



# **Domestic Violence Services**

**OF BENTON &  
FRANKLIN COUNTIES**

## 2008 Annual Report

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## Our Vision:

DVS is a trusted leader and partner in creating a community free from all forms of violence and oppression.

## Our Mission:

Domestic Violence Services of Benton & Franklin Counties, a non-profit agency, is to advocate for and empower domestic violence victims by providing free, safe and confidential shelter and support services.

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## Who we are...

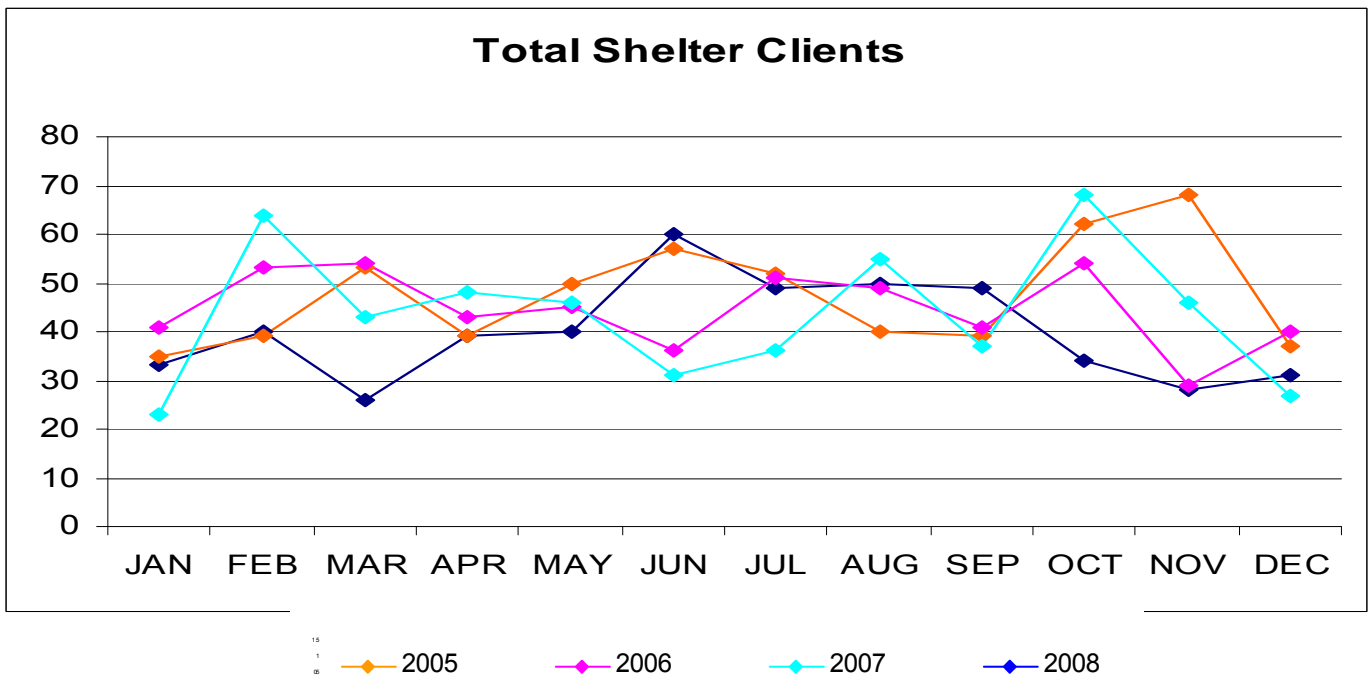
- Kelly Abken ☼ Executive Director
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- Joan Marcotte ☼ Relief Advocate

## In 2008 Fiscal Year DVS provided:

- & 352 domestic violence victims and their children stayed in the shelter.
  - 149 women, 182 children, 8 men
- & 5,878 bednights provided.
- & Daily average of 15 women and children in emergency shelter.
- & Answered 13,403 calls on 24-hour crisis line.
- & Provided legal advocacy to 1,874 clients; Assisted with 451 protection orders.
- & Over 4,500 advocacy and group counseling hours provided.
- & Over \$36,790 in rental assistance provided.
- & Over 2,800 hours of education & training provided to volunteers and community.

## Since we started in November 2003, DVS has provided:

- & 1,912 domestic violence victims and their children stayed in the shelter.
  - 895 women, 991 children, 26 men
- & 29,501 bednights provided.
- & Answered 65,603 calls on 24-hour crisis line.
- & Provided legal advocacy to 9,212 clients; Assisted with 1,679 protection orders.
- & Over 21,100 advocacy and group counseling hours provided.
- & Over \$102,000 in rental assistance provided.
- & Over 7,400 hours of education & training provided to volunteers and community.



## DVS Held the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Vigil October 30<sup>th</sup> at John Dam Plaza, Richland

Each year, in October, DVS commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a community vigil. In a striking display, rows of glowing luminarias represent the number of clients sheltered the previous year. In addition, life-size silhouettes memorialize those killed by domestic violence in our community.



***In 2008 there were no victims murdered as a result of domestic violence!***

**There has been at least one related domestic violence homicide  
in Benton-Franklin Counties every year since 1997.**

***The following 28 victims were murdered as a result of domestic violence between 1998-2006***

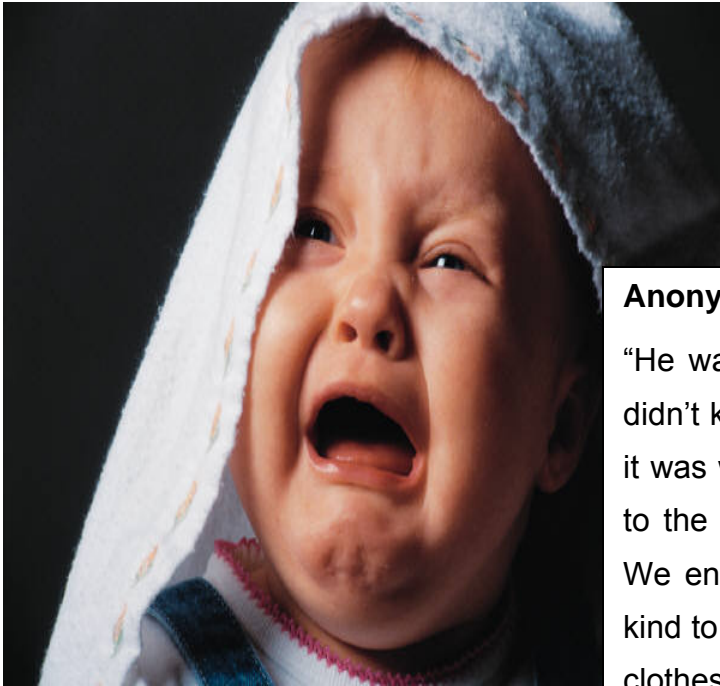
Lucia Barela, killed 06/28/98	Donald Hayden, killed 08/05/03
Christa Carcia, killed 07/26/98	Debra Carr, killed 07/09/04
Amy Reeves, killed 04/28/99	Glen Carr, killed 07/09/04
Neftali Castillo, killed 03/13/00	Sandra Godinez-Sanchez, killed 08/23/04
Tara Jensen, killed 09/16/00	Darlene Hyatt, killed 03/10/05
Linda Grover, killed 01/07/01	Julie Prather, killed 06/01/05
Janine Crandal, killed 02/13/01	Alysha Prather, killed 06/01/05
Mayra Avila-Lopez, killed 07/28/01	Alex Prather, killed 06/01/05
Salvador Farias, killed 09/07/01	Barb Davis, killed 01/19/06
San Juanita Montelongo, killed 03/03/02	Yana Samolyuk, killed 07/09/06
Shona Malcom-Kelly, killed 08/09/02	Patricia Leighton, killed 07/26/06
David Brown, killed 03/07/03	Julie Britt, killed 08/22/06
Marisela Sital-Ross, killed 08/06/03	Cleveland Everhart, killed 10/08/06
Nathan Sital, killed 08/06/03	

**Join us next year for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Vigil  
Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at John Dam Plaza, Richland**

## Survivor Stories

### Brenda

"It's difficult for someone on the outside to understand the isolation and hopelessness a battered woman feels. Sometimes looking back, it's difficult for me to understand it myself, because I'm in such a different state of mind today. The most important thing for a woman living in an abusive relationship needs to know is – she needs to tell someone what's going on, there is help available, she's not alone."

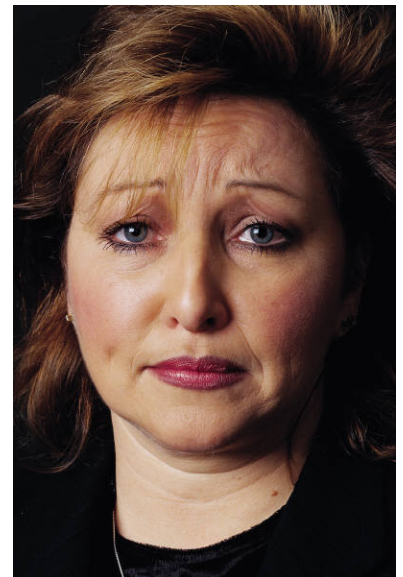


### Anonymous

"He was just hitting me and hitting me. He wouldn't stop. I didn't know what to do. I took the baby and ran out the door – it was winter and I was barefoot and without a coat. I just ran to the nearest gas station and asked them to call the police. We ended up at the shelter. It was tough, but they were so kind to us there. They gave us everything we needed – shoes, clothes, food, went to court with me. It was the first time that I had felt safe in a long time."

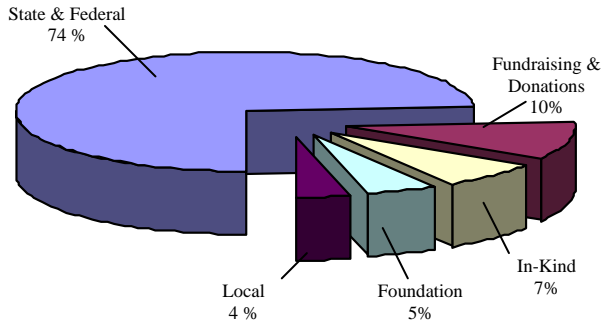
### Anonymous

"When I told a friend, she asked me 'why don't you just leave?' I could hear the other messages in her voice – *you have a good job, you should know better, I would never put up with that...* God, that hurt me so bad. Which is laughable compared to what he was doing to me – but I wanted a friend to help me figure out what to do, not to judge me. I didn't want to leave. He loved me. I loved him. I just didn't, and still don't, understand why he hurt me."

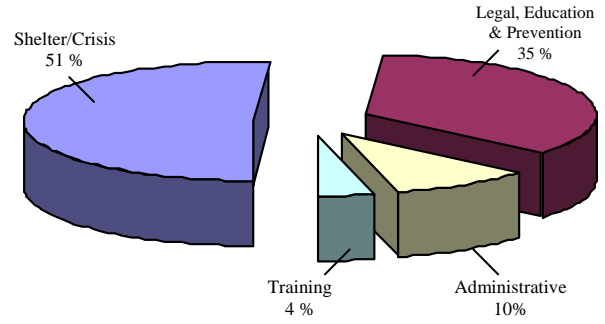


## Funding & Programs

Funding Source



Program Expenses



### New Grants & New Funding

- **Benton-Franklin Community Health Networks** provided funding for domestic violence victims to obtain private mental health counseling. The program paid for a licensed counselor to go out to the shelter to provide services to clients who otherwise would be unable to pay for such services.
- **Franklin County Affordable Housing** provides intensive case management and six months rental assistance for domestic violence victims as they transition from the emergency shelter into permanent safe housing.
- DVS and the local CPS office were selected as a team by the **Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to participate in their “*Working Together to Keep Kids Safe*” training and intensive technical assistance program.
- **Verizon HopeLine** provided 20 new cell phones with 3,000 minutes each for victims *and* funding for translation of written materials into Spanish.
- **Three Rivers Foundation** awarded DVS \$13,000 to provide child advocacy and support services to children residing in the shelter.
- **Goodwill Industries** provided \$2,000 to help assist families during the holidays, including purchasing food and supplies for meals.
- With funding from **Columbia Center Rotary** and volunteers from **ShareFest** the entire interior of the shelter was repainted. By leveraging these funds, DVS was able to get the exterior of the shelter painted as well! New shutters, landscaping, and railings improved the appearance of the shelter to such an extent that we are now the nicest home on the block!

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fight Against Domestic Violence Golf Tournament

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The tournament raised over \$32,000!

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