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WRC Annual Report



CREATING A
SAFER COMMUNITY

Fiscal Year 2015

Your Gifts at Work

The WRC of Winona strives to uphold the highest standard of stewardship for individual and corporate contributions, gifts and grants by foundations and public entities. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our benefactors and the support we enjoy from the State of Minnesota Office of Justice Programs and Winona County as well as the United Way of Greater Winona and the Winona Community Foundation.

Gifts and grants to the WRC of Winona provide a wide array of programs to the community and services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We provide numerous direct services, including advocacy and 24-hour crisis services, upholding victim rights and support in the criminal justice and civil legal system, confidential safe housing and transportation to shelter, assistance with access to medical care, social and legal services, housing, food and clothing. We also pride ourselves in our community programming which includes educational presentations and advocacy training to students, professionals, and community groups, summer youth gardening program, and representation on community collaboratives, boards, and interagency committees.

Your generous gifts make a difference in the lives of so many people in our community who would otherwise have nowhere else to turn! The WRC gratefully accepts membership contributions (from \$35), annual and ongoing gifts, sponsorships, gifts in kind, Leadership Circle donations (\$500 and above) and estate gifts. Give online one time or monthly at www.wrcofwinona.org. The WRC is a proud partner of Leave a Legacy Winona (www.lalwinona.org).

This fiscal year, thanks to our State of Minnesota legislators, especially Senator Jeremy Miller who championed the cause of increased funding to crime victim services organizations statewide, the state grant to the WRC has been restored after years of funding cuts by over \$76,000, from \$125,250 to \$201,700. The funding is earmarked for direct client services and personnel. This is a tremendous recognition of the value of not only the crucial services and ever-increasing needs of those we serve, but also a much appreciated step toward equity and salary equity for those professionals who choose to work in this field. The WRC now enjoys an enhanced ability to assist clients with their safety needs, as those needs grow in complexity and expense each year. We have also added a staff position and raised compensation for our staff.

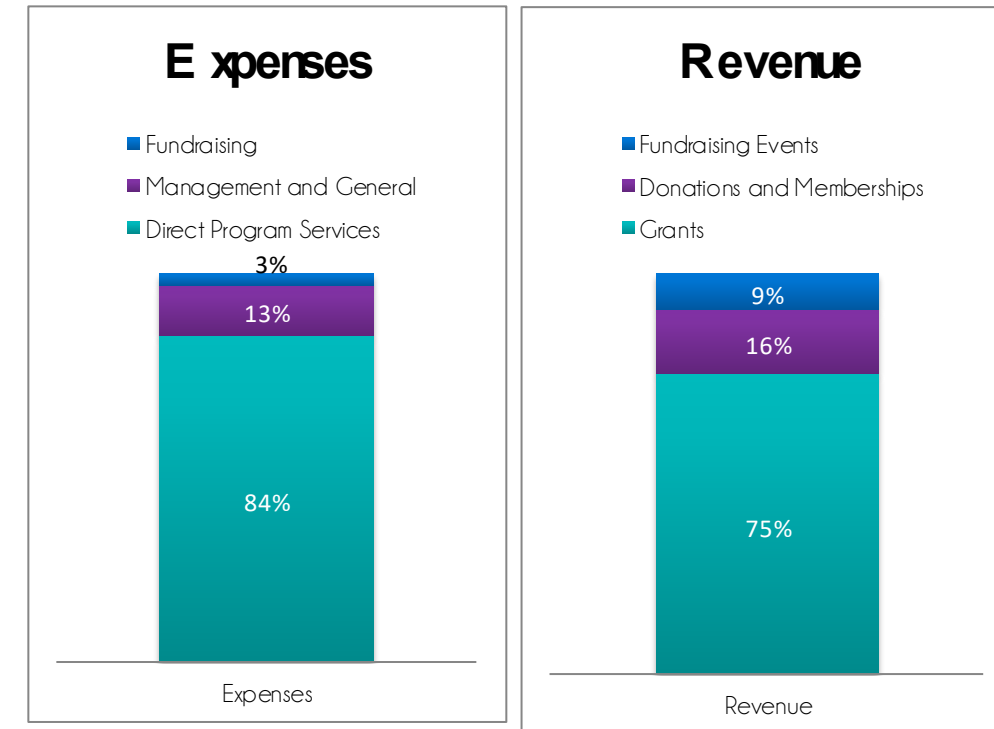
Fundraisers

The WRC is so proud of our two annual fundraisers - the Gala and Tour of Gardens. These events have become Winona community traditions, and neither is a party to be missed! The Gala and Garden Tour are essential to the life and support network of our organization. Together, they bring over \$25,000 in financial support to the Center. These events also provide delightful opportunities for the community to come together in celebration of our progress in support of those who need us most.

2016 Gala - Spring Fling! April 2, 2016 at Riverport Inn and Suites

2016 Bursting With Blooms Tour of Gardens - July 9, 2016 at the most beautiful gardens in town.

Finances



*Grant sources include State of Minnesota Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Dept of Justice Office of Violence Against Women, Winona Community Foundation, Winona County, and United Way of Greater Winona

2015 Budget: \$342,870
2016 Budget: \$423,820

Survivor Testimonial

"When I experienced a sexual assault, it threw my life into turmoil. Every single thing I faced seemed monumentally difficult and scary. The idea of pursuing pressing charges and filing a protective order was overwhelming and I didn't know where to even start. But, then I thought about the WRC and I thought to myself, these people are all here with me and they support me.

Upon my first meeting with the WRC advocate I began to feel better. My advocate was clear about what kind of options I had and what I may expect. Throughout the time we worked together, she was always there to help. I sent her numerous emails with questions and concerns and her replies were always prompt, thorough and thoughtful. I am beyond grateful for the help I received from the WRC. Because of the care and concern I was shown in all of my interactions there, I feel more like a survivor and less like a victim. Thank you so much for the services you provide to our community!"