



2022 -2023

ANNUAL REPORT

MICAH'S PLACE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

End of year thoughts.....

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.: - Mark Twain

Micah’s Place was born out of concern for the safety and wellbeing of victims of domestic violence living within our community. Almost 25 years later, we continue our work towards ensuring safe, healthy, and equitable relationships for all. We would not be able to work towards ensuring safety in relationships for all without the help of a few key factors: empowerment, advocacy, and people like you.

Empowerment is a word that we use often at Micah’s Place. Our advocates work diligently to empower survivors in their decision making that impact their lives and the lives of their children. Sometimes the decisions are small and sometimes they are large. Regardless of the size of the decision, the survivor is in charge and advocates are present to empower and support that decision making.

“Those who are happiest who do the most for others.” – Booker T. Washington

Advocates in our emergency shelter and through our Outreach program give the respect and support needed for survivors to not only survive, but to reclaim control of their lives. Sometimes the road is long and return visits are required; regardless, the patience, kindness, and respect that our advocates show to survivors help build their confidence in a variety of areas.

In addition to empowering our survivors, our advocates receive specialized training that is approved by the Florida Department of Children and Families to work with survivors in navigating systems that can be used by abusers to continue to abuse. Every employee within our agency receives this training and is considered an advocate. We are passionate about our work and use that passion and training to advocate for survivors within those systems. We would not be Micah’s Place without our employees and the ability to empower and advocate.

“The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.” – Mother Teresa

Finally, every donor, board member, and vendor of Micah’s Place is helping us further our mission of providing safety and education on domestic violence. Every person that works with or for Micah’s Place helps us to spread awareness about our services across our community. Every board member that tells a friend about our mission, every donor that checks our wish list or takes their donations to the Purple Dove is helping, and every vendor that works with us to maintain agency operations is helping us to help survivors.

Every donor, employee, board member, and vendor for Micah’s Place is a resource that we can use to further our mission of providing safety and support for the survivors in our county. Thank you for being that resource and we hope that you will continue to support our work towards creating a community where safe, healthy, and equitable relationships thrive.

“Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality.” – Malala Yousafzai

We at Micah’s Place wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!



Tracie Fasel,
Executive Director, Micah’s Place



Planning For Safety

3,639 customized safety plans were created last year. Safety plans are developed to reflect the needs of each survivors' situation. It could be leaving the safe walls of the shelter, starting a new job, the first time dropping the kids off, or even planning to safely to get away from their abuser in the first place. Through all of our programs we are continually safety planning with survivors as they navigate each step.



1,701
crisis calls
& texts



1,877
people
educated



4,540
hours of
volunteer work

Working for Social Change

From preschool to retirement, education was provided to community members of all ages. Presentations on the complexities of domestic violence like trauma bonding, prevention education focusing on emotional regulation, and conversations debunking myths surrounding domestic violence were offered.

Advocates-Micah's Place's Most Valuable Assets

"I had the pleasure of meeting a strong mother of two beautiful girls who was determined to take back control of her life. Regardless of the trauma she was carrying she did not allow that to stop her from being as involved with her kids as possible. Making the decision to homeschool them, as well as selecting a job where she could keep them with her as she got back on her feet, was not an easy decision. But watching her leave the shelter with all of the tools she needed, to move forward, her way, was a beautiful thing to witness."

- Jasmine, Advocate



2,945
nights of safe
shelter



2,209
hours of
advocacy



151
injunctions for
protection

Advocacy & Empowerment

Time spent advocating with and for survivors reinforces the empowerment-based approach we value so deeply. Our advocates assist survivors in navigating through systems that could be a barrier to escaping their abusers and moving toward a successful future.

Financial Snapshot

22/23

Income Source	2022/2023	2021/2022
Federal & State Grants	\$1,110,692	\$1,185,038
Contributions	\$364,552	\$347,025
Resale Centers	\$467,261	\$451,769
Investment Income	\$30,072	(\$62,555)
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,972,577	\$1,921,409

87%

spent on programs

Thrift Store Sales Increased by

3.5%

Balance Sheet FY 2022/2023	
Notes Payable	\$342,180
Assets	\$3,665,042

Expenses	2022/2023	2021/2022
Program	\$1,630,847	\$1,639,771
Supporting Services	\$268,803	\$169,554
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,899,650	\$1,809,315

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."

John F. Kennedy

**THANK
YOU!**

Board of Directors

Gayle MacIntyre, President

Sarah Rummings, Vice President

Elaine Coats, Secretary

Joanna Cason, Treasurer

Jenna Hulse

Brittany Decker

Deb Cottle

Jean Palamar

Karen Atkins

Heather Hodges

Paul Hurst

Thank you to all of our donors and community partners for your continued support of Micah's Place and its programs. Your support continues to make a difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence.

Leadership Staff

Tracie Fasel, Executive Director

Brittany Willingham, Domestic Violence Services Director

Robert Whitley, Facilities and Donations Manager