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Annual Report 2021

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Dear Friends,

We hope that you and your family are healthy and well. It is unfortunate that Covid-19 has continued to dominate our lives throughout 2021. The Delta and very contagious Omicron variants required us to continue quarantining, masking and social distancing. As we begin 2022, our hope for all is that we soon see the light at the end of the very long tunnel with regard to Covid-19.

As you know, domestic violence didn't end when Covid-19 took over our world. Despite the challenges, The Network staff continued to assist families and individuals who needed a safe haven. At the same time staff followed CDC guidelines to include social distancing, masking and other mitigation strategies to ensure the safety of all clients and staff. The shelter continued to operate at half capacity and utilized other housing sources to keep our clients safe. They also continued to provide outreach, court support and counseling services for victims of domestic violence as well as a 24-hour hotline. All services provided by The Network are free to clients. The staff at The Network is committed to continuing to enhance our programs throughout 2022.

The Network Board of Directors continued their fundraising efforts in 2021 with the annual Purple Event and Golf Tournament. Despite some obstacles due to Covid-19, both fundraisers were extremely successful thanks to the support from all of you. The Board also welcomed four new members in 2021. We look forward to them using their individual areas of expertise to strengthen the organization. The Board of Directors' focus for 2022 is to update the Strategic Plan for the next 3 – 5 years setting overall goals for The Network and developing a plan to achieve them.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend many thanks and gratitude to all of our funders, donors, sponsors and volunteers who have continued to support us throughout the pandemic. Because of you The Network is able to continue to assist families and individuals enabling them to have healthy relationships and to live a violence-free life.

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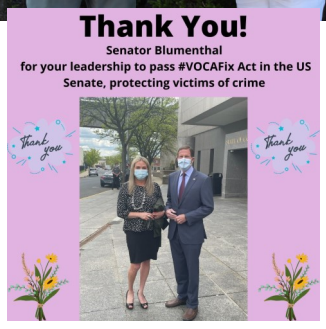

The outpouring of generosity from our donors, sponsors, advocates and committee members over the past year has been nothing short of amazing, especially during this pandemic that continues to affect us all. It is because of our loyal supporters that we are able to continue to provide free services to victims of domestic violence and their children right here in our own community. Your contributions whether in goods, services, time or money means so much to the individuals we serve. We look forward to your continued support.

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Our Services

We operate a 15 bed confidential safe home for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sheltering services for male victims.

We offer free counseling services to domestic violence victims and their children.

We provide free court advocacy services to victims of family violence.

We educate communities, children and teens about healthy relationships.

We offer training to healthcare and professional groups who require domestic violence certification.

Mission

The Network is north central Connecticut's leader in preventing family violence by providing services to victims of domestic abuse and promoting healthy relationships through education.

Strategic (Vision) Statement

The Network is a non-profit organization which provides free counseling services to domestic abuse victims and their children; free court advocacy services to victims of domestic violence; operates a 15-bed confidential safe home for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, as well as sheltering services for male victims; and provides training to healthcare and professional groups who require domestic violence certification.

Towns served by The Network are East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, Stafford, Suffield and Windsor Locks. In addition, The Network provides support services to the other domestic violence agencies within Connecticut and including surrounding regions of Massachusetts.

The Network provided free services to 5,375 individuals

- 97 women, 1 man and 77 children were sheltered in a confidential location
- 3,275 total bed nights
- 2,520 individuals received prevention education in schools and the community and to date 329 people have tuned into our podcast
- 392 women, 21 men and 42 children received counseling one on one or in a group
- 551 hotline calls were received
- 764 individuals received court advocacy services in Enfield Court
- 723 individuals received court advocacy services in Rockville Court
- 5 individuals and 7 families including 12 children were successfully placed in housing
- 175 individuals received assistance through the Home Safe Home Initiative
- Backpacks and clothing were provided for 30 children through the Back to School program
- Holiday program provided gifts to 109 children, 52 moms and 2 dads

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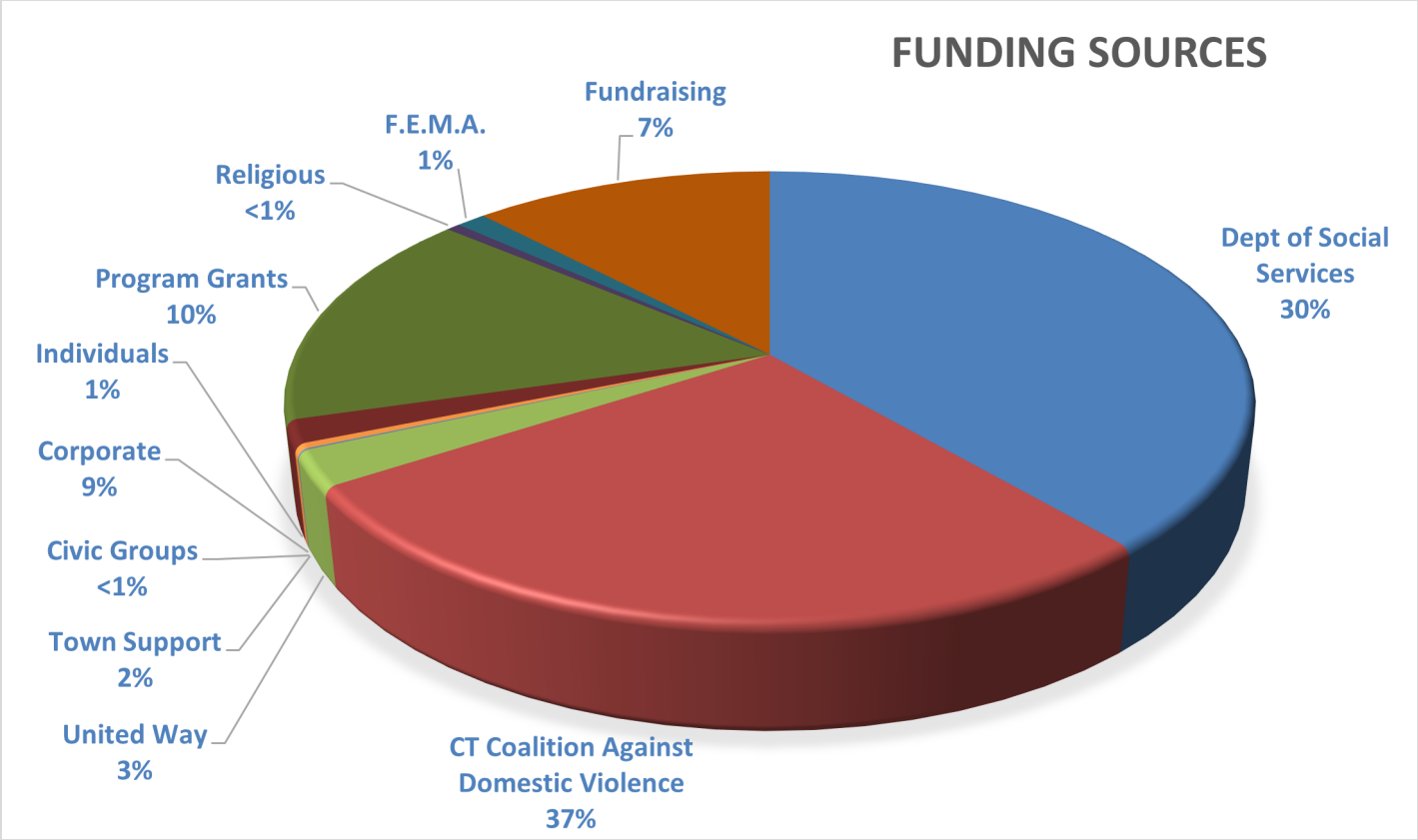
Program Member of: Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence



2021 Top Supporters

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	434,540
Department of Social Services	355,946
Kohl's Cares A Community With Heart Program	100,000
United Way	30,000
Town of Enfield	16,954
Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation	20,000
J. Walton Bissell Foundation	10,000
Petit Family Foundation	10,000
TJX Foundation	10,000
Amiel P. Zak Public Service Fund	10,000
Anonymous	7,000
Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation & Basic Human Needs Fund at HFPG	5,500
3M Foundation	5,000
Charter Oak Foundation	5,000
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	5,000
J. Gladwin Cannon Trust	5,000
NewAlliance Foundation	5,000