

Mission Statement

Safe Homes of Orange County works to eliminate all forms of domestic violence through education, outreach and provision of services to individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.

*Safe Homes is client-centered.
We educate and empower people to make informed choices.
We serve with compassion and dignity.*

Our belief is:

“Every home should be a safe home.”

Domestic Violence Facts

- **1 in 4** women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- Almost **1/3** of all female homicides in the United States are perpetrated by an intimate-partner.
- In New York State alone, approximately **450,000** domestic incidents are reported to police departments annually.
- According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, there were **91** intimate-partner homicides in the state during the course of 2008—a **25%** escalation in deadly crimes against women, compared to 2007.
- Between September of 2004 and December 2011, **14** Orange County women were murdered by their husbands or intimate-partners. One woman is still missing.

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We offer hope to individuals affected by domestic violence.

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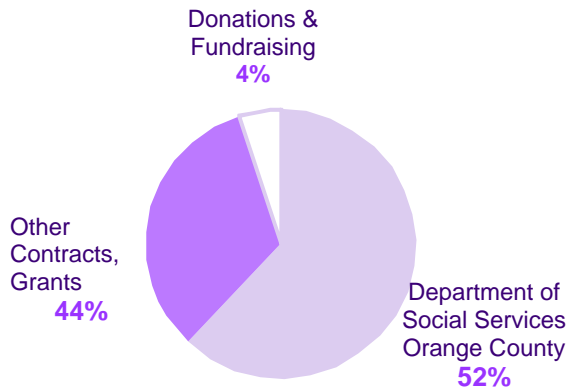


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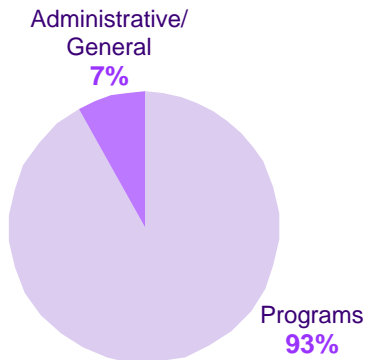
24-Hour Hotline: 1-888-503-HOPE

2011 Financial Information

Revenues



Expenses



Total Agency Budget: \$1,532,000
93 cents of every dollar goes directly to programs.

2011 Program Highlights

- **The Orange County Family Justice Center (FJC):** Acting as the front door to Safe Homes' comprehensive services, the FJC provides case management, access to legal services, and a Children's Drop-Off Center.
- **Teen Dating-Violence Prevention Program:** age-appropriate prevention and education curriculums for area-schools and youth organizations, free of charge.
- **Support Groups:** offering five weekly support groups throughout the county, confidential, free of charge, in English and in Spanish.
- **Link Program:** a collaborative effort with the Orange County Department of Social Services to improve the safety of the victimized parent and children through centralized resources and shared expertise. The program is funded by New York State's Office of Children & Family Services.
- **TASA:** provided case-management services for pregnant and parenting teens. The program closed in November of 2011 due to the reorganization of Medicaid.
- **Education and Prevention Programs:** offered to community groups, workplaces, law-enforcement, government and service agencies, faith-groups, etc., in English and in Spanish.

FUNDRAISING

- **Celebration of Hope Dinner:** Honoring the **Newburgh Free Academy; Jewish Family Service;** the **Orange County Workplace Community,** represented by the staff of Middletown's Mediacom, Wallace Oil, and West Point Graduates Association; **Pamela O'Dea,** SHOC's Youth Specialist; and shelter-renovation volunteers **Michael Carano, Ken Buxton, Jim Platz** and **Phil Guttridge.** Sponsored by **Orange & Rockland** and **Crystal Run Healthcare,** the event raised **\$26,000.**

2011 Services

- **Love-Gently:** The 17th edition of this annual family event gathered **200** supporters and raised **\$6,500.**
- **Gingerbread Houses:** The 7th annual holiday event raised **\$1,050.**
- **Holiday Wish-List Adoption Program:** **270** wish-lists were adopted by community and faith groups, schools, businesses and individual donors.

SERVICES

- Safe Homes' Non-Residential Programs, through the Family Justice Center, served **445** new adult clients, **667** children; advocates worked with **3,556** clients on an ongoing basis.
- Safe Homes' Advocates provided **1,024** emergency services and **4,376** advocacy services in the areas of court accompaniment, law enforcement, medical and social services, housing, employment and education.
- Safe Homes' Advocates answered **4,394** hotline calls and **8,114** calls for information and referrals; advocates made **5,795** victim-outreach calls and follow-up calls on Domestic Incident Reports.
- Safe Homes' Education and Prevention Programs held **56** presentations, reaching an audience of approximately **2,162.** The Teen Dating-Violence Prevention Program reached **2,439** teens.
- The Safe Homes' shelter provided services to **64** adult victims of domestic violence and **42** children.
- The Link Program received **373** referrals.