



ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

Victims of Violence Intervention Program



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your unwavering support of our work over the last 18 months. What an incredible period of change and growth our agency has been through! We have issued an 18 month report this year to align with our new financial year, running from July - June.

While we're entering a period of uncertainty as we deal with the impacts of COVID-19, we know that thanks to generous contributions like those we have received over the last year, we are able to make sure we can be there for any vulnerable person who needs our support. In the last 18 months we've seen some significant changes with retirements, new faces and expansions of our work. We said saw retirements from long standing board members Sharon Culbertson and Karen Griffith, as well as a retirement from Teri Royer who served the agency as Executive Director and later Financial Director since 2010. We are so thankful for their years of service and dedication to serving survivors.

We also had the opportunity to expand our work to offer two new courses in 2020 - one for offenders and one for survivors. We know that we can't end domestic violence by only serving survivors. Our 24 week course Moral Reconation Therapy course, aimed at domestic violence offenders, provides perpetrators with the tools they need to take responsibility for their actions and end the cycle of abuse. Sometimes survivors need to be equipped with the tools to recognize patterns of abuse and to understand how abuse is never their fault. Our Domestic Violence Recognition course is aimed at survivors who have come into contact with law enforcement and are needing support to recognize and avoid abuse.

Ultimately we are doing whatever is possible to make sure that we can build communities free of violence in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Ayesha Meer

Executive Director

Victims of Violence Intervention Program

Artemis House Shelter

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PROGRAM SUCCESSES

FY 2020 in Numbers



1783 crisis calls fielded



341 clients assisted



81 people sheltered

Understanding the Shifting Needs of Survivors – VVIP Needs Assessment

Between 2019 and 2020, VVIP conducted a community needs assessment to identify whether there are groups of individuals at-risk for domestic violence and sexual assault in Butte, Harding, and Lawrence Counties who are not receiving the services they need. This project was made possible by a \$10 000 Community Innovation Grant that VVIP received from the South Dakota Community Foundation.

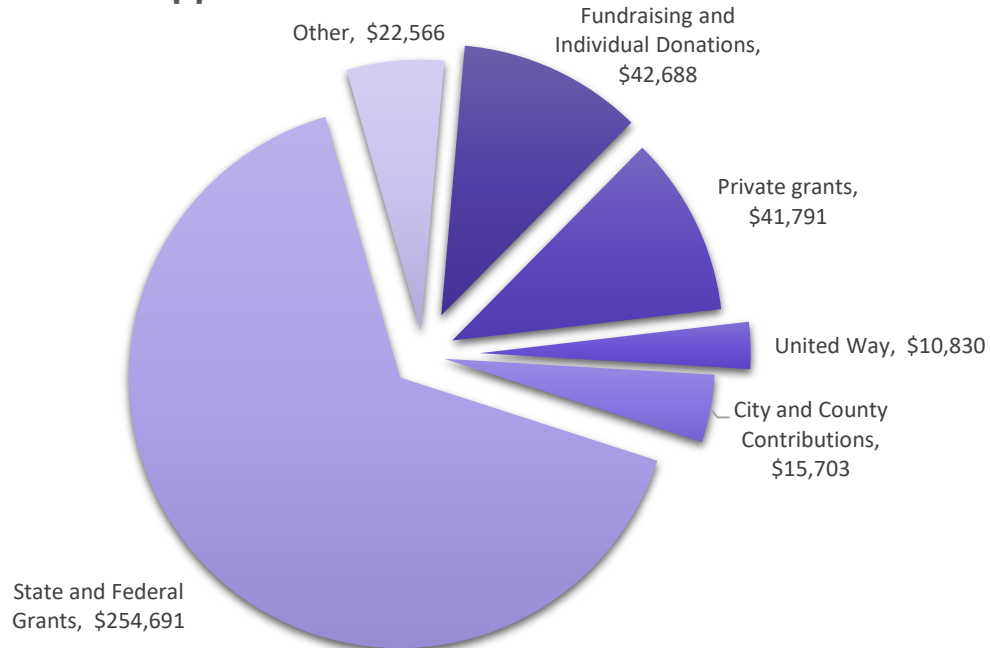
Dr Nate Deichert of BHSU Psychology and Dr. Trenton Ellis from the Human Services Department at BHSU, led a research team to review internal VVIP data and compare it with current research on prevalence of domestic violence. BHSU students Destinee Noteboom and Christa Ulrich, along with VVIP's Tanner Newson conducted interviews with other service providers who work with survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the area. Some of the key insights the needs assessment has provided VVIP with include: how to expand outreach efforts to better reach more rural survivors in need of services, coordinating with service providers across all three counties to ensure better support for survivors, and how to develop culturally responsive services to better serve Native American clients.

The needs assessment process has enabled VVIP to identify ways to shift and adapt to meet new needs. VVIP plans to use the findings from this report to reach people who experience violence, but might not currently have access to services. In line with this, VVIP has identified new areas for staff training and has shared the learning with other service providers. Going forward we hope to expand our learning to reach even more survivors and give them the services they need.

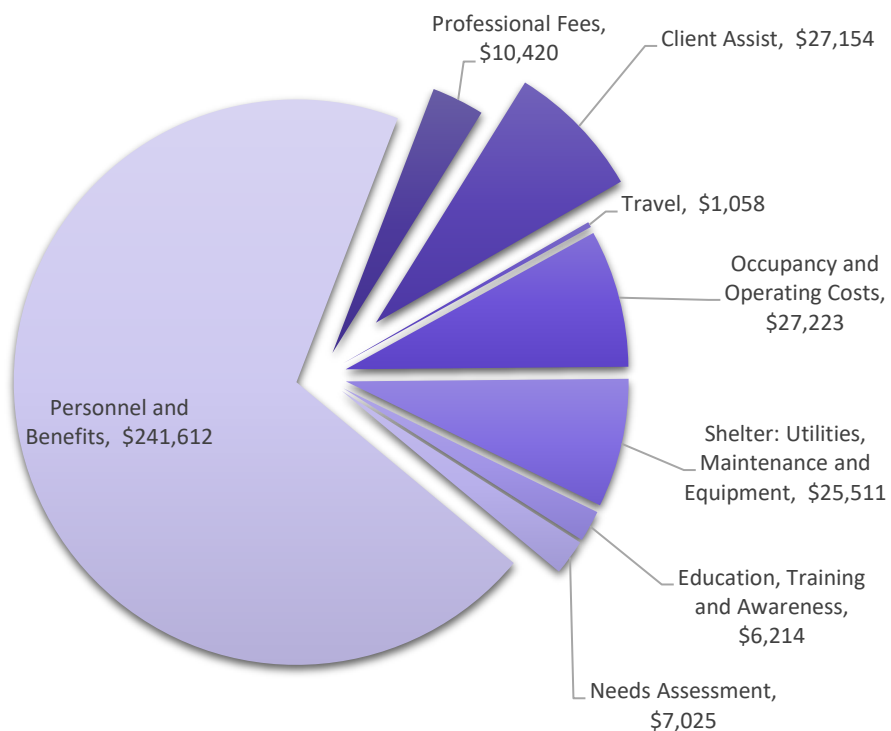
To read the report in full, visit our website: www.artemishouse.org/2020-needs-assessment

FINANCIAL REPORT

Support and Revenues In FY 2020



Expenses in FY 20



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We would like to acknowledge those that help us serve survivors and advocate for their needs in 2019 and 2020.

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