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FISCAL YEAR 2013 REVENUE/EXPENSES

2012-2013 Revenues
Client Fees                              2%
Federal                                  24%
Foundation/Other Grants                 3%
Community Support                        6%
State of Hawaii                          66%

2012-2013 Expenses
Fundraising Expense                    4%
Management & General                   16%
Program Services                        80%

Net Assets at Beginning of Year: $2,546,186.00
Net Assets at End of Year: $2,652,807.00
It has been a steady year for the Domestic Violence Action Center. With enthusiastic initiative, spirited efforts, and good teamwork, the agency continued its servant leadership to survivors and community.

With many opportunities, widespread support and inspired commitment to the work, DVAC remains anchored in the community safety net, with its values and ethics guiding practice. On the ground, in the office, in the courts, and in the community discourse, the agency is offering what we know best. Our resources are dedicated to building safe families, in the interests of a strong community.

We find that the challenges to be met continue to mount. The work to help build a responsive system is unending, and the need to advance understanding about this complex social problem is as important today as it ever was. Injustice, oppression, bias, and judgment interfere with the efforts of families to get to safety and begin to heal. Our good fortune, hard work, inspired action and healthy imagination positions us to seize the challenges and overcome seemingly incessant hindrances. DVAC focuses on the shared passion, light, laughter and conviction as a shield against faltering.

The Domestic Violence Action Center intends to stay in the fray. You may look to us for the leadership we have come to be known for and count on our continued dedication to our island families. We shall look to you for your investment in our shared vision for peace.
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**PROGRAMS**

Our core services are intact. Survivors, employers, health care practitioners, faith based institutions, educators, attorneys, law enforcement and other community programs can reach out to us on our Telephone Helpline for anonymous, confidential assistance; 2,230 people made that important call. The Helpline can receive as many as 17 calls in a day. 904 safety plans were completed on the telephone with callers. DVAC works on site at court through the EXPO program. EXPO continues to be one of the most valuable services we offer; petitioners, defendants (victimized by their abusers), and witnesses rave about their encounters with staff in our surveys: “I would like to say thank you for all your help. They are always there for me, understand my situation. I could see hope because of them. I could not have gone through this ordeal without DVAC’s help. Anyone who would want to be free and safe should contact DVAC because they will help and find a way.” (Anonymous, October 2012) “My advocate is so caring. She always keeps in touch with me and makes me feel safe. She has a big heart and is sincere -- always giving me more information. She’s so wonderful!” (Anonymous, March 2013) Outreach was provided to 1,621 survivors in Family Court in criminal and civil actions. Safety plans were completed with every one of those survivors and risk assessments were completed with 1,600. The benefit of providing support at Court, which is a crucial time on the journey to safety, yielded favorable outcomes for 339 clients for whom we were not able to provide legal representation (our modest goal of 100 was far exceeded). 87% of requests to accompany survivors into their court hearings were met by EXPO staff. The DVAC Advocacy team continued its extraordinary, unduplicated support in FY 2013; 131 new cases were opened and 132 cases were closed. At year end, staff had an active caseload of 388 open cases. Their robust and compassionate services are rated as good or excellent by 98% of clients who submitted their Client Feedback surveys (every client is invited to comment and offer feedback). 221 Family Court cases were accepted and opened by DVAC attorneys; 261 cases were closed. Attorneys made 291 court appearances at the Ronald T.Y. Moon Judiciary Complex in Kapolei. Brief services were provided on site to an additional 63 survivors. Private funding was received to enable clients on our legal caseload (who desired) to obtain therapeutic services from a clinician. The program, Survivors Thrive, was developed by DVAC to compliment legal and advocacy support. DVAC legal staff also experimented with the facilitation of “clinics” where clients on the agency advocacy caseload could explore their legal issues with an attorney.
DVAC received high marks after a site visit was conducted by the Department of the Attorney General to audit program services supported by STOP (Services-Trainings-Officers-Prosecutors) VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) funding administered by the Department. Teen Alert Program (TAP) travelled statewide, to be with students, teachers, administrators, parents and community programs to provide education. Topics of discussion included healthy relationships, warning signs of abuse, the impact of gender roles, the influence of gender bias and the important role bystanders can play in supporting friends and recognizing abuse when they encounter it with their peers. Four thousand three hundred twenty (4,320) students were educated about these issues by Teen Alert this year. Thirty (30) high schools and twenty four (24) intermediate schools were visited by Teen Alert staff. 286 youth and families received specialized advocacy for their challenges related to dating abuse. 72 cases were opened to serve those young people already involved in abusive relationships; an additional 63 cases were closed. Community events and partnerships with allies also interested in the safety and dignity of our youth enabled us to be with new audiences and extend our reach. Soroptimist International of Waikiki collaborated with us to bring a Saturday session to girls and their moms (or dads) at Sacred Hearts Academy during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

DVAC’s Teen Alert program partnered with Kokua Kalihi Valley community garden, Ho’oulu Aina, to coordinate a successful daylong event called, Teen Making Connections. With funding from the Consuelo Foundation, Teen Alert worked with Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (KSBE) students to develop a collection of photographs for exhibition about gender issues and expectations, Seeing, Believing and Imagining is the result. The collection will be shared during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and become a permanent part of the agency’s community awareness inventory of visual aids. The Consortium for Health Safety and Support (CHSS) continued its work with the leeward coast communities, engaging an increasing number of filipino and native Hawaiian families, community allies and small grass roots organizations. Participation in community events, booths, fairs, and sign waving was vigorous. For example, CHSS created an all-free community event called the Waipahu Community Jubilee aimed at fostering a healthy community through bridging education, building healthy relationships and highlighting community resource organizations.
25 businesses and agencies were involved in the Waipahu Community Jubilee—First Insurance, Walmart, QLCC, Fisher, McDonalds (2 locations), Frito Lays, HMSA, HECO, Generation to Generation, Bethel Chapel Champions for Jesus, Waipahu Police Department, Boy Scouts, Aloha Pregnancy Care, Legacy of Life, Community Case Management Corporation, Ewa Beach Community Based Development Organization/Waipahu Community Based Development Organization, Gentry Homes, Bank of Hawaii, Triple RT, Active Hawaii, Talaga Crazy, August Ahrens Elementary School, Bethel Media Productions, Starbucks, Jamba Juice; 184 people registered at the Jubilee. In April, Wai’anae Coast Keiki Spring Fest attracted 1,545 participants and DVAC CHSS was one of 58 program tables available to share information and answer questions. Signwaving continued as a community activity and was coordinated in the Waipahu/Ewa Beach communities in May 10, 2013 with about 20 people receiving 500 “honks.” An essay contest for students at Nanakuli High School yielded scholarships for all participants since the quality of all submissions was exemplary. Students at Waipahu High School Safety Club travelled to Maine and received 3rd place recognition for their work linking driver safety with dating safety. The effect of their analysis was richly rewarded with the addition of a new category for the annual event. Research on our Talkstory intervention progressed, with adjustments incorporated through the learning that occurred. DVAC is richer for the work with our partner organizations. A Toolkit was developed for training of Talkstory facilitators and use by the community in their own Talkstory implementation.

Specialized legal services and unduplicated advocacy services are available to a greater number of survivors through two partnership agreements with Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. Both programs are dedicated to meeting the needs of immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence.

DVAC maintained its tradition and investment in staff through meaningful training. Litigation skill building, content sessions, supervisory, social media and strategic development focused training was available through in-service, webinar and workshop at home and on the continent. These included ABA Commission on DV, US Department of Justice-Enforcing the Housing Rights of Survivors of DV, Hawaii State Bar Convention, Traumatic Stress-Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, Healthy Masculinity, Hawaii Justice Foundation Annual Meeting, and the Affordable Health Care Law.

DVAC was selected to participate in an intensive trauma informed care training by the Office On Women’s Health Region IX liaison which allowed five staff members to travel to San Francisco. DVAC also supported a Hawaii team to attend the national Domestic Violence Fatality Review Conference in Phoenix.
A new program, Pulama I Ka ‘Ohana-PIKO (Cherish the Family), was added to the array of specialized services available by the Domestic Violence Action Center. With funding support from the Department of Human Services, PIKO supports families in the child welfare system who are suffering the harm of child abuse and intimate partner abuse. Advocacy, individual, group and parent-child therapy, as well as referrals will be provided with a culturally responsive trauma informed approach. The leeward and central regions of Oahu will be served with this new program and referrals are accepted directly from child welfare services, family strengthening services and voluntary case management programs. Safety, freedom and healing for children and adults remain DVAC’s goals for these families.
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COMMUNITY

The Domestic Violence Action Center interfaced with a rich variety of organizations throughout the year. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the agency had a booth at the Kaka’ako food festival—Eat the Street. As always, agency staff served on the Steering Committee for the 18th Annual Men’s March Against Violence, also during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We were in attendance at two Community Briefings (in Makiki and Wai’anae) hosted by the Access to Justice Commission, and our CEO served on a panel at the Access to Justice Summit at the UH Richardson School of Law.

In collaboration with the Department of Human Services, DVAC coordinated two initiatives focusing on domestic violence as a health issue. A Health Care Roundtable at Washington Place was attended by healthcare institutions and a meeting in the Governor’s Conference Room attracted representatives from health care institutions statewide.

DVAC was instrumental in the publication of a cover story on domestic violence in the October 2012 issue of Hawaii Business Magazine, and shared a booth with the magazine at the Society of Human Resource Managers Annual Conference. DVAC also had a DV Action Ready Booth at the Wahine Forum. Teen Alert participated in the Annual Teen Video Awards hosted by HMSA. This year’s winner, selected by Teen Alert, was from Mililani High School. “He Was Different” was written and produced by Rachel Reichard, Eric Salazar, Paige Deloye, and Conrad Wolfe. Jason Tamura was the teacher advisor to the youth.

The media was generous with DVAC again during the year, providing opportunities to explore issues pertaining to domestic violence on Community Matters, The Conversation with Beth Ann Koslovich, The Body Show with Dr. Kathleen Kozack, ‘Ōlelo, KNDI Radio and Island Voices with Dan Boylan.

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DVAC actively participated in the coordination of a global initiative, conceived by Eve Ensler, One Billion Rising. Using DVAC’s resources, relationships and creativity, Honolulu was one of many communities across the planet that raised collective awareness about the crimes of violence against women occurring in every corner of the world.

Training and presentations are made throughout the year by staff and management. This year, DVAC travelled to Honolulu Community College, Chaminade University, Society for Human Resource Managers, Soroptimist International, Family Court Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem training, YWCA Women Moving Forward, Richardson School of Law/Family Law Clinic, First Hawaiian Bank Kāne‘ohe Branch, and Queen’s Hospital. The agency continued its extensive training for new staff, volunteers and practicum students with topics including Theory and Foundations of Intimate Partner Violence, Conducting Assessments for Risk/Lethality/Safety and Primary Aggressors, Legal Remedies for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and orientation to specialized agency program services (Teen Alert, EXPO Court Outreach, Helpline).

Agency relationships were nurtured with Hawaii Women Filmmakers participation for the second year in Girls Reel Camp, and new relationships were born with Bethel Chapel and New Hope Leeward.

DVAC continues to bring the voice of survivors to system and community discourse about domestic violence. We are representatives on the Access to Justice Commission, Family Law Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, PHOCUSED (Protecting Hawaii’s ohana, children, underserved, elderly and disabled), Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Violence Against Women Advisory Committee, Hawaii Children’s Trust Fund, and the Legal Service Provider Consortium.

Efforts are continuing to shift balance of agency resource revenues. New grants were received, others renewed and development initiatives were devised to increase opportunities for community support. Mother’s Day 2013 saw the inception of The Beauty of It All, a way to celebrate moms and support DVAC through the purchase of orchids made available to us by Penny’s Orchids and anthuriums from Floral Resources. Silpada silver jewelry also participated in Mother’s Day jewelry parties in honor of moms. Poinsettias for Peace was a robust and colorful fundraiser for DVAC once again. The DVAC Golf Tournament, with Jennifer Busto, Jennifer Eaddy, Bill Harrison, Rex Fujichaku and staff on the committee, remains the single largest fundraising initiative coordinated to raise unrestricted funds.

Our community allies, supporters and funders continue to rally around the important work and significant role DVAC plays. Agency partners, board members, individual contributors and business allies create a tapestry of supporters that make our work possible and memorable. Staff and clients live more meaningful lives because of the opportunity to work together in the interests of community safety. Families make a whole and healthy community. They reside at the core of a thriving community. Stay with us. We need you.
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