

Christine Ann

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES, INC.

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COMMUNITY

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REPORT

2022

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

2022 was a year of new initiatives, strengthened partnerships, expanded community education, and increased legal advocacy to better serve those in our community impacted by domestic abuse. In September, I was humbled by the opportunity to step into the role of Executive Director.

I started my non-profit career with Christine Ann 6.5 years ago and feel honored to continue to carry out the mission of our organization and lead with a vision of healing and resilience for all survivors. The work we do is personal and communal. It's about all of us – survivors, advocates, and community alike.

With the continued rise in domestic violence homicides in Wisconsin, today more than ever we understand the importance of our services in this community. Our work would not be possible without the generosity of people *just like you*. Your support ensures we are here 24/7/365 for those who need us. With your help, Christine Ann will continue to make Winnebago and Green Lake Counties a safer place for survivors, their children, and the people who love them.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia Gehrig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

Alicia Gehrig

For some survivors of abuse, the criminal legal system can be a tool to increase safety and achieve a sense of justice. Our Advocates regularly guide clients through restraining orders, divorce, and child custody. **They can also accompany survivors to court – even in closed courtrooms – to provide support.** With your generosity, we can even help low-income survivors with filing and attorney fees.

Although we cannot guarantee a positive outcome, these are tools in a survivor’s toolbox as they work to rebuild their lives. Our legal advocacy program has been growing over the last few years. **Prior to the pandemic, 60% of adult outreach clients received legal advocacy. In the last two years, it has been over 70%.**

Moreover, we are building partnerships with criminal legal professionals in our service area to improve outcomes for survivors. **In 2022, we trained 80 police officers and 20 guardians ad litem.** We’re working with the Winnebago County District Attorney’s office and Oshkosh Police Department to develop a forensic evidence collection program.

We’re also looking at new ways to support survivors who do not wish to engage in the criminal legal system. We appreciate your support as we continue to expand all our services to better serve survivors!



In 2022, 57% of domestic violence restraining orders filed in Winnebago County had support from Christine Ann.

MISSION: Empower individuals and families through education, safety, and support and lead our community to reduce the incidents and effects of domestic abuse and dating violence.

VISION: To end the cycle of domestic abuse and dating violence.

Emergency Shelter

Our 10-bedroom, 37-bed facility provides temporary shelter for those fleeing imminent danger. Families always get their own room while single adults of the same gender may share a room. All residents share kitchen, living room, and other common areas. Basic needs like food, hygiene items, and baby supplies are provided. We welcome survivors of all genders and backgrounds. We do not have a length of stay limit.

24/7 Hotline

The hotline is always answered by a live Christine Ann staff member. We safety plan, provide emotional support, answer questions about our services, and share community resources.

Empowerment Advocacy

This team meets with adults who are not staying in shelter. They may have another safe place to go or are not ready to leave their abuser. Advocates offer safety planning, emotional support, goal setting, connections to resources, plus legal advocacy. We meet clients in our main Oshkosh office, satellite offices in Menasha and Green Lake, or over the phone.

Youth Services & Prevention

Our Youth Team works to end the cycle of abuse before it begins in young lives. For children who have witnessed domestic abuse or teens who have had an unhealthy dating relationship, our Youth Advocates provide 1-on-1 support to help them process trauma, develop healthy coping skills, learn how to stay safe, and build self-confidence.

Community Education

We offer a variety of trainings to local businesses, community organizations, and faith groups to help their members understand more about domestic abuse and how to respond if a loved one should ever need support. Contact our Events and Communications Specialist at solson@christineann.net for more information!

Capital Campaign

In 2022, we launched our Next Step capital campaign to purchase and renovate the Beach Building (next door to our current location) in downtown Oshkosh. This larger facility will expand our shelter capacity, allowing us to accept more large families, folks with limited mobility, and those fleeing violence with pets. A new transitional housing program to help survivors build life skills for long-term self-sufficiency. We will move all operations to the new facility in fall 2024 (our current building will be sold to help fund the move). Keep an eye out for more exciting news soon!

39

nights was the average length of stay for clients in shelter

2494

students educated by youth prevention education presentations

621

unique clients served in 2022

STATISTICS

- Our shelter provided **4,309 safe nights** to **102 clients**
- 45% of shelter stays were over 30 nights, with 21% being over 60 nights
- **1,061 hotline calls were answered**
- 483 empowerment clients received 1,727 hours of advocacy
- **72%** of empowerment clients utilized legal services
- The number of youth prevention education presentations increased by 47% from 2021 to 2022

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SHERRI



This year Sherri will celebrate 10 years with Christine Ann! She is our Shelter Services Advocate as well as mom/handler of our Canine Advocate Ross.

WHAT DOES ADVOCACY MEAN TO YOU?

"I advocate so people don't have to navigate their crisis and trauma alone. I believe everybody deserves to live free of abuse, to make their own choices and decisions, and to be and feel heard. They deserve safety, help, and support. Ross has been an invaluable tool and partner in advocating. He has helped so many people find their voice again and start to gain a sense of safety."

IF YOU COULD SAY JUST ONE THING TO A SURVIVOR, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

"You are valuable and you matter."

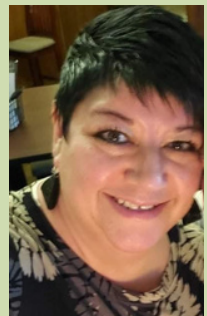
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS ESSENTIAL TO END THE CYCLE OF ABUSE?

"Community awareness and education to continue changing the narrative - abuse is wrong, always."

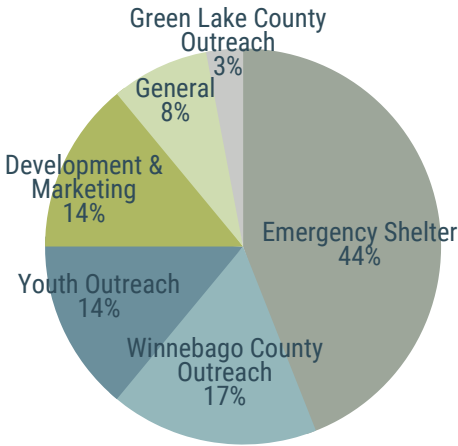


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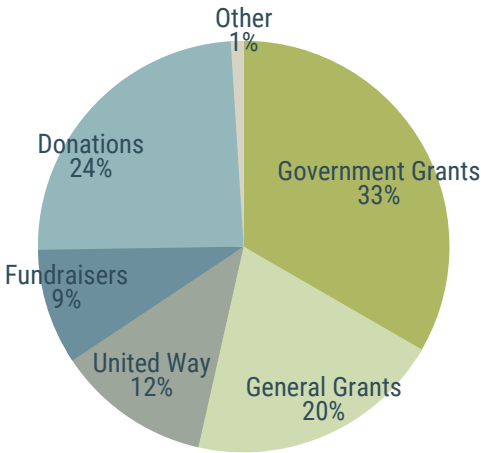
"It was put on my heart ten years ago to do something for those with the courage to leave a DA/DV situation. I didn't know what that meant or how to step up, until CADASI. I've shared what's on my heart and they have more than filled that need by plugging me in. Seeing the bravery of these survivors and the compassion of the CADASI staff has blessed me so much more than I could ever bless them."



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SEPTEMBER 20, 2023



OCTOBER 19, 2023



FEBRUARY 24, 2024



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