Annual Report 2024

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Dear Friends of The Network,

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Network's Board President for the past four years. I have had the privilege of serving with an outstanding board of directors who go above and beyond to support The Network and its commitment to the communities we serve. I have had the pleasure of working with Karen Foley O'Connor who was newly hired as the CEO in 2020, as I assumed the role of president in 2021. Under Karen's leadership, The Network continues to grow and evolve with the focus on community engagement and diversity, equity and inclusion.

Eileen Hargreaves was elected to serve as the new board president beginning in 2025 and Adrian Gould is replacing Donna Jones-Searle as vice-president. The Board has welcomed two new board members, Georgia Powell and Shaquan Smikle in 2024.

The Board of Directors was very busy throughout 2024. A new manual was developed to use as a training guide for new board members. The recruitment committee sought interested members of the community to serve on our board. Board members updated the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan and the Board handbook. Revisions to the Board by-laws also was completed. The Board continued with fundraising efforts sponsoring the annual Purple Event in June and our annual golf tournament in October. Thanks to your support both fundraisers were extremely successful and we look forward to sponsoring them again in 2025.

Throughout 2024, The Network collaborated with other sister domestic violence agencies across the state and our state coalition, the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV). Karen and her staff worked diligently throughout the year, revising the policies and standards agencies must follow under the guidance of the state coalition. The Network staff continued their commitment to helping families and individuals who are victims of domestic abuse. Court advocacy efforts continued helping many individuals and the transition services provided through the agency as well as our safe house, supports countless survivors and their children.

We are very appreciative of the support we receive from our funders, donors, sponsors, volunteers and the community who have made significant monetary and in-kind contributions in 2024. Your support allows The Network to continue providing services to the communities we serve. Thank you for all you do for The Network.

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Thank you so much for your overwhelming support in 2024. Your generosity has made a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. Whether through contributions of supplies, sponsorships, or your time and donations, each gesture has helped ensure that survivors of domestic abuse and their children have a safe place to heal and rebuild. Your continued partnership allows us to keep offering free services to those in need, and for that, we are truly grateful. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission.

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Our Services

We operate a 15 bed confidential safe home for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence as well as provide sheltering services for male survivors.

We offer free counseling services to domestic violence survivors 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 free training on the dynamics of domestic abuse to healthcare and professional groups.

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 with an expressed commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Our Impact on the Community

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 and provides sheltering services for survivors and their children who are victims of domestic violence; as well as provide training on the dynamics of domestic abuse to healthcare and professional groups.

Our services are available without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, physical ability, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation.

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 surrounding regions of Massachusetts.

The Network provided the following free services:

- 5,666 total bed nights were provided to adults and children
- 43 women, 1 man and 35 children were sheltered in a confidential location
- 1,593 individuals received prevention education in schools and the community
- 230 women, 4 men and 99 children received counseling one on one or in a group
- 796 hotline calls were received
- 528 individuals received court advocacy services in Hartford Court
- 562 individuals received court advocacy services in Rockville Court
- 284 individuals received civil advocacy support from assistance filing a restraining order, legal referrals to providing transportation to court, just to name a few
- Provided information to 5,519 members of the community through Strategic Outreach efforts to promote awareness of our services for underserved populations
- 4 families including 5 children and 1 individual were successfully placed in housing
- 63 individuals received assistance through the Home Safe Home Initiative
- Backpacks and clothing were provided for 36 children through the Back to School program
- Holiday program provided gifts to 105 children, 46 moms and 2 dads

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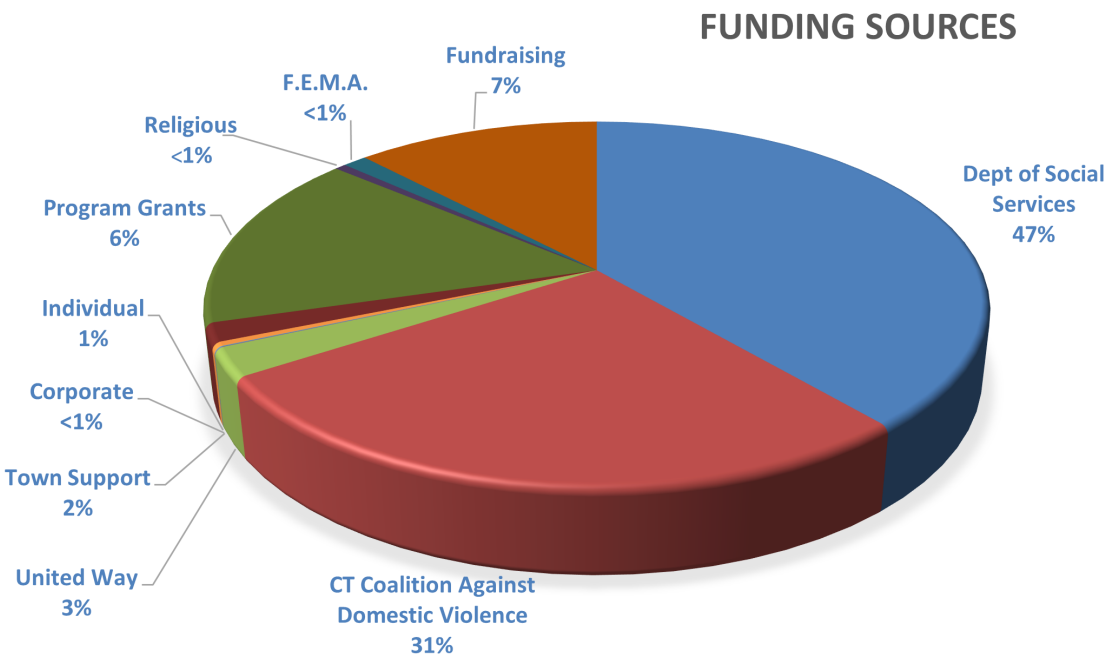

2024 Top Supporters

Department of Social Services	665,329
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	431,529
United Way	50,000
Mary Kay Ash Foundation	20,000
Town of Enfield	20,000
Petit Family Foundation	10,000
Rockville Bank Community Foundation	10,000
TJX Foundation	10,000
Town Fair Tire Foundation	6,000
J. Gladwin Cannon Trust	5,500
Virginia Brody	5,000
David L. Coffin Memorial Fund	5,000
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	5,000
Town of East Windsor	5,000
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance Fund	5,000
PeoplesBank	5,000
The Shoebox Project	5,000
Olga Sipolin Children's Fund	5,000
Greater Hartford Association of Realtors	4,845
George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation	4,000
NewAlliance Foundation	4,000