



# 2013 Annual Report

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin is the leading voice  
for victims of domestic abuse in Wisconsin

# Transformative work in progress...

2013 was a remarkable year! We remain committed to building the capacity of our Wisconsin domestic violence movement and working for expanded funding to support services across the state to ensure that victims of domestic violence and their children have a safe space to go in each of our 72 counties and within our 11 tribes. With programs focusing on aging and disabilities, children and youth, economic justice, under-served communities, LGBTQ victims, prevention, technology safety, homicide prevention, building sustainable coordinated community responses (CCRs) throughout the state, policy advocacy, and providing legal technical assistance, legal funds and direct legal representation (through our RISE Law Center), End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (End Abuse) works to meet the needs of all victims and survivors in Wisconsin. We continue to expand our reach to the nation through our national project, the National Clearinghouse on Abuse In Later Life.

In November, End Abuse joined our allies the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and American Indians Against Abuse to host a statewide conference that drew about 450 participants from across the state and nation. We challenged conference participants to “Transform the Conversation” about domestic and sexual violence, to seek new strategies and pathways and to promote social justice for all victims of violence. The conversations were rich and expansive. Through the conference, we all felt and experienced the hope that someday we can end gender-based violence once and for all!

By the year’s end of 2013, End Abuse signed a lease to move to a larger, more accessible office space. While the move didn’t happen until February of 2014, it was a significant moment in our year. We had been at our previous location for 15 years!

We are eternally grateful to our supporters and to the supporters of any and all of the 73 local domestic violence services providers serving Wisconsin’s 72 counties and 11 tribal communities. Together, we can end domestic abuse.



**Patti Seger**

Executive Director

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

# The many ways we work to end domestic abuse

## COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Program supports teams of key players in community systems, usually on a county-wide basis, to develop strategies and procedures in systems' response to domestic violence and sexual assault.

## OUTREACH TO UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES

The REACH Program works to improve the responsiveness of domestic violence service providers, legal and health systems, and others to the needs of people of color, LGBTQ, immigrants, people with disabilities, Deaf people, elders, and other under-served communities. The REACH Program also works to build the leadership capacity of advocates of color and survivors through the year-long WE LEAD academy. In addition, LGBTQ Task Force promotes the social change necessary to end sexual and domestic violence in the LGBTQ community.

## BUILDING CAPACITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

We work to ensure that the programs that exist in all 72 WI counties and in our 11 tribes are sustainably funded with strong foundations of programming and services, and are administratively and operationally sound.

## LEGAL

Our RISE Law Center provides direct legal representation to immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence primarily in the southern Wisconsin area. The End Abuse legal team examines the impact of the legal system on victims, provides training and information to advocates and legal professionals throughout Wisconsin and works to address the unique barriers facing immigrant victims and low income families.

## YOUTH PREVENTION & OUTREACH

Children and Youth Prevention and Outreach Program, with the support of the Verizon Foundation and Hope-Line, works to prevent violence before it begins through youth education and leadership development. In addition, it supports local domestic violence programs to support children by offering training, information, and networking opportunities for those working with youth exposed to domestic violence or dating violence.

## HOMICIDE PREVENTION

Homicide Prevention supports CCRs to develop responses that aim to prevent future homicides in their communities, while the Domestic Violence Homicide Research & Reporting Project works to inspire community members to get involved in efforts to prevent domestic violence.

## TRAINING & EDUCATION

End Abuse conducts regional and statewide training events, web-based seminars and customized on-site training for staff and boards of domestic violence programs.

## PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

Public policy advocacy mobilizes advocates, survivors and concerned citizens to effect policy changes that will support survivors and end domestic violence.

## ABUSE IN LATER LIFE

Our National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life works at the national level to improve victim safety, increase abuser accountability, and expand coordinated community responses to abuse in later life.

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

With support from the Allstate Foundation, End Abuse supports survivors to build financial independence by addressing their unique economic needs and providing resources to local domestic violence programs to develop services that address the economic needs and challenges that survivors face.

# 2013 Impact

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote social change that transforms societal attitudes, practices, and policies to prevent and eliminate domestic abuse. At End Abuse, we work towards achieving this mission from many angles.

## IMPROVED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

In 2013, End Abuse staff trained a total of 1,676 attendees at End Abuse sponsored trainings and another 1,928 attendees at non-End Abuse sponsored trainings. In addition, our staff responded to 2,411 requests for assistance with issues ranging from teen dating violence to child witnesses to trauma informed care.

## COLLABORATION TO ENSURE SURVIVOR SAFETY

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin staff participated in 231 meetings with a total of 2,887 professionals in the fields of advocacy, batterer intervention, child welfare, corrections, legal systems, government agencies, law enforcement, health/mental health, law, and education.

## Did you know?

*2,082 victims of domestic violence were served in a single day in Wisconsin and that 924 DV victims (489 of them children) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing in DV programs? That many in just ONE day right here in our backyard.\**

## IMPROVED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

Total training hours received by all participants at trainings provided by End Abuse staff exceeded 20,000 hours.

### Topics covered in those trainings included:

- Children or child witnesses
- Advocate response
- Batterer's treatment
- Dating violence
- Economic/Housing
- Trauma Informed Care
- Underserved populations: African American, Latino, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, enforcement, firearms, family law, DV statutes, criminal law, civil court procedures elderly, and those with developmental, mental and physical disabilities
- Organizational community response: coordinated community response, board roles, victim service admin and operations, collaboration, outreach, legislation, and technology
- Board roles in DV and Dual programs
- Justice systems: protection orders, restraining orders, overview of law, immigration, law enforcement, firearms, family law, DV statutes, criminal law, and civil court procedures
- Building organizational capacity of DV programs to serve victims and survivors

\*NNEVDV 2013 Domestic Violence Counts: A 24-Hour Census of DV Shelters and Services

# 2013 Financial Statement

## EXPENSE

Program Support, Training and Technical Assistance	\$ 2,167,399
Policy and Legislation	\$ 25,026
Membership	\$ 25,050
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$ 2,217,475</b>

Management and General	\$ 291,851
Fundraising	\$ 64,476
<b>Total Supporting Activities</b>	<b>\$ 356,327</b>

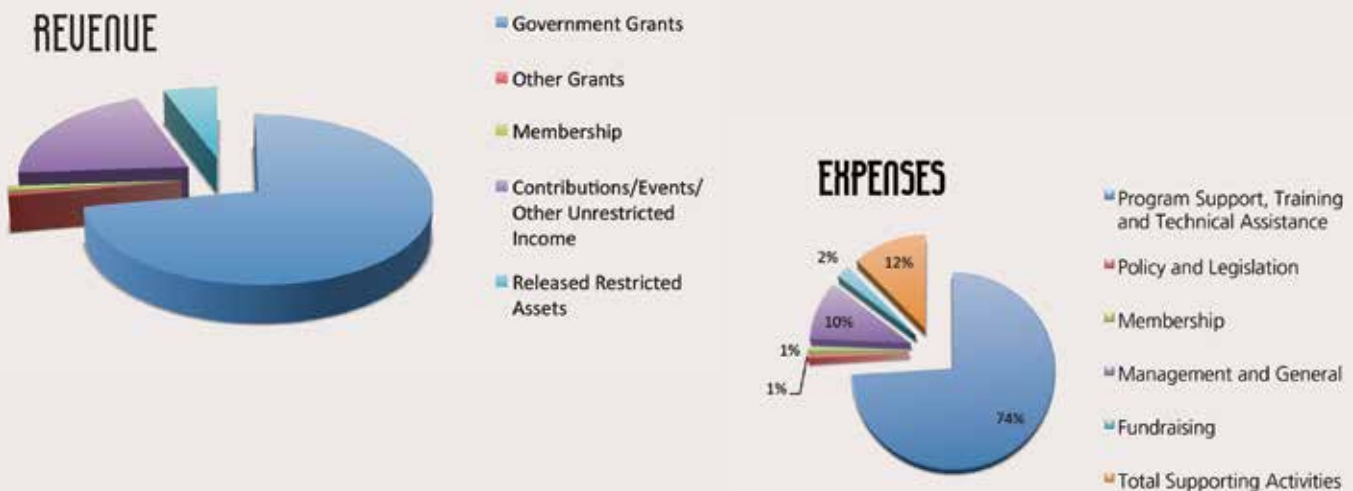
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,573,802</b>
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## REVENUE

Government Grants	\$ 1,878,096
Other Grants	\$ 19,454
Membership	\$ 26,060
Contributions/Events/Other Unrestricted Income	\$ 532,680
Released Restricted Assets	\$ 146,847

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,603,137</b>
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<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 29,335</b>
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End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin's 2013 Financial Statements were audited by Wegner LLP.  
Copies of our complete audit are available upon request.

# People that help make it happen

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# Moving Forward

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I remember coming to Madison three years ago to testify on domestic violence legislation at the State Capitol with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin. This was shortly after my ex had been sentenced to life in prison plus 80 years for shooting and killing my mom and for shooting and attempting to kill me. I remember still feeling a little scared because of the horrible event. I was still pretty shaken. I was also not sure what to expect, but after my first time speaking at the state house, I went home and thought about it. I thought, "I can do this again. I am supposed to do this."

I think it was a few months before I was asked to come and speak again, and during that time I came to believe that I survived for a purpose. I knew my ex was never getting out of prison. I was safe, and with that in mind, I jumped in all the way to help. I also believe that coming to Madison to help End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin helped me to heal, to stand up, and put a hand out to others going through horrible situations.

I now speak out at school and community activities; I am a voice for all survivors. I got the Courage Award in 2011 from the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse and started my own group, HEDA (Helping End Domestic Abuse), for fun activities to raise money for local and state domestic abuse programs.



*Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and Sarah Engle, End Abuse Board Member*

My work with End Abuse has grown as well. I was part of the 2013-2014 WE LEAD Leadership Academy, where I developed the skills to continue to advocate for other victims and survivors. I put these skills to use when I was part of a group of survivors and advocates who worked with End Abuse to help pass the Wisconsin SAFE Act. This law helps get guns out of the hands of people like my ex—people who have a history of being abusive and dangerous.

Earlier this year, I was elected to the End Abuse Board of Directors and serve as a leader and advisory to the organization. This summer, I went to Washington, D.C. and met Representative Gabby Giffords. Because she and I are both victims of gun violence and advocates for women's safety, meeting her was inspirational and a highlight of the many things I have been able to accomplish since surviving my Mom's death and the attack on my life.

I am thankful for the opportunities I have had to heal by working on behalf of others and that End Abuse has been there to help create these opportunities.

— Sarah Engle (photo above)

## Did you know?

*That on September 17, 2013, domestic violence victims in Wisconsin made more than **200 requests for services** including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services **that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services\****



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