

Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended June 30, 2020

REVENUE & GAINS

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence.....	\$570,278
County of Schuylkill	5,000
Payroll Protection Program Loan	195,725
Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant	144,207
STOP Violence Against Women Grant	23,380
Emergency Solutions Grant Program.....	43,586
Schuylkill United Way.....	59,494
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	636,915
Act 137.....	15,000
Contributions	52,311
Fundraisers	58,738
Interest	72
Rental Income	71,554
Other Income	195,576
TOTAL	\$2,071,836

EXPENSES & LOSSES PROGRAM SERVICES

Children’s Services	\$108,698
Shelter Services.....	708,323
Transitional & Longer-Term Housing	183,978
Legal Advocacy	142,978
Legal Representation.....	218,731
Hotline, Individual, & Group Counseling	219,152
Administrative Services	242,254
Fundraising	6,620
Community Education	110,763
Relocation Funds	11,453
TOTAL	\$1,952,950

DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$(103,883)
EXCESS OF SUPPORT & REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	15,003
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	3,011,208
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$3,026,211

SUMMARY OF SERVICES, FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Victims Served.....	1,206
Hotline Calls	1,530
Counseling/Advocacy Hours	6,309
Shelter Days.....	3,594
Victims Sheltered.....	104 adults, 69 children
Longer-term Housing Days.....	6,300
Victims Housed.....	8 adults, 16 children
Education/Prevention Programs	17
Individuals Reached.....	602 adults and children
*Shelter days and education/prevention programming were severely impacted by COVID.	

The complete audit performed by Herring, Roll, & Solomon, P.C. Certified Public Accountants, can be reviewed at the office of Schuylkill Women in Crisis. Arrangements can be made by calling 570.622.3991.

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We could not do it without YOU!

It is your support through the pandemic that has helped SWiC to persevere!

If you are wondering how you can continue to lend a helping hand, here are a few ways:

SWiC is running virtual volunteer training programs (40 hours over several sessions) to prepare those interested in donating their time (virtually for now and in person after the pandemic). A new class of volunteers will be welcomed in the spring, and we cannot wait to add you to the SWiC team.

You can also support SWiC by shopping on Amazon! The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of purchase prices to SWiC when you select SWiC through the AmazonSmile portal. You can also visit SWiC’s website, www.s-wic.org, to check out our Amazon Wishlist which includes items needed at the shelter. You can even have them shipped directly to SWiC!

Questions? Contact Amy at (570) 622-3991.



“As a member of the Board, I was able to see firsthand just how vital this organization is to our community. The amazing staff works closely with local law enforcement, schools, hospitals and beyond to ensure every resource is made available to victims of domestic violence so they can not only overcome their trauma, but live a happy, safe and healthy life. I’m proud to have served my time with Schuylkill Women in Crisis and I look forward to watching their incredible impact on the county for years to come.”

– Jackie Hughes, SWiC Board of Directors



Check out our new virtual learning area for children attending school online during the pandemic.



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Impact of COVID on SWiC and Those We Serve

It probably comes as no surprise that the spread of COVID-19 has presented major challenges to Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC) and the many survivors who are counting on us for help.

No matter how each of us have been coping with restrictions imposed by the pandemic, hopefully most of us are able to say that we feel “safer at home.” For those experiencing abuse, however, home is a dangerous place to be and “safer at home” a sad irony. While physical distancing is vital to decreasing the spread of the virus, that same precaution serves to further the isolation that victims typically experience and increases their exposure to the perpetrator.

As a free, safe, and confidential resource, SWiC remains a lifeline for victims. But we, too, have been greatly impacted by COVID. Because the shelter is a communal living space, it is the service that has undergone the greatest modifications. Due to social distancing requirements, capacity has been reduced from 24 to 18, also resulting in fewer staff on-site. Most other services continue, e.g., 24-hour hotline, counseling, court advocacy, legal services, prevention activities, children’s programming, etc., but in some cases are delivered by staff working from home. Services offered in a group setting are now restricted to shelter residents, such as the *Art as Healing* program, or temporarily suspended, such as *Creating Zen*, which combines yoga, meditation, and group counseling to help survivors address the impact of trauma they have experienced.

Due to the support of our community partners, donors, dedicated staff, and volunteers, SWiC has remained steadfast in providing essential services to survivors at a time when they may be most vulnerable, despite the uncertainty and all that is unknown.

We also remain committed to our mission of offering help, hope, and healing to those impacted by intimate partner violence or sexual abuse. At this time, we are most mindful of the role hope has historically played in prompting survivors to take that great leap of faith toward a better life by seeking our services as they move from “victim” to “survivor” to “thriver.”

While we have always been inspired by the courage demonstrated by survivors, surely that leap has never been bigger than during the pandemic. We are awed by their strength during this time and by the safety net of resources our community has established to help them even in the most challenging of times. Thank YOU for doing your part!

Because COVID has presented new challenges, it has caused us to examine, consider, and re-prioritize our efforts to assist some of the county’s most vulnerable residents.

Read on to learn more about how we are not only persisting, but adapting to meet the unique needs of our community.



What's Cooking?



"I appreciate every meal."

- Anonymous Survivor

When all your energy must be devoted to your safety, eating a well-balanced diet may not be your top priority. Recognizing the burden addressing everyday demands – like cooking – can pose for victims in shelter, SWiC had long hoped to create a position of a Shelter Cook. The advent of COVID prompted us to fast-track this position as shopping, food storage, and sanitary food preparation suddenly became top concerns. Of course, having something tasty and healthy to eat is not so bad either!

"Erin's meat loaf is better than my Mom's!" - Anonymous Survivor

Residents, in trauma, may understandably also lack the drive to prepare meals and, we have found, that the cooked meals are something they look forward to and even bond over – at a safe distance, of course. We have long benefited from food donations from individuals, groups, and the government. However, preparing meals often requires either the skills of a seasoned cook or the drive to learn, which may be lacking when you are experiencing homelessness due to abuse.

Imagine coming home to find a nice meal cooked for you at the end of a long day and the difference it would make – this is what the Shelter Cook delivers!

Making a Connection

Trust is an essential part of the survivor-counselor relationship, and it is often face-to-face interaction that helps to form bonds and build that trust. While counseling appointments over the phone have been productive, seeing the counselor tends to be more personal.

With COVID reminding us of the importance of human connection because of its absence, we have initiated video counseling services. Survivors can now make appointments with their counselor and still see and interact with them through a safe and confidential system.

This program also allows us to see victims in their physical space and it gives them the opportunity to get a sense of our space, which can be especially helpful if they are considering shelter services. Video counseling is a tool that will benefit victims for years to come even after the pandemic ends.



Magnificent Obsession

Each year, longtime supporter, Ms. Sally Fallon, works with Mahanoy Area students, faculty, groups, and businesses to organize a holiday gift collection for children—both residents and non-residents—receiving SWiC services. This year, due to COVID, their generosity continued, but in a new way! Instead, they raised funds remotely, resulting in a significant contribution to SWiC's children's fund so that the agency is prepared to meet the needs of children impacted by abuse throughout the year. (Due to the generosity of the community, SWiC has many other donations so that no children receiving our services will be disappointed over the holidays.)

Last year, when delivering the 2019 donation, Ms. Fallon spoke with her students regarding what had inspired her to



spearhead this drive each year to benefit children served by SWiC.

She referred to "Magnificent Obsession," a novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, about the importance of "anonymous" philanthropy. Ms. Fallon reminded the students to think about what a magnificent thing they did and urged them to continue giving without expecting in return.

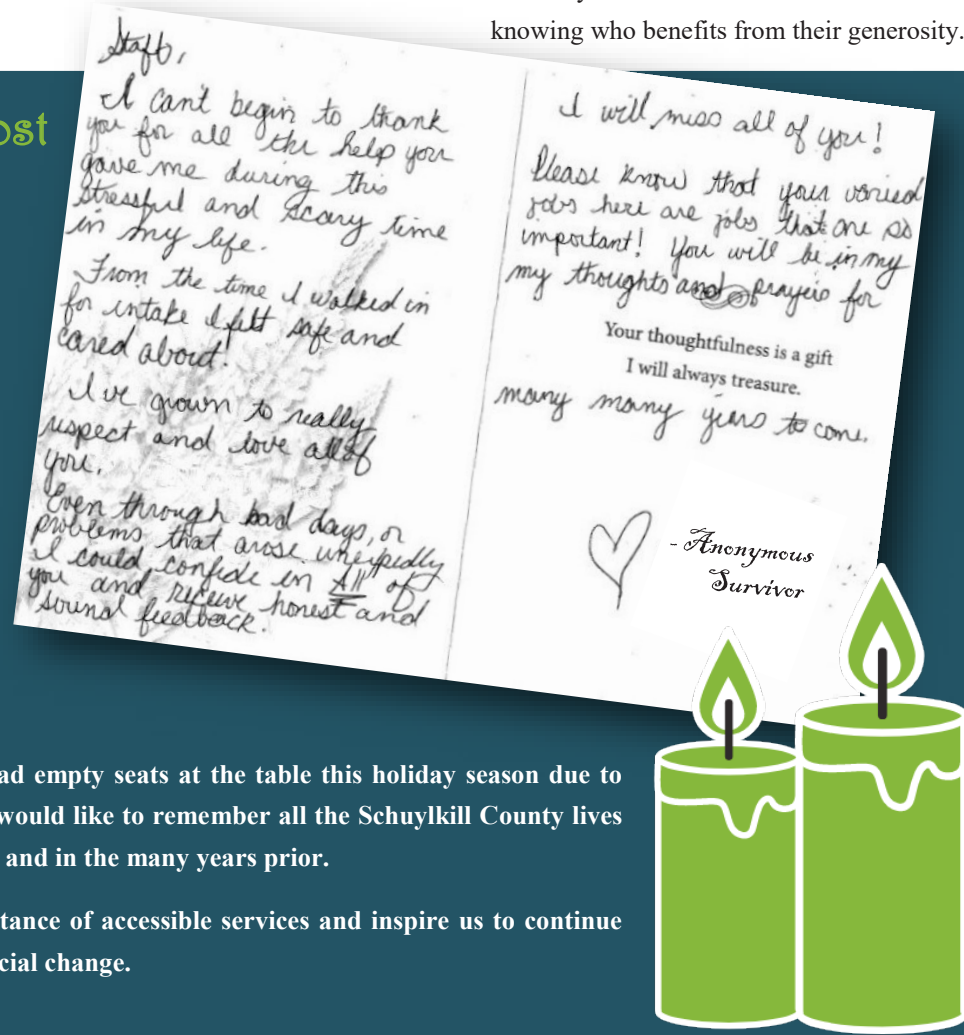
Many of SWiC's generous supporters, like Ms. Fallon and her team, state that they do not contribute to receive recognition, or to even know who benefits from their good deeds, they are simply motivated to help. This notion is consistent with religious teachings as representative of one of the highest forms of generosity. We would, however, be remiss not to thank them and the many others who contribute to SWiC not knowing who benefits from their generosity.

Remembering Lives Lost

Throughout history, and even to some degree today, domestic violence was considered a private matter. Today, it is acknowledged as a public crisis with ramifications for the entire community. It could even be characterized as a social pandemic all on its own. It affects the safety and well-being of our community, and when it becomes lethal, we are all reminded how prevalent and how dangerous intimate partner and sexual abuse can be.

Our special condolences to those who had empty seats at the table this holiday season due to domestic violence related homicide. We would like to remember all the Schuylkill County lives lost to intimate partner homicide in 2020 and in the many years prior.

Their memories remind us of the importance of accessible services and inspire us to continue advocating for lasting and meaningful social change.



A Message from SWiC

In 2020, the world stopped.

Intimate partner violence, however, persisted. Fortunately, with the generous support of our donors, SWiC has too!

You see, abuse knows no season. As a result of sheltering in place and quarantining, many victims find themselves even more vulnerable as they are trapped at home with their abuser and also dealing with the added stresses we are all facing during the pandemic.

Abuse has a serious detrimental impact on nearly every aspect of a victim's and, too often, their children's lives. Experts also now recognize that living in constant fear – particularly of someone whom you should be able to trust – can adversely affect an individual's health and well-being over the course of their lifetime if left unresolved. For too many victims, peace may seem unattainable year-round.

Critical, too, is that peace in our community is contingent upon peace within the homes of our families, friends, and neighbors. This winter, we ask you to support survivors' *peace by piece*. (Not to worry, you read that correctly.)

Your "piece" comes in the form of a gift that will help to ensure that SWiC's comprehensive, essential services remain available to the more than **1,200 survivors** who rely upon us throughout the year. They come seeking safety, then begin the path of reclaiming their identity, confidence, and sense of self-worth, all with your help.

You may never directly know "who" your gift has helped, but you can be sure that you are filling a hole with your *piece* and helping to complete the puzzle in the life of someone in need.



Wishing you and yours a peaceful and joyous new year,

Francesco Mercuri

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Vice Chair, Board of Directors

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- ☐ **\$1,000 Safety** - Safe Sanctuary for Victims and their Children
- ☐ **\$500 Justice** - Legal Representation and Advocacy for Victims
- ☐ **\$250 Social Change** - Mom's on a Mission Classes, Services for Children
- ☐ **\$100 Empowerment** - Support Groups, Safety Planning, Counseling
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- ☐ \$ _____ please feel free to give any amount

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