



MICAH'S PLACE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

2020-2021

ANNUAL REPORT

24/7 Helpline Call or Text
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ALWAYS ESSENTIAL

Advocates are on the front line to help survivors in danger.



Front line workers have been absolutely crucial during the last two years navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Doctors, nurses, law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics; we could not do what we do without them. Domestic Violence Advocates are often overlooked as essential workers, but they dedicate their lives to assuring survivors have access to the safety needed to escape the abuse. They are there 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, to help survivors in the shelter and on the helpline.

The pandemic has taught us many things and brought valuable practices into play that will remain long after it is under control. The ability to text our helpline, and meet with advocates virtually in the outreach program has only increased access to services. But, what we have learned to be most important, is how vital our services are to survivors in need.

We approach survivors as we would our sisters, brothers, and friends. Domestic Violence does not discriminate, and as advocates, we know that one different choice could have changed our path and we would be the ones needing help.

Having access to free and confidential support removes so many barriers survivors face when leaving; the fear of not being safe, of others knowing, and affording their independence. To be given quality services at no charge, all because they deserve it makes a difference when you are facing so much uncertainty. The support our front line workers provide, wraps itself around a survivor and nurtures the confidence, resources, and healing needed to move forward.

MOMENTS OF HOPE

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I cannot more emphatically thank the staff here at Micah's place for their help and insight. I never thought I would be in a position, such as I was at the age of 67.

Everyone was encouraging, optimistic, whether it was during the day or the middle of the night.

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OUTREACH PROGRAM



151



Virtual Support Groups



156



Survivors provided legal assistance with restraining orders.

SHELTER PROGRAM



4,529



Nights of Safe Shelter



1,459



Helpline calls & texts

SNAPSHOT FINANCIALS

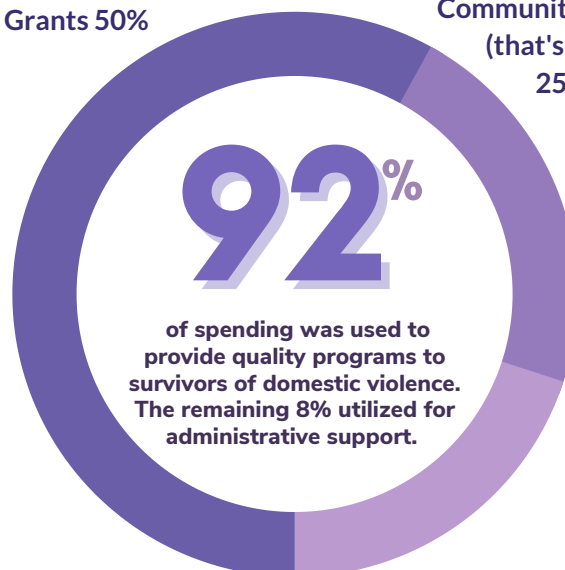
Program support overview

We practice pragmatic financial management. Our aim is to assure your generosity is utilized to the fullest. Many state and federal grants require a 25% match.

Donations are leveraged to increase the funding received by these institutions by providing more available matching funds.

Gov't Grants 50%

Community Support
(that's you!)
25%



Purple Dove Revenue
(that's you, too!)
25%



LOOKING AHEAD IN-HOUSE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

We are excited about what this next year has to offer. As of July 2021, Micah's Place offers group and individual therapy sessions from a licensed mental health counselor, at no charge.

The co-occurrences of mental health issues, substance abuse, and domestic violence are very high. The nature of domestic violence itself is heavily psychological and survivors are often left with no connections to healthy supports. We hope to better equip survivors as they face the daunting feat of breaking trauma bonds with those they thought loved them. The Domestic Violence Counselor is supported by a grant from *The Partnership: For Mental Health*, a project of Baptist Health and the Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.