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reaching out for a violence free society

Annual Report 2025

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Dear Friend of the Network,

It has been a privilege to serve as the President of the Network's Board of Directors this last year and I look forward to serving in this role in 2026. I am so fortunate to be supported by our dedicated and engaged Directors who are steadfast in their commitment to support The Network's mission. Our new mission statement, below, supports our promise that everyone deserves to feel safe, and all survivors are welcome.

The Network is north central Connecticut's resource for preventing family violence by providing services to victims of domestic abuse and promoting healthy relationships. We are committed to a safe and welcoming environment where every individual has full and equal access to our programs and services.

We are thankful for the support of the two Directors who stepped down from the Board, in the last year, Jamie Macsata and Mary Tiroletto. Both dedicated many years and countless hours serving. We recently welcomed a new Director, Daniel Hernandez who is a loyal supporter and active member of the Purple Event Committee.

The Network's commitment to providing free services and support, prevention education, and a safe environment to survivors of domestic abuse remains strong. In 2025, we convened over several months and developed a new Strategic Plan, which will be implemented from 2026 to 2030. The plan consists of four major goals: ensuring staff support and advancement; enhancing both our client support efforts and Network programs; increasing our outreach and awareness efforts; and assessing The Network organizational structure and facilities. The good news is that the agency has grown. The unfortunate part is that the needs of survivors and their families have increased as well. The Network remains focused on ensuring we meet the needs of our communities.

Under the leadership of CEO Karen Foley O'Connor, The Network has strengthened its position as a member of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and actively participates in statewide policy and legislative efforts that fortify supports for victims of domestic abuse across the state.

The Network Advocates are to be commended for their tireless efforts to support each other and their clients at Julie's Safe House, survivors navigating the criminal and civil court process, as well as survivors amongst us in the community. Their work would not be possible without the contributions of our sponsors, donors and community members who support us with in-kind donations for our safe house and financial contributions. We thank you all for standing with us.

I look forward to working with Karen in 2026 as we respond to the agency's growth and address new needs that will arise.

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Thank you for the compassion you shared with us throughout 2025. Because of your generosity, survivors and their children found safety, comfort, and the chance to rebuild their lives. Every donation, sponsorship, and hour volunteered sent a powerful message of hope to those facing their darkest moments.

Your kindness has helped create a place where healing can begin and where families can imagine a future free from fear. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and for the steadfast support that allows us to keep all our services free for those seeking safety.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us, and with every survivor who walks through our doors.

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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 abuse 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

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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:

- 4,891 total bed nights were provided to adults and children
- 59 women and 35 children were sheltered in a confidential location
- 1,701 individuals received prevention education in schools and the community
- 288 women, 14 men and 135 children received counseling one on one or in a group
- 723 hotline calls were received
- 518 individuals received court advocacy services in Hartford Court
- 590 individuals received court advocacy services in Rockville Court
- 239 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 5,307 members of the community through Strategic Outreach efforts to promote awareness of our services for underserved populations
- 9 individuals and 12 families including 22 children were successfully placed in housing
- Backpacks and clothing were provided for 71 children through the Back to School program
- Holiday program provided gifts to 117 children, 49 moms and 4 dads

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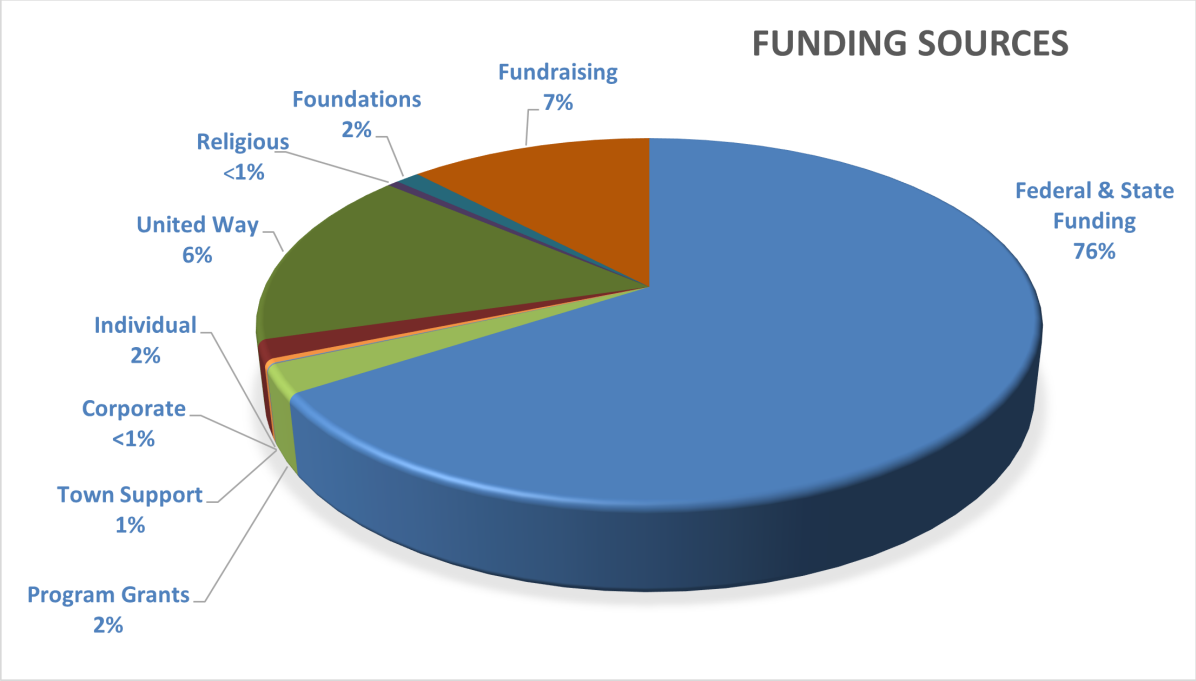

2025 Top Supporters

Federal and State Funding	1,167,732
United Way	100,000
Frances Graziani Estate	28,000
Town of Enfield	17,000
J. Gladwin Cannon Trust	10,000
J. Walton Bissell Foundation	10,000
Petit Family Foundation	10,000
Rockville Bank Community Foundation	10,000
Town Fair Tire Foundation	7,500
Barbara V.G. Coffin Fund	5,000
Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut	5,000
Town of East Windsor	5,000
Carol Rivest Memorial Foundation	4,500
George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation	4,000
Dancing Thru the Decades	3,257
Whole Foods	3,000
NewAlliance Foundation	2,500
Robert & Katherine Galle	2,500
Memorial Donations in Memory of Matthew Adam Wood	1,647
Wolff Financial Group, LLC	1,500
West Suffield Congregational Church	1,500
Keeney Foundation, Inc.	1,000