

## *Clinton County*

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*Annual Report 2010/2011*

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## *Programs & Services.....*

- \* Emergency Shelter
- \* 24 Hour Crisis Line
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- \* Individual Counseling and Advocacy
- \* Housing Programs and Assistance
- \* Legal Advocacy
- \* Prevention and Education Programs
- \* Donation and Volunteer Programs

## **Being a Child**

*By Christine Schlumbrecht*

Being a child is not what it seems...  
A world full of hopes,  
A heart full of dreams.

The ice cream parlor, where every one goes.  
The little secrets that no one knows!  
Going to sleep a heart full of fear!

Wiping away the last little tear!  
It's searching for love,  
And no one's around

And Searching for help that can't be found.  
It's going to sleep and wanting to die!  
How much more can I cry?

It's closing you're eyes and wishing him gone.  
It's mending your heart where it's been torn!  
It's taking a bath to wash it way

Only to find it's here to stay!  
It's wanting your mother to protect you at night.  
It's wanting her arms to hold you tight!  
Money and cakes and basketball cheers,  
Spending the night a heart full of fears!  
Laughing playing and having fun..

Where never a part of being young!  
A world of lost hopes and shattered dreams  
This child's life is not what it seems.....

## *From the Board President and Executive Director.....*

This has been a very busy and productive year. Outlined below is a brief description of activities explaining how we are meeting our strategic goals.

### **Strategic Goals:**

#### **I. To develop comprehensive communication strategies.**

In April RAVE officially changed its name to SafeCenter. While Relief After Violent Encounter, Inc. (RAVE) is still the legal name, RAVE is doing business as SafeCenter. We are proud to have a name that is easily recognizable and portrays what we do. Brochures were developed and the website was updated through a new domain name of [www.thesafecenter.org](http://www.thesafecenter.org).

#### **II. Build comprehensive community strategies focused on increasing safety from domestic and sexual violence.**

This past year we focused on our residential programming, both the emergency shelter and transitional housing. Staffing patterns improved so that during the day the shelter is staffed with social workers and during the evenings, nights and weekends it is staffed with advocates. All transitional housing residents will have the opportunity to participate in the Allstate budgeting program, parenting classes, and equine therapy.

#### **III. Develop sustainable organizational resources (human, physical, fiscal and technological) that fully support programs and services.**

This goal has been a major focus this year. We closed on the purchase of property in April and moved to our new facility in the summer. On one complex is the Owosso office, emergency shelter and transitional housing. Our four on-site transitional housing units are available for those clients seeking that next level to independence. We relocated the St. Johns office to better meet the needs of the community while maintaining fiscal prudence. Our computer and phone systems were upgraded so that all employees can communicate effectively with each other no matter the location.

#### **Next Year.**

We look forward to the coming year to continue to improve our programming. In the coming months, the focus will be on the children's program and the sexual assault program. We are implementing a data collection system which makes data input, reporting and evaluation effective and efficient. Communication will continue to be a major focus this year. Our goal is to provide thorough and accurate information and partner with the community to ensure that victims of domestic and sexual violence will continue to have a safe place to go, a safe place to live and a means to meet their life goals.

Thank you.

*Rhoda Hacker,*  
Executive Director

*Sharon Bassette,*  
Board President

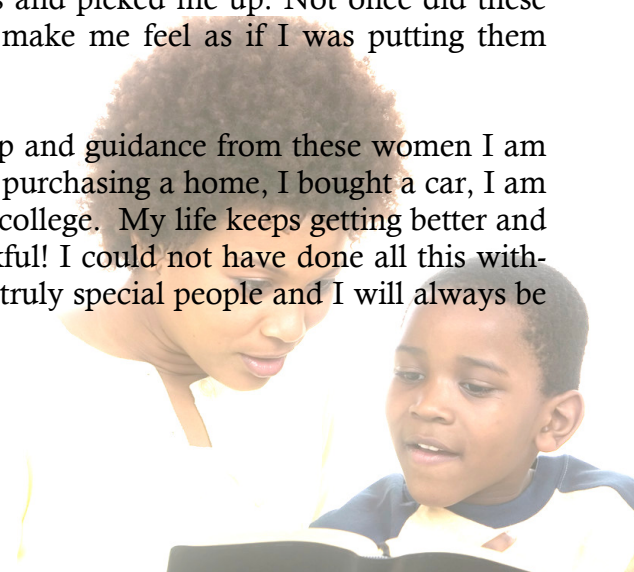
## *A client perspective.....*

I am writing this to say thank you to the employees of the SafeCenter. With out their kindness, compassion and caring I do not know where I would be today. I fled an abusive boyfriend in Florida and came to Michigan with \$4 in my pocket and the clothes on my back. I knew only two people here in Michigan.

I was scared and confused and these women all listened to my crying and complaining, they also listened to my shouts of joy and my long stories- just to name a few. They also made sure I had clothes, toothpaste, shoes, all the things most people take for granted.

They made me feel human again, like I was worth something and they reminded me that I could and can do anything I set my mind to. None of these women judged me for the situation I was coming from. They steered me in the proper direction when it came to finding resources to regain my independence. They went beyond the call of duty. I didn't have a car and was looking for a job. Several of the employees gave me rides to appointments and picked me up. Not once did these women complain or make me feel as if I was putting them out.

Due to the caring help and guidance from these women I am now in the process of purchasing a home, I bought a car, I am in my second year of college. My life keeps getting better and better. I am so thankful! I could not have done all this without you! You are all truly special people and I will always be grateful.





## *Agency Programs.....*

### *Shelter*

SafeCenter's shelter is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, serving victims of domestic and sexual violence. It is an environment free of violence which allows clients to receive safe shelter and emotional and physical healing. While at the shelter, families have access to services including individual and group supportive counseling, legal advocacy, referrals and transportation.

### *Crisis Line*

The 24-Hour Crisis Line is operated seven days a week, 365 days a year. It is often the first step many victims take in developing a safety plan and learning about resources and options available to them.

### *Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs*

Through both individual and group counseling, clients are assisted in identifying the effects of domestic and sexual violence on their lives. They then have the opportunity to discover ways to recover from abuse.

### *Housing Program*

The Transitional Supportive Housing Program secures safe housing in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties for families over a 24 month time period. Over the course of the program, clients have the opportunity to gain independence while utilizing all of SafeCenter's services.

### *Legal Advocacy*

In the midst of dealing with stalking, physical, sexual and emotional abuse, Advocates help clients to understand the legal process to utilize court systems.

### *Education and Prevention*

We are continually in contact with schools, community and service organizations, and agencies and businesses, educating about domestic and sexual violence and lending information and resources to assist in the prevention of violence.

### *Volunteers*

As a nonprofit organization, SafeCenter relies on the support of individuals and community groups to help fulfill its mission. The success we have been able to achieve would not be possible without those who give so generously.

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The above list reflects donors  
October 1, 2010 through  
September 30, 2011.

Along with the individuals and  
businesses listed above, SafeCenter  
received numerous donations from  
anonymous donors.

## *Donors.....*

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## *And Statistics.....*

	Adult	Children	Total
<b>Shelter Residents Served</b>	—	—	<b>107</b>
Clinton County	36	22	58
Shiawassee County	31	18	49
<b>Shelter Bed Nights</b>	—	—	<b>3,957</b>
Clinton County	1,342	923	2,265
Shiawassee County	1,315	541	1,856
<b>Non-Residential Domestic Violence Clients</b>	—	—	<b>186</b>
Clinton County	130	6	136
Shiawassee County	120	19	139
<b>Clients Served in Sexual Assault Program</b>	32	18	<b>50</b>
<b>Clients Served in Transitional Housing</b>	—	—	<b>68</b>
Clinton County	8	18	26
Shiawassee County	13	29	42
<b>Hours given by volunteers</b>	2,503		
<b>Value of hours given by volunteers</b>	\$37,545		

- \* SafeCenter's TSH program saw an increase of 5 families to increase program participants to 19 families.
- \* 97% of shelter residents reported learning additional ways to plan for their families' safety.
- \* 92% of families served at the emergency shelter reported making positive changes in their lives during their stay.
- \* 99% of individuals and families served reported prompt phone and in person contact when they sought help in a time of crisis.

# Assets & Liabilities

## Year Ending September 30, 2011

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets	
Cash	\$ 92,770
Current portion of pledges receivable	3,300
Due from State of Michigan	54,173
Due from others	48,722
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Total current assets	198,965
Fixed assets	
Land	33,614
Buildings	
Building - Operating	303,029
Building - Improvements	55,487
Equipment	103,456
Less: accumulated depreciation	(70,274)
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Total fixed assets, net	425,312
Other assets	
Noncurrent portion of pledges receivable	6,900
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Total other assets	6,900
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 631,177</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### LIABILITIES

Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 3,508
Accrued wages	21,352
Accrued vacation	6,595
Current portion of long term liabilities	3,942
Other accrued liabilities	5,600
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Total current liabilities	40,997
Long term liabilities	
Mortgages payable	369,266
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Total long term liabilities	369,266
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Total liabilities	410,263

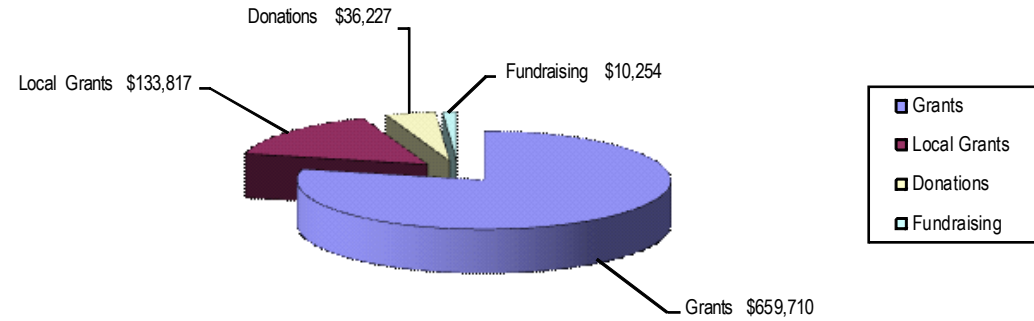
#### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	184,451
Temporarily restricted	36,463
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Total net assets	220,914
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 631,177</b>

# Revenue & Expenses

## Year Ending September 30, 2010

### 2010/2011 Revenue



### 2010/2011 Expenses

