioneers Jesse Davis and Ridge Bollheimer, and the following event sponsors: Tripp's Autoshop Collision Center, Spartan Motors, JVB Investments, Gerda, Brian Drummond, Walton Insurance Group, MACI, JTV, CCC Catering and Mr. Donald Finelli, AllSkate, Inc., Great Lakes Graphics, DBI, American 1 Credit Union, Dillon & Associates.