Serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse
Dear Friends,

Fiscal Year 2017 was a year of growth, activity, and promise. We hired new staff to reach under-represented domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse survivors and began a new human trafficking outreach program.

Thanks to the Ausherman Family Foundation, we were able to hire a Spanish-speaking licensed counselor to provide clinical services to survivors. We now have a Spanish language domestic violence group and Spanish language individual counseling. The response in the Hispanic community to these programs has been overwhelmingly positive.

In addition to services in Spanish, we collaborated with The Frederick Center to create and implement Safe Spaces, a group for LGBTQ survivors of sexual assault. Members of the LGBTQ community are at increased risk of violence by both known and unknown perpetrators, but are afraid to seek help for fear of experiencing even greater shame. Safe Spaces has allowed these folks to have a safe and accepting place to talk about their trauma and begin their healing process.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, most human trafficking in Maryland is of residents of the United States who have fallen into the wrong hands. To combat this problem, the Frederick County Commissioners voted to develop and support a county task force on human trafficking in fiscal year 2017. To assist in this effort, Heartly House applied for and received funding to hire a part-time Human Trafficking Outreach Coordinator, who has assisted the Task Force in analyzing the issue in Frederick County and devising a screening tool for law enforcement and social service agencies to use when there is a suspected case of human trafficking.

In our effort to communicate the impact our services have made in Frederick county, we were highlighted in several Frederick News Post articles, on WDVM (formerly WHAG), and in Frederick Magazine.

While Heartly House continues to provide the legal, counseling, crisis intervention and shelter services for which we are known, we never stop learning or growing or reaching out to others to continue to provide the most informed, compassionate and comprehensive services possible to our community.

We are so grateful to you for your ongoing support of Heartly House. We are privileged to have such a wonderful group of supporters who share our mission of safety for all.
Heartly House makes a difference in our community by providing comprehensive services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

OUR HISTORY

In 1977, the Junior Woman’s Club of Frederick investigated the problem of spousal abuse in Frederick County. At that time, there were no agencies in the County that dealt directly with the problems of domestic violence, rape, and/or sexual assault.

Club members demonstrated that domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault existed in our community by compiling statistics from the local police, Department of Social Services, and other service agencies. As a result, in 1978 the Frederick County Task Force on Battered Spouses was established.

The Task Force solicited community support in developing a program to meet the previously unrecognized needs of physically and sexually abused residents. The program became incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization under laws of the State of Maryland as the Frederick County Advisory Board for Battered Spouses, Inc., on December 4, 1979. The name was changed to Heartly House, Inc., in 1985.

HEARTLY HOUSE TODAY

Heartly House is...

- One of Maryland’s 21 state-funded domestic violence programs and one of 17 rape crisis programs.
- The only comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault service provider in Frederick County.

By ensuring immediate safety, empowering victims to break their silence, and offering alternatives to violent homes, Heartly House helps break the cycle of violence and makes our community a better and safer place to live.

Did You Know?

1 IN 3 WOMEN & 1 IN 4 MEN experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes.
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Heartly House is to end domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, and to provide victims with safety, shelter, and supportive services.

Heartly House is the only organization in Frederick County, Maryland, that provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. We have been providing these services since 1979.

Services include: a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, victim advocate services and legal representation, medical advocacy, abuse intervention groups, and community outreach and professional education.

While all of our services are confidential, please be advised that we are mandated by law to report child abuse, as well as threats of suicide or homicide.

Did You Know?

1 IN 5 GIRLS & 1 IN 20 BOYS

will be a victim of child sexual abuse.

891

We provided services to 891 new clients who were victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

$363,533

The Heartly House Legal Team saved in child support, alimony, emergency family maintenance and best interest attorney’s fees for our clients.

OUR SERVICES

24-Hour Hotline
Crisis Intervention
Emergency Shelter
Counseling Services
Legal Services
Hospital Accompaniment
Advocacy and Support
Community Outreach
Abuse Intervention Program
REVENUES & EXPENSES

Program Expenses

- Abuse Intervention Program: 21,751
- Counseling: 221,601
- Crisis: 382,954
- Medical Accompaniment: 24,689
- Legal: 351,278
- Shelter: 477,767
- Outreach: 70,962

Support Service Expenses

- Management/Administration: 149,899
- Fundraising/Resource Development: 100,645

TOTAL: 1,801,546

Revenue

- Contributions: 146,573
- Foundations: 150,367
- Federal Grants: 416,148
- Other Grants: 691,418
- Program Service Fees: 16,560
- Special Events: 128,252
- United Way: 68,412
- Marriage License Surcharge: 142,220
- In-Kind Goods & Services: 92,031
- Other: 84,181

TOTAL: 1,936,162

395
Our legal team provided legal advocacy services to 395 clients.

959
Our clinical team provided 959 counseling sessions.

Heartly House served 742 new domestic violence victims through crisis and clinical counseling – a 12% increase.

Heartly House provided safety to 40 adults and 50 children who were in immediate physical danger in our emergency shelter, for a total of 2,720 bed nights.
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Did You Know?

1 IN 6 WOMEN

& 1 IN 33 MEN

will experience an attempted or completed rape during their lifetime.

650 calls a month

Hotline advocates received an average of 650 calls each month.

We served 135 new sexual assault victims and accompanied 59 people at the hospital for a forensic exam.
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