



Celebrating 30 Years of Change, Hope, and Healing



TN Coalition 2012 Annual Report

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



On a fall day in 1983, a small group of advocates gathered together in a YWCA meeting room in Nashville to prepare legislation for the next session of the General Assembly to fund domestic violence and child abuse prevention services in Tennessee. At the time, there were just a handful of domestic violence programs in the state. Present at this historic event were child advocates, domestic violence victim advocates, legal services attorneys, Department of Human Services representatives, and others concerned about the fact that there was no state funding for domestic violence services. The legislation was simple: a small tax on marriage licenses that would be split equally between domestic violence and child abuse prevention programs.

Experienced lobbyists advised that it would probably take more than one session to get the legislation passed. To everyone's surprise, the legislation passed the first time it was introduced, in the 1984 legislative session. Boosted by this early success, the advocates who had worked to pass this legislation decided to keep meeting, and to formalize this group as the Tennessee Task Force on Family Violence. Thirty years later, the organization that began as a small group of committed advocates exists today as the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

While our name has changed and our work has expanded, we still depend on the commitment of our dedicated group of board members, staff, volunteers, members, and donors. Thank you for being part of our work to change the world, one victim, one community, one piece of legislation at a time. Please join us in celebrating 30 years of change, hope and healing.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Walsh  
Executive Director

# ENDING DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN TENNESSEE BY THE NUMBERS

**208**

Number of immigrant and trafficked victims who received direct legal advice and representation from the Coalition's Legal Clinic.

**34**

Number of survivors fleeing dangerous situations who got help with moving and housing expenses through the Coalition's Emergency Assistance Fund.

**768**

Number of victims served in one day by Tennessee's local domestic violence shelters.

**776,066**

Number of dollars the Coalition invested in local community efforts to end domestic and sexual violence.

**8,000,000**

The amount of funding Tennessee receives annually from the Violence Against Women Act to address domestic and sexual violence. The Coalition, in collaboration with local, state, and national organizations, advocated for the successful reauthorization of the Act.

**8,000**

Number of victim advocates, police officers, judges, social workers, nurses, probation officers, clerks, and policy makers who received training and technical assistance from the Coalition last year.



These impressive numbers highlight some of the Coalition's biggest accomplishments in the past year, but the numbers alone cannot tell the whole story. We invite you to turn the page and read some of **the stories behind the numbers.**



## DOLORES' STORY

Dolores and her daughter Sonia came to the United States where Dolores met and married her U.S. citizen husband and gave birth to a second child. Dolores thought everything was going well with her new life, but her husband never filed any papers to establish her legal residence in this country. When Sonia was eleven years old, Dolores learned that her husband had repeatedly raped Sonia throughout the marriage. When Dolores reported the sexual abuse, the police department referred her to the Coalition's Legal Clinic. An attorney from the Clinic assisted Dolores in filing a special petition to help her stay in the U.S.

with her children. With her husband in jail, Dolores was the sole provider for her two children, so the attorney also helped her get an employment authorization. Dolores' husband has been convicted of aggravated sexual assault and rape of a child, and she has filed for divorce. "You did everything for me at the moment of my greatest need," Dolores said.

# JUDY'S STORY

After ten long years of abuse, Judy was finally able to get away from her batterer and begin a new life free of violence. She found refuge at a domestic violence shelter. Working as a server in a restaurant, Judy was able to save enough money to move into an apartment and buy a car so she could get back and forth to work. Life was going well for Judy until she lost her job due to cutbacks at the restaurant. In these tough economic times, Judy was unable to find a new job right away and her money quickly ran out. Faced with losing her apartment and becoming homeless or returning to her batterer, Judy reached out to the Coalition for help. Through the Coalition's Abuse Survivor's Emergency Assistance Fund, the Coalition was able to help Judy with rental assistance so she would not lose her apartment due to a temporary setback. "They saved my life when I first went to the shelter," said Judy. "Getting help with my rent from the Coalition saved my life once again."





## JENNIFER'S STORY

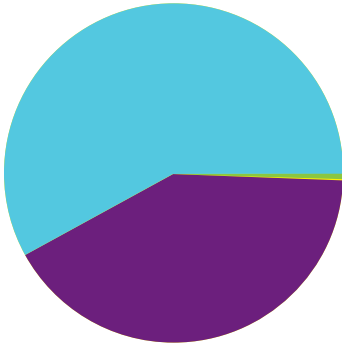
Even though Jennifer left home at an early age after being sexually abused by one of her mother's boyfriends, she had managed to overcome many obstacles and make a life for herself in one of Tennessee's most rural counties. She had recently moved into a new apartment and was working as a cook when she was raped after a New Year's Eve party. She managed to get away from the assailant and call a co-worker who notified the police. Jennifer also contacted the Avalon Center, a local program which provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Because of the partnership between the Coalition and the Avalon Center, which expanded sexual assault services in rural counties, an advocate was there to help Jennifer navigate the court system and access community services. Jennifer got a new job, started counseling, and found safe housing for her and her daughter. "The Avalon Center is the only place I have felt safe and loved," Jennifer said. "The people care about me and did not give up on me. They helped me do what I wanted to do."

# 30 YEARS OF IMPACT

- “Thanks for supporting us, giving us a voice and advocating for change over the past 30 years! Let’s keep it up.”
- “Thank you for everything you do for us. Without the Coalition we [programs] could not exist. Keep up the good work for the next 30 years.”
- “30 years of advocating for change, breaking down walls, and speaking for those who feel they don’t have a voice. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!”
- “Congratulations on 30 years of service! Your dedication to helping victims become survivors is priceless!!”
- “30 years of service to survivors, wow! 30 years devoted to providing advocacy, changing policies to break barriers for survivors, creating pathways to autonomy and empowerment. Continue to be a light for survivors everywhere.”
- “Wow! Grateful, thank God you were still around when I got here. I am so much better because of you. My healing has begun.”

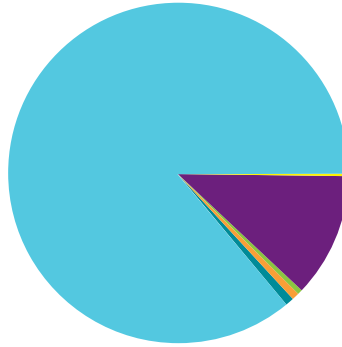


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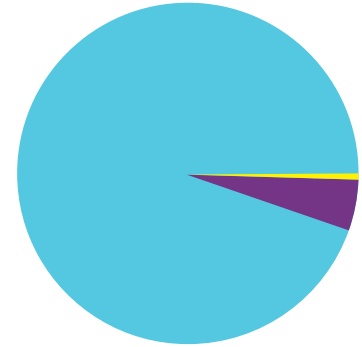
## ASSETS

- Cash: \$309,292
- Grants Receivable: \$223,062
- Accounts Receivable: \$155
- Prepaid Expenses: \$6,750
- Total Assets: \$539,259**



## REVENUE

- Government Grants: \$1,894,006
- Donations: \$17,519
- Training Fees: \$16,390
- Membership: \$10,550
- Private Grants: \$264,534
- Other: \$1,856
- Total Revenue: \$2,204,855**



## EXPENSES

- Program Services: \$2,112,569
- Management & General: \$108,778
- Fund Raising: \$5,383
- Total Expenses: \$2,226,730**

## CURRENT LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts Payable                     | 84,977            |
| Accrued Expenses                     | 10,483            |
| Deferred Revenue - Government Grants | 28,255            |
| Deferred Revenue - Private Grants    | 18,164            |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>     | <b>\$ 141,879</b> |

### NET ASSETS

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Unrestricted                            | 359,773           |
| Temporarily Unrestricted                | 37,607            |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                 | <b>\$ 397,380</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <b>\$ 539,259</b> |



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