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Thoughts from the Executive Director

October is here again, and with it marks the year anniversary of my employ with Survivors, Inc. What a busy and wonderful year it has been! We have had many challenges, many accomplishments, and many, many positive developments. In the past year we have:

- o Maintained high service provision levels in the face of flat or decreased funding from multiple sources, mainly through securing additional resources and doing more with less
- o Made significant improvements to the Shelter, making essential repairs that increase both safety and the quality of life for those residing there- moving us closer to having the Shelter being a warm, attractive, embracing place for women and their dependents to seek sanctuary from abuse and violence
- o Implemented a technology grant that has empowered us to keep more accurate records and streamline reporting and administrative processes, allowing more focus on service provision and the folks who choose to access us
- o Improved our staffing pattern so the hotline and shelter are staffed 24/7/365
- o Seen a steady increase the numbers of those choosing to access our program
- o Streamlined both the Administrative Office space and the Shelter to ensure top function
- o Updated and developed new policy, procedure and programming that focuses on the strengths and resiliency that individuals accessing services possess
- o Broadened the eligibility/acceptance criteria for emergency shelter

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Thankfully, the list goes on and on. The single thread that draws all of these accomplishments together is the support of the Adams County community, and the realization that battering and abuse is not acceptable.

Despite the opportunities and successes of the past year, we have many challenges to overcome. We have had a few funding sources decrease after the grant contract has begun for the year, endangering some of the progress and plans we have made for this year.

One of the most recent examples, STOP funding through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) that funds essential services through the District Attorney's Office, law



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enforcement efforts, and Survivors, Inc. has been decreased 4% (after PCCD generously absorbed 10% of what would have been a 14% cut). Next year looks bleak, with 11% to 25% additional cuts forecasted. As a community concerned about the well being of its residents, especially the most vulnerable populations, we will have to be creative, and find other alternatives in continuing cuts/flat funding across many funding streams. Many ask "How can that be when I hear the Legislature has approved all that money for VAWA, STOP, social services, etc.?" The answer is not an easy one. When the Legislature awards or approves a certain level of funding that is only a small part of the journey the funding will make. It must then be appropriated, and that is where much of the problem lies. Often, the award is NOT fully appropriated, and thus you have cuts occurring as we did with the STOP grant.

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"And the walls came tumbling down". Garage Removal at the Shelter

Survivors, Inc. would like to thank the Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries for assisting in the demolition and removal of the garage at the shelter. The old and dilapidated garage needed to be removed to allow for the installation of the new fence.

Danny Shiners and his two sons Matthew and Chris, along with Fred Shafer and his two sons Ronald and Richard deconstructed the garage in approximately one week. Fred Shafer is the husband of Survivors, Inc. Office Manager Anna Shafer, who also lent her physical abilities to the project. Neider's Sanitation Company donated trash bins to assist in the efforts.

GIV Day 2007!

On August 23rd from 9AM to 11AM, Gettysburg College First-Year students participated in a day of service and painted parts of the shelter. It is the purpose of GIV Day to broaden students' engagement in local and global citizenship, beginning with action in the Gettysburg Community.

Participants met at the Administrative Office at 8:45AM to meet the staff and prepare for the task. Volunteers then were escorted over to the shelter where they painted the children's room and two stairwells.

Survivors, Inc. would like to thank project leader Kathy Criasia, Student Leader Amy Hoffmann, and Group Members Jennifer Cooper, Kathleen Clay, Samantha Greenspan, Andrew Maturo, Noor Oweis, Bradley Green, Rebecca Spurr, and Paul Tagala.

Special Thanks to Senator Punt and the Department of Community and Economic Development

Survivors, Inc. is pleased to announce the award of a grant for \$15,000 through the Department of Community and

Economic Development. This grant will provide essential resources to help ensure staffing and program continuity for the shelter programming and services offered to the women and their children fleeing abuse.

On behalf of the staff, the Board of Directors of Survivors, Inc. and those who choose to access our services, we wish to thank Senator Terry Punt for his support in Survivors, Inc. application to DCED, and to the Department of Community and Economic Development for funding this worthy cause.

New Community Education Specialist

Survivors, Inc. would like to welcome Amber Frame as the new Community Education Specialist. Amber comes to Survivors having worked in higher education administration in both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Amber studied public health attaining her Master's Degree from West Chester University. She is excited to join the team and to be a part of the Adams County Community.

At Home for the Holidays!

The winter holidays are a few months from now, but will be upon us before long. Holiday time at the shelter can be very difficult for mothers and their children. In the past, the support of generous donors allowed those utilizing our services to have a pleasant holiday experience. We appreciate donations of gifts for the shelter residents, gift cards, and wrapping paper. If you are interested in making holiday donations to the shelter please contact the administrative office at 717-334-0589.

Volunteer Class Fall'07

There are currently 12 dedicated individuals that participate in the 64 hour Justice, Advocacy, Restoration, and Safety (JARS) Training! For multiple Saturdays the group met at Gettysburg College to complete the required training that is the first step in gaining the Counselor/Advocate Certificate and being protected by the legal privilege of

confidentiality. (This is certification is essential for those who wish to work directly with clients in an advocacy or supportive role). Members of the class that have interest in working directly with clients have the opportunity to complete a 10 hour practicum, the final step in earning their certificate.

Our next JARS class will be offered in the spring of 2008, and enrollment will take place in January and early February. Please contact the Administrative Office at 717-334-0589 if you have questions about JARS Training or any other volunteer training opportunities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Special Thanks!

Survivors, Inc. would like to send out special thanks to those who donated resources and food to our Domestic Violence Awareness Month events. A special thanks goes out to Bairs Flower Basket,

Beautifully Designed flower shop, Carriage House Inn of Emmitsburg, Food Lion of McSherrystown, Giant of Gettysburg, Kennie's of Gettysburg, Sonja King of Ladies of Harley, Jane's Market of Biglerville, and Sheetz of Gettysburg.

Thank you for all of your generosity!



**A Survivor's
Words ...
Poetry by Graham
Crackers**

(Untitled 1)

The beauty of the world
comes from inside.
From a new baby to a
blushing bride.

It doesn't matter who
you are.
How you carry yourself is
what sets the bar.

Beauty is found in so
many places.
Beauty is pure yet blind
to faces.

True beauty is among
the innocence.
Beauty in its rarest form
makes perfect sense.

It's okay to let it shine.
The beauty that you
possess in this world is
one of a kind.

(Untitled 2)

Blow after blow I've taken.
My dignity has been
forsaken.

His love was never pure
For at his hand – pain I
had to endure.

He never really cared for
me
yet I stayed through the
assault and battery.

For years I never said a
word.
But now my voice shall be
heard.

It's time I'd better myself.
No one can buy my love no
matter their wealth.

"Love Hurts"

You say you love me.
But are you trustworthy?

You say you love me so
much.
Yet I flinch at your touch.

You say you'd never lie.
But you avoid me when I
ask why.

You say you'd never lay a
hand on me.
It's different from the
bruises people see.

I think we are through
But I'm scared of what you
might do.

We dreamed of getting
married
When you hit me those
thoughts were buried.

I didn't think we would end
this way.
Me missing you every day.

Wish List

For the kid's room:
Plastic or metal
bookcases-4 foot max
Metal shelves with plastic
storage bins
Plastic containers
Play kitchenette with
utensils and dinnerware
Backpacks and school
supplies
Drying rack for artwork
Machine washable smocks
for art projects (small,
medium, large)
Sports equipment
Wooden building blocks
Educational DVD's
Stackable kids chairs
Child size table & chairs
Small TV and DVD player
combo

For general use:
TV & DVR player
Diapers
Paper goods (toilet paper
and paper towels)
Paper plates, cups,
plastic cutlery
Toaster Oven
Kids fall/winter clothes
Mattress covers for single
mattresses
Energy saving spiral light
bulbs (Compact
Fluorescent Bulbs)
Gently used or new "Pack
and Plays" for infants
Gently used or new
strollers
New car seats
New or gently used large
lateral file cabinets

Gift cards: Kennie's,
Wal-Mart, Giant, phone
cards, gas cards,
restaurant cards



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. (Taken from <http://dvam.vawnet.org/>)

There are many events scheduled to occur in Adams County to raise awareness about Domestic Violence, prevention and the impact on our communities.

- Wednesday October 3, 9AM – Adams County Commisioner’s Proclamation at the Courthouse
- Thursday October 25, 12-1PM – Speaker Jesse Miller from NOVIS at the YWCA
- Wednesday October 3, 6-8PM – Domestic Violence Awareness Night at Gettysburg College Ballroom
- Friday October 5, 5-7PM – First Friday in Gettysburg: literature and information table at the Ragged Edge
- Saturday October 13, 6-8PM – Luminaries in Lincoln Square with a speaker and vigil
- Wednesday and Thursday October 17 and 18, throughout the day – Flower distribution at Wal-Mart and the Village Outlets

- Events on-going through the month of October include:
- The Shoe Project will be displayed at the YWCA throughout October.
 - The Jude Binder Video, an artistic representation of Domestic Violence to be shown at Gettysburg College from 10/1-10/6, HACC from 10/14-10/29, and at the Lutheran Seminary from 10/22-10/27.
 - The Clothesline Project will be displayed at HACC from 10/15-10/31.

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What can be done? Continued advocacy and education of law makers from their constituents of how important this funding is, and the value of the services to the community, and the devastating impact the cuts have on programs across the state. Unfortunately, there is often a domino effect if services are retracted, other areas also suffer and in the domestic violence/sexual assault realm – retraction of services can have debilitating if not deadly results. Another step, one that has allowed Survivors, Inc. to continue to operate at current levels is the support of the community, from financial donations, to in kind services and products, to connecting us with key stakeholders that can provide us with the resources to continue advancing our mission.

We ask for your continued support over the next year, as we continue to provide high quality, comprehensive services that focus on the person seeking our assistance. We can make a difference ... one person at a time.

Donors

We love to thank publicly those who donate to us so generously during the quarter, your kindness empowers us to serve those impacted by sexual assault and domestic violence. At the time of last newsletter publication, we were still transferring data over into our new donor data base, so this donor list will include those from last quarter that did not appear in the donor list. (Donors entered after May 31, 2007).

If you have been omitted, have a mailing error such as typos, incorrect information, multiple mailings, etc. please notify Terri Hamrick Kessel at 717-334-0589 extension 22 or

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and we can correct it.

Thanks once again to all those who gave of their resources, time, and efforts. We could not succeed without you.

Survivors, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization- donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family of Roberta Sullivan. She will be missed.



Service provision totals

July 1st, 2006 to June 30th, 2007

Domestic Violence Service Provision Levels

Number of unduplicated clients served-	355
Number of hours of counseling provided-	1607.75
Number of hours of group counseling provided-	471
Total hours of counseling services provided-	2078.75

Shelter Indicators

Total adults housed in shelter-	94
Total days of shelter provided for adults-	1615
Total children housed in shelter-	119
Total days of shelter provided for children-	2286
Unduplicated children served- counseling-	98
Number of counseling hours provided to children-	750

Sexual Assault Service Provision

Unduplicated adults served-	62
Unduplicated children served-	35
Unduplicated significant others to the victim served-	43

Total of unduplicated individuals receiving service- 140

Adult counseling hours provided-	690
Children's counseling hours provided-	412
Significant others counseling hours provided-	230
Total of hours of counseling provided-	1332

Sexual Assault Trainings and Community Programs

SA Trainings-	2
Number of persons trained-	29
In-service trainings-	11
Number of persons trained-	33
Community programs-	23
Number of persons attending-	1314
Community-wide events-	19
Educational information distributed-	736
Press releases, public announcements, and media presentations-	19
School programs-	67
Number of students attending-	4310

Domestic Violence and Community Events

Community education programs-	14
Number of hours-	307
Community programs-	11
Number of persons-	709
In-service trainings-	4
Number of persons-	31
Community trainings-	2
Number of persons-	50
School programs-	49
Number of persons-	3473

Although Survivors, Inc. is no longer accepting ink cartridges, we are still collecting old cell phones. Please take your old cell phones to our administrative office in the Gettysburg Shopping Center.



Survivors supports those who experience domestic violence or sexual assault and strives to create a world in which violence against women and children is unthinkable.

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