

2010-2011



*Safety and shelter today...*

*violence free communities tomorrow.*



*Annual Report*

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*To provide a safe place for victims of domestic abuse and to achieve systems change that reduces violence.*

# V

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*We are leaders in providing innovative services for victims of domestic abuse and in creating a community where violence is not tolerated.*

## Board Message

Everyone loves a good story. It might be an action adventure. It might be a drama. It might even be a romantic comedy. A great story might become a bedtime ritual or a fond, family memory. But all stories share some common characteristics: character, setting, plot, action, conflict, and resolution. And when it is a great story we rarely think of these elements. We just love the story—particularly when it has a happy ending. Unfortunately many stories heard at Anna Marie's Alliance don't initially have a happy ending.

We at Anna Marie's Alliance are dedicated to changing that. Through advocacy and education we hope to help characters change the setting, plot, action, of their stories so resolution tells a happy story.

And we hope those happy endings create many bedtime rituals, and fond family memories.

The details in this report will highlight the programs coordinated by Anna Marie's Alliance. Those details will tell you how many women and children benefitted from our programs; how many will have a chance to re-write their stories. Please look over those details.

And while you do that, we urge you to recall your role in our story. Each of you who donated your resources of time, money, expertise, and support are a major character influencing the resolution of Anna Marie's story. As co-creators with the staff and volunteers at Anna Marie's Alliance you are writing happy endings.

For that, we at Anna Marie's are grateful. Thank you.

*David Warne*, Board Chair

# Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends of Anna Marie's,

Fiscal year 2010-2011 was a time for reflecting on the accomplishments achieved through our three year strategic plan and examining the results of an in depth assessment related to client satisfaction. The latter was conducted by a research specialist. Both initiatives have helped us look at best practices in working with clients including support services, community engagement, administration, facilities and financial strengths.

Highlights of the Strategic Plan include:

- **Strengthening intervention strategies through participation in the new Stearns County Domestic Violence Court.**
- **Replace flooring in shelter.**
- **Strengthening our donor base.**
- **Increase in staff diversity to meet needs of clients.**
- **Strengthening community collaboration through implementation of Connect's Building a Healthy Relationship Community. (which to date Includes the Faith, Government Sector and Business Community).**
- **Continuous improvement in recruitment of community volunteers.**
- **Further investment in Human Capital through salary adjustments, health and wellness team, and opportunities for educational growth.**

<b>Sample from Assessment of Client Satisfaction</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Taken action that helped me find a better job	52.6%	44.4%
Specific goals to work on as I leave shelter	96.6%	3.4%
Enrolled in education program or vocational school	14.8%	85.2%
Advocate was helpful	93.2%	6.8%
Have a safety plan in place	75.2%	24.8%
If necessary I would be comfortable coming back to shelter for help	94.1%	5.9%
Being at shelter increased my self confidence in decision making	91.5%	8.5%
I learned about what a healthy relationship consists of	81.7%	18.3%
My health needs were met	95.0%	5.0%
I learned how to obtain other community services	89.2%	10.8%

Anna Marie's Alliance gratefully acknowledges the generosity and support we receive from the community for the important work we do. We remain constant in our efforts to provide safety for families in need and to continuously improve our services. Thank you for partnering with us as we live out our mission "To provide a safe place for victims of domestic violence and to achieve systems change that reduces violence."

Sincerely,

*Maxine Barnett,* Executive Director

# A

## dvocacy for Adult Victims of Domestic Violence

*"How welcoming and supportive all the staff were. They are all so amazing and very willing to help and listen. If it wasn't for all their help I'm not sure I would be doing as well as I am."*

C.G.

**Anna Marie's Shelter** provides safe emergency shelter, advocacy, information and referral for women and their children who are experiencing domestic violence. Key services include assistance with Orders for Protection, Harassment Orders, parenting and support groups, and health assessment services. Advocates also assist women and children from the community at large. The shelter serves nine counties in central and east central Minnesota; Benton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright.

**1,217 unduplicated adult victims served**

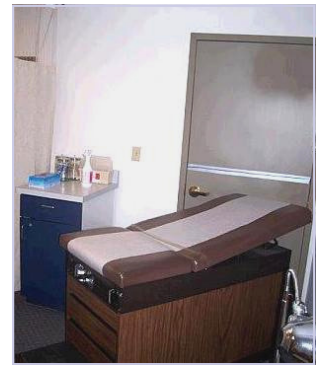
- 1,197 women
- 16 men
- 4 unknown

**135 unduplicated women and 159 children resided at the shelter (145 stays)**

**Average length of stay was 42 days**

**96% of women completing an exit survey indicated they know more ways to plan for their safety.**

**92% of women completing an exit survey indicated they felt more confident in their decision making.**



74 health assessments provided to 67 women

**Jill Eckhoff Transitional House** provides a safe, supportive and secure environment for women and their children who are moving from the Shelter to the community. Women begin to stabilize their lives and receive additional support to achieve long-term success.

**4 female headed households with 5 children and 3 single women resided at the Transitional House**

**The average length of stay is 360 days.**

**50% of the women who departed from the Transitional House successfully completed the program achieving the goals the set for themselves.**

## Criminal Justice Intervention Program

CJI advocates offer victims assistance and education about their rights. They provide insight into navigating the criminal justice system in Stearns and Benton counties. System policies, procedures and response to victims of domestic abuse are monitored and training for law enforcement officers is conducted.

**1,185 unduplicated victims were served**

- 1040 women
- 143 men
- 1 adult unknown

**593 new criminal domestic abuse offenses were monitored through the court system.**

**222 Law enforcement officers participated in 6 trainings.**

**90% of victims surveyed indicated that the CJI advocacy services made a positive difference for them.**

**93% indicated their knowledge of their options and rights increased after working with a CJI advocate.**

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## ervices for Children and Youth



*"Day care has helped a great deal as I can concentrate on school. My Advocate and the Children's Advocate have always been there for me and the kids and have helped us feel comfortable and secure. They have helped us regain all the hope that was lost."*

A.Z.

## Children's Program/Children Exposed to Violence Initiative

works to provide a sense of normalcy and stability allowing mother and child an opportunity to reconnect.

The Children Exposed to Violence Initiative provides immediate on site help for children experiencing trauma due to witnessing domestic abuse. Services include childcare, recreational activities, mental health assessments, support groups, and parent educator services.

**258 unduplicated children were served**

- 121 girls
- 128 boys
- 9 unknown

**159 children resided at the shelter**

**40% of the 83 children receiving mental health assessments were identified as in need of crisis diagnostic assessment and referred for further psychiatric/psychological assessment.**

## School Youth Project

provides early intervention to prevent or reduce violence in relationships. The focus is on teaching healthy relationship skills through educational support groups, individual support, and classroom presentations. This program operates in Benton and Stearns county school districts.

**292 unduplicated youth participated in Life Choices/Healthy Relationship Skill Building groups, (ages 11-17).**

- 150 females
- 142 males

**110 unduplicated children participated in Early Life Choices groups, (ages 6-10).**

- 43 females
- 67 males

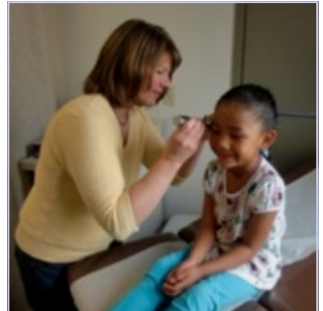
**5,863 Elementary students participated in 393 presentations on peacekeeping/safety/bullying**

**89.5% of 1st-3rd grade participants said they learned safe ways to handle their angry feelings.**

**89.3% of 4th-6th grade participants said their self esteem was much better.**

**84% of 7th-12th grade participants stated they had learned skills to leave an abusive relationship.**

**72% of 7th-12th grade participants who had used violence in the past stated their use of violence had decreased.**



**34 children received health assessments**



**Young students learn "Hands Are Not For Hitting."**

**Community Education Department** The focus of this department is to build individual and community awareness about domestic abuse in order to grow a healthy relationship community where domestic violence is not tolerated and healthy relationships are the norm. The Department also publishes the Shelterline Postcard and E-newsletter 4 times annually, maintains the web site and produces brochures and training materials as needed. Coordination of the Connect Initiative is through this department.

**82 community presentations and trainings were attended by 3,334 individuals**

**Information booth set up at 9 community events**

**6 professional trainings provided to 154 participants**

*"Knowing that the situation happens to all types of people at different levels got me to reflect back to my personal situation."*

## Connect Initiative

Working with organizations in the community, we create and/or improve environments at work, at church, in businesses, medical facilities, and public places that encourage people to connect in healthy ways.

In FY 2010-2011, Connect trainings were held at Anderson Trucking, Minnesota School of Business, and Rasmussen College,

- **99% of those responding to the question felt the Connect training was worth their time**
- **89% found the positive conflict resolution techniques very helpful when dealing with staff**
- **100% of faculty and staff in two area business colleges felt the training will be influential in how they interact with students and colleagues.**

*"I appreciate how you focused on not only the students, but the faculty and staff too!"*

**Volunteer Services Department** encourages and coordinates opportunities for women, men, young adults and children to contribute time, talent, and treasure to the needs of battered women and their children.

**148 individual and 231 community group volunteers provided 10,590 hours of service to Anna Marie's Alliance.**

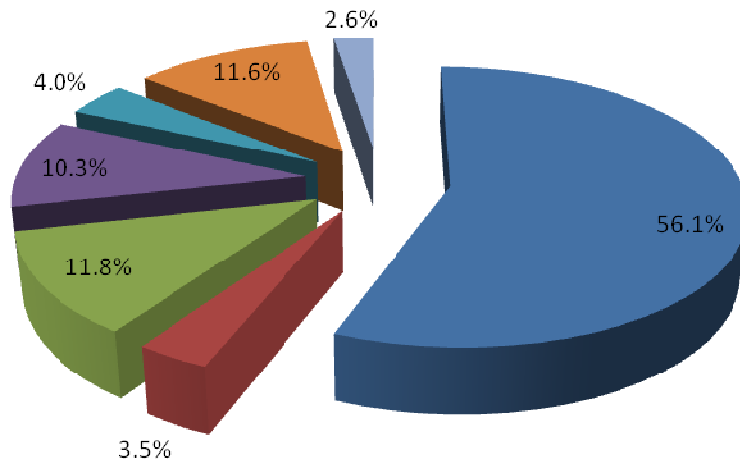


A quiet new reflection garden was installed the summer of 2011 with all work and materials provided by volunteers.

# Statement of Activities

Summary of Operations and Change in Net Assets for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011

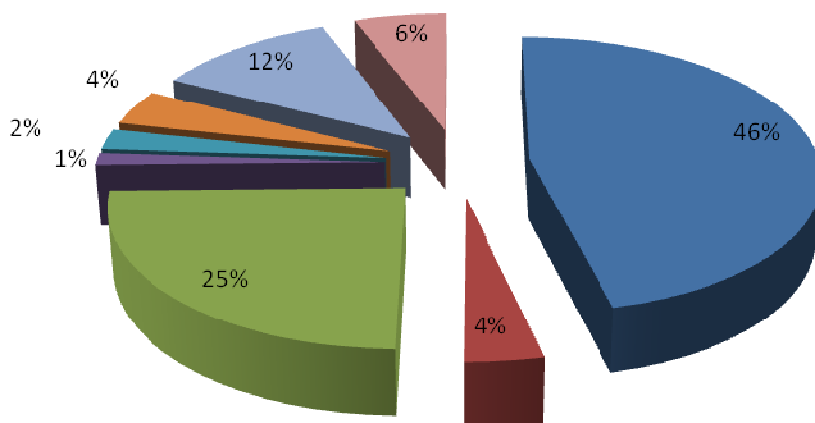
## Revenue 2010 - 2011



Gov't and Foundation Grants	\$1,226,734
United Way Revenue	\$76,500
Donated Goods and Services	\$258,926
Cash Contributions	\$225,938
Program Revenue	\$87,498
Investment Income	\$253,983
Bingo Income/Miscellaneous	\$56,195

**TOTAL REVENUE**      **\$2,185,774**

## Expenses 2010-2011



Anna Marie's Shelter	\$942,854
Criminal Justice Intervention	\$78,595
Youth Services	\$499,251
Transitional House	\$28,350
Volunteer Services	\$49,052
Community Education/Outreach	\$84,644
Administration/General	\$234,111
Fundraising	\$119,546

**TOTAL EXPENSES**      **\$2,036,403**

**Change in Net Assets**      **\$ 149,371**

A full financial audit is available on our website at [www.annamaries.org](http://www.annamaries.org) or by contacting the Finance Department at 320.251.7203

# Financial Donors

# 2010-2011

**Anna Marie's Alliance relies on a variety of sources for funding. With this support we are able to continue to provide advocacy services and programming to the women and children we serve.**

**In addition to the support we receive from you - our contributors, we also receive part of our funding from local, state, and federal government sources. Government sources include:**

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (Federal) ● Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (Federal)  
MN Center on Crime Victim Services, Dept of Public Safety ● MN Dept of Education - Food & Nutrition Services  
MN Dept of Human Services, Transitional Housing Program ● Stearns, Benton & Sherburne Counties

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