

Mission and Overview

This is the thirteenth annual report of the merged agencies previously known as Spartanburg County SAFE (Shelter Available For Emergencies) Homes Network, Inc. and The Council on Sexual Assault. Implementation of the merger began in 1995 to become one organization: **SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition.**

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Mission

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition is a collaborative effort that exists to end sexual and domestic violence.

Objectives

To build community awareness by providing Information on the dynamics and prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/Abuse;

To provide treatment and supportive services to child and adult victims of Sexual Assault/Abuse or Domestic Violence;

To provide temporary emergency shelter to victims of Domestic Violence and their dependent children;

To advocate at local, state, and federal levels on behalf of victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/Abuse and to coordinate community resources to alleviate the suffering of these victims.

The initial transitional period for our new agency was aimed at an orderly consolidation of staffs and program, while at the same time maintaining an optimum level of both domestic violence and sexual assault services. Both the physical and psychological merger of the two sister agencies have been extraordinary accomplishments and a benefit to the victims we serve, as well as, a sound financial decision. Many of our clients have been, sadly, victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault. As a combined program, we are better able to address their concerns and ensure that appropriate services are received. We continue to evaluate our progress and implement changes that will improve or expand existing services.

The following report covers the activities for the calendar year 2008 and provides comparative program and financial statistics for the period. If you have any questions or comments, please call Lynn Hawkins, Executive Director, at 864.583.9803.

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**United We Stand...
Putting the Pieces
Together**
(An Interpersonal Violence
Conference)



On October 3, 2008 a one-day event to help service providers better understand the dynamics of interpersonal violence took place. The outcome of this conference was to increase victim safety and offender accountability. Ultimately we want to reduce the number of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault/abuse victims in our community through increased collaboration, understanding and communication among those organizations that assist victims.

There were exhibits from organizations, vendors of interest and the opportunity of networking with other service providers.

Topics included

- *The Bible and Family Values*
- *How Sexual Trauma Transforms Adolescents Internet Crimes Against Children*
- *Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program*
- *Pregnancy & Violence*
- *Trauma Focused Therapy Techniques*
- *Predatorial Drugs*
- *Legal Responsibilities of Clergy and Abusive Families*
- *Impact of Domestic Violence on Brain Development*
- *DNA Analysis, Vicarious Victimization*
- *Crime Scene Forensics*
- *Bullying and Gangs*
- *Children and Domestic Violence*
- *Differences between Family and Criminal Court*
- *Dealing with Mental Illness*
- *Judicial Ethics.*



**Documentation, Report Writing,
and Court Testimony in
Domestic Violence Cases**



The Spartanburg Public Safety Department, Battered Women's Justice Project, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, and Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office offered domestic violence training on August 19-21, 2008. The speakers were Lieutenant Scott Jenkins, Duluth Police Department, Rhonda Martinson, Attorney, Battered Women's Justice Project, and Barry Barnette, Deputy Solicitor, Office of 7th Circuit Solicitor. Topics included the Prosecutor's Perspective on Local Policy, Court Practice and New Developments, Evidence-based Investigation of Domestic Violence Cases and Court Testimony. This training was made possible through the Spartanburg Public Safety Grant, and Extended Stay Headquarters donated the use of their facilities.



EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

In 2008, we provided 481 education/prevention programs reaching 197,711 individuals in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties. We reached people of all ages from elementary school students to senior citizens. Employees of area companies were also presented with pertinent information and materials.



THOSE WHO CANNOT LEARN FROM HISTORY
ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT IT. ~ *George Santayana*



On August 5, 2008 a representative and volunteer of SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition were showcased on Your Carolina with Jack & Kimberly to address the good works of the United Way of the Piedmont's Week of Caring, Volunteerism & SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition. During week of caring 2008, United Way mobilized over 600 volunteers to complete 69 volunteer projects in the community. This is the 5th year that the United Way and SAFE Homes have been involved with groups and corporations who volunteer their time while giving back to the community as well as learning about the good works of non-profits.



Make your mark on the Piedmont.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Clinical Director teaches Master of Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Converse College

Elizabeth Pratt, Clinical Director for SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, is a licensed Ed.S, LMFT and teaches a graduate course in Marriage and Family Therapy at Converse College on domestic violence and sexual abuse. Marital and family therapy is a distinct mental health discipline designed to use family systems theories and intervention techniques to address a wide array of family issues. The Master of Marriage and Family Therapy is a 66 semester hour program that is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. The mission of the Master of Marriage and Family Therapy is to train clinically-skilled and culturally-competent systemic marriage and family therapists who can practice effectively and ethically in a wide variety of settings. The program values diversity in its faculty, students, and the client population it serves. The program is committed to creating a learning environment in which the accompanying values, beliefs, traditions, and symbols of diverse cultures are respected and cultivated.



"Let us not look back in
anger, nor forward in fear,
but around in awareness"

~James Thurber

MARY'S HOUSE TRANSFORMATION COMPLETE



SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition has finally witnessed the completion of Mary's House since moving into our new facility on June 17, 2005. Construction on our back parking lot was completed in December 2008. This much needed transformation has allowed our agency staff and collaborating partners to park and enter the building from the back of Mary's House, which opened a substantial amount of parking spaces in the front for service organizations, clients, and domestic violence and sexual assault victims seeking services.



A huge thank you goes out to John Gramling, III for his continued assistance and support of this organization by piping and covering the huge gully, which our parking lot now rests. We also send out a thank you to Ed and Gail Medlin who also donated a large portion of the funding that went to landscaping the back parking area and laying the asphalt.



Within the facility, we are able to serve clients' needs in a more private and effective way. There are separate waiting rooms for therapy clients and the community, which enhances confidentiality and professionalism. We have two meeting rooms which are shared by area service organizations for trainings and meetings. With our Thrift Store being connected to our Main Office, victims are able to go next door and shop for free.

The Solicitor's Office co-located two staff members on-site this year. Spartanburg Public Safety co-located their victim advocate two days a week, and South Carolina Legal Services is on-site one day a week. Spartanburg Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission is now providing assessment and groups for victims with alcohol and drug issues. The Department of Social Services and Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office are on-site at Mary's House as needed.



New Shelter Update

Foundations, religious institutions, government grants and contracts, and contributions from our community have provided SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition with \$465,000 toward the \$1,050,000 needed for purchase and renovation of a new shelter for victims of domestic violence in Spartanburg.

In an average year, SAFE Homes – Rape Crisis Coalition shelters 400-450 women and children for approximately 7,000 occupancy days. Of these shelter residents, 54% are children and 39% of those were under the age of 6. Our current shelter was built in 1890, and is the largest shelter for victims of domestic violence in our state. It was not built for group living, and we are concerned for the safety of the small children in negotiating the staircase in the shelter. In addition, the maintenance on such an old building is immense. There is lead-based paint on the walls, and significant use has deteriorated the encapsulating paint that covers the lead paint. Finally, the shelter is located 2 ½ blocks from the center of downtown Spartanburg, and the revitalization of this area has begun to negatively impact our need for confidentiality and security.

A new shelter facility will allow us to expand our bed space, improve shelter safety, and more effectively meet the needs of the women and children who come to us for shelter. We struggle to maintain a safe, supportive, and secure environment for the many families who come to us because they have nowhere else to go, or are too afraid to be anywhere else. We have located a site with two large buildings located side by side that would be ideal for a new shelter for victims. The buildings have adequate bed and bathroom space, and have no lead paint. They are located in a safe neighborhood, accessible by the city bus. The buildings require some minor renovation to be fully functional for our needs; we also want to add a communal dining room and storage area at the rear of the buildings to connect them.

Currently, 91% of the families we shelter are not returning to their abuser when they leave the shelter. We hope to continue to meet the needs of the very vulnerable population we currently serve, and increase the number of more stable victims who stay in the shelter long enough to make a permanent change in their lives.

Acquiring a new emergency shelter will more effectively meet the needs of victims in our community. Emergency shelter is a vital component of the safety net that must be offered to assist battered women and children in escaping the violence in their homes. For some women and children, shelter can quite literally be the difference between life and death.

RAISING AWARENESS



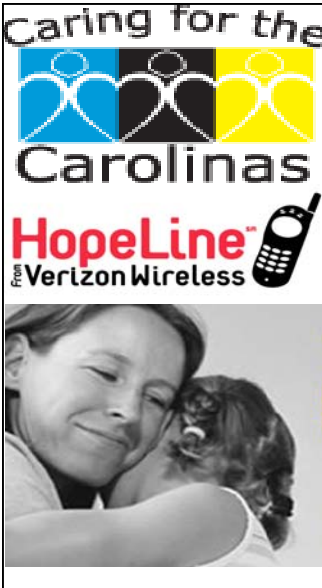
Music on Main provided entertainment to the community and supported victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by donating a portion of the proceeds from one evening's ticket sales totaling \$559 to SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition.



Day of Prayer



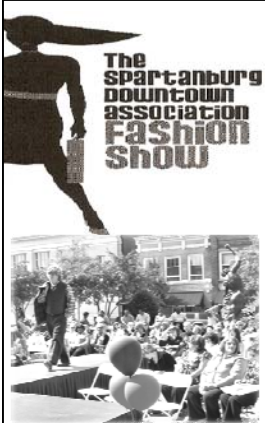
The City of Spartanburg and the Spartanburg Public Safety Department Office of Victim Assistance gathered together with the Spartanburg community and its leaders on April 16, 2008 to remember those whose lives have been lost and honor those whose lives have changed because of violent crimes.



WSPA News Channel 7 has a long-standing reputation of serving this community through community service and public awareness campaigns. They contribute airtime and online promotion to over 75 public service organizations on an annual basis. They highlight community outreach events under one umbrella they call Caring for The Carolinas.

On March 19, 2008 their community service project was Verizon Wireless' HopeLine. They had a booth set up at the Spartanburg Food Lion on Garner Road allowing customers to donate their old phones to our organization. They urged the public to donate their phones to the HopeLine and interviewed a SAFE Homes employee about how the donated phones actually help save the lives of domestic violence victims.

Verizon Wireless is a recognized corporate leader for its commitment to preventing domestic violence and raising awareness of the issue. Verizon Wireless collects no longer-used wireless phones, batteries and accessories in any condition from any wireless service provider at Communications Stores nationwide. Phones that can be refurbished are sold for reuse and those without value are disposed of in an environmentally sound way. We received \$2,500.00 from the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program in order to focus on domestic violence prevention and awareness.



The Spartanburg Downtown Association (and other contributing sponsors) presented the "Out with the Old and in with the New" Fall fashion show and lunch in the courtyard at the Extended Stay Hotel.

Participating stores included At Stephen's, Chelsea's Downtown, Divas on Main, Events on Main, The Lemon Peel, Prices' Menswear, Pearsons, Pink on Main, The Sock Basket, Three Sisters Boutique, and The Runway.

New and used clothing was donated at these stores and given to SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition and The Haven to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women entering the workforce.

HELPING VICTIMS FIND JUSTICE

During 2008, we assisted 465 victims with filing petitions for orders of protection and attended 2,134 hearings with domestic violence and sexual assault victims. We assisted 531 victims of sexual assault and accompanied 83 victims of sexual assault to hospitals in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties. We attended 49 sexual assault trials and pleas, and made 876 follow-up contacts with sexual assault victims.

Supreme Court Decision on Domestic Violence and Guns

The Supreme Court upheld the broad reach of a federal gun-control law and said that no one who has a conviction for any crime of domestic violence may own a firearm.

The 7-2 decision strips gun rights from tens of thousands of people who were convicted or had pleaded guilty to an assault against a spouse, a live-in partner, a child or a parent. These crimes include not just felonies, but misdemeanors.

Gun-control advocates and law enforcement officials praised the ruling. On average, more than three people are killed each day by domestic partners, according to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. About 14% of police officers who are killed in the line of duty die in response to a domestic violence call, the group said. Since 1996, federal authorities have turned down more than 175,000 prospective gun buyers because of domestic violence charges, according to the Brady Center. Most of them could have had their rights restored had the court ruled the other way. Tuesday's ruling did not involve the 2nd Amendment and its right "to keep and bear arms."

Last year, the high court ruled that law-abiding citizens had a constitutional right to have a gun at home for self-defense, but it said felons could be denied gun rights.

In 1968, Congress made it illegal for felons to own a gun in the United States. Lawmakers in 1996 extended this ban to include those convicted of "a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence."

Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act

Debbie Smith was raped near her home in 1989. For six and a half years, she lived in fear that her attacker would return to kill her. Only on the day that Debbie's husband told her that the man who had raped Debbie - who had been identified because of DNA evidence - was already in prison, was Debbie able to live without fear.

A bipartisan coalition of members of Congress, organizations, and crime victims like Debbie Smith worked together to pass the original "Debbie Smith Act." The original "Debbie Smith Act" was signed into law in 2004 as part of "The Justice for All Act," comprehensive legislation that ensured that DNA evidence could be used to convict the guilty and free the innocent. Since then, millions of dollars of federal funding have been appropriated under the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program to process the thousands of unprocessed DNA evidence kits - including rape kits - across the country. "The Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act" was signed into law in 2008 (P.L. 110-360). P.L. 110-360 authorizes \$151 million in each fiscal year from FY2009-FY2014 to process DNA evidence, and it reauthorizes programs for training and education and sexual assault forensic exam grants.

“ We cannot stand by and let rapists roam free while the DNA evidence that could convict them goes unprocessed. Passing the original Debbie Smith bill was a huge victory for Debbie Smith, and for the thousands of rape survivors like her...Reauthorizing the Debbie Smith Act will ensure [that] we continue to keep criminals off our streets and put them in prison where they belong. ”

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Spartanburg County Foundation Contributes \$20,000 to New Shelter



The Spartanburg County Foundation is the oldest community foundation in South

Carolina. Created by the citizens of our local area, the foundation is a tax-exempt public charity that helps people accomplish their philanthropic goals.

Community foundations work in partnership with concerned citizens, nonprofits and governments to achieve community goals and maximize grant making effectiveness.

By offering a variety of charitable funds, community foundations enable people to easily and effectively support the issues they care about. Each fund is professionally managed, and endowed assets continue to grow over time.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition was the recipient of a \$20,000 charitable offering from the Spartanburg County Foundation. The funds received will go towards our new shelter that houses victims of domestic violence and their dependent children.



Our 3rd Annual Sidewalk Sale

was held on May 17, 2008.

With sunny blue skies and support from the community we raised approximately \$600! These funds will be used to provide emergency shelter, counseling and other support services for victims in this community.



\$20,000 Gift from Wal-Mart

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition received a generous gift of \$20,000 for the new shelter. At Wal-Mart, they believe in the philosophy of operating globally and giving back locally. They make the greatest impact on communities by supporting causes that are important to their customers right in their own neighborhoods. They are proud to be a "store of the community" for all of the communities they serve by helping to provide financial and volunteer support to more than 100,000 charitable and community-focused organizations, and by using their locations to provide opportunities for their customers and associates to give back. We are honored to have received such a generous donation and it helps us get closer to making the new shelter a reality.

United Way of the Piedmont Awards Special Grants



These special grants enhance non-profit organizations' ability to provide services to the community and their constituents. Typically funds received from the United Way are allocated for programs that directly benefit the recipient, but these special grants will allow agencies to use the funds in a variety of ways, including technical and facility upgrades, capital expenditures and continuing education for staff. SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition received \$22,000 seed money to provide for transitional housing for women and children.

State Senator Glen Reese was welcomed with open arms and wide smiles on October 8, 2008. Senator Reese presented Mary Beth Lyles, and Lynn Hawkins, a \$40,000 check from the state's Competitive Community Grants Committee.



State Senator Glen Reese presents a \$40,000 check to Mary Beth Lyles and Lynn Hawkins

Photo by Leon G. Russ, Hometown News

These funds allowed SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition to complete the match needed to receive matching funds from a grant from Mary Black Foundation. These funds will be used to help purchase and renovate an emergency shelter. Lynn stated that "our shelter is 118 years old and downtown Spartanburg is encroaching upon it so it threatens the confidentiality of those residing there."

Senator Reese is hopeful that the community will pitch in and help out so that SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition will be able to meet their fundraising goal and make the new shelter a reality.



THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION
Your Community Foundation.



The Spartanburg County Foundation partnered with The Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University to award \$120,000 in grants from the South Carolina Rural Communities Compassion Project through the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The Clemson Compassion Grant we received has assisted Mary's House in increasing victim safety and offender accountability through expanding and focusing a multi-disciplinary response to domestic violence and sexual assault by providing a centralized location for critical victim services and bringing together professionals providing these services under one roof. With this grant money we purchased needed computer equipment for one Solicitor, a paralegal, and a Law Enforcement Victim Advocate and installed a new security keypad. We amended our by laws, developed a new mission statement, increased exposure/information diffusion about Mary's House by updating materials and technology, and developed a web site that is easy to update and maintain, and easy to access by victims, service providers and the community at large. This grant money has allowed us to expand our capacity in the community to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



With help from the Uptown Sertoma Club and the many folks who contributed their time, talent, donations, and support, Auction For A Cause netted SAFE Homes - Rape Crisis Coalition \$16,010!

JM SMITH FOUNDATION AWARDS \$100,000 TO NEW SHELTER FUND

The Board of Directors of JM Smith Foundation met with us to discuss our need for a new shelter, and our plans. We felt the meeting went well, and we had our hopes up for a contribution. We were shocked and ecstatic when they informed us that they would be contributing \$100,000 to our campaign. This grant enables us to meet the match required by the Mary Black Foundation Grant to receive their \$125,000 grant for renovations to the new shelter.



The Shop has been raising funds and toys for SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition for over 14 years. Thanks to the beautiful weather, and the great folks in the community they had an incredible turn-out and a great run. The Shop raised almost \$10,000 and a truckload of toys and gifts.

Special thanks to FedEx, Hilltop Fire Department and the Spartanburg City Police for the escort during the parade and to the 300+ motorcyclists that continue to support the work we do.

We couldn't do it without you!



APPRECIATING EACH AND EVERY VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are crucial to the success of SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition. In 2008, 539 volunteers contributed 25,483 hours; approximately the number of hours worked by over 12 full-time employees; consequently reducing agency expenditures.

We are fortunate to benefit from the labors of many thoughtful community groups; including community churches, local businesses and private citizens who help us to more effectively serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



Trainings are held in the Spring and in the Fall

Future volunteers who participated in the in-depth 30-hour Volunteer Training

Topics included: *Information about our therapy program, legal advocacy, shelter programs, crisis line protocol, aspects of sexual assault and domestic violence, post-traumatic stress disorder, response from the criminal justice system and topics on effective listening, boundaries and dealing with diversity issues.*



Summer Leadership Institute

Milliken & Company and Wofford College began the Summer Leadership Institute in 1998 to increase the leadership skills of rising high school seniors. Each summer, these students are given an introduction to the dynamics of leadership and principles of team building.

Throughout the week students attend workshops on presentation techniques, leadership styles, brainstorming and problem solving. Teams are also created among the participants. Each team is assigned a community service project that they complete as part of a team building exercise. At the end of the week all of their newly learned skills are tested during their project presentations to Wofford Faculty and Milliken senior leadership.

This year we were gracious enough to have a talented group of students help clear weeds, branches, and leaves from our playground area at our shelter.

PROMOTING AWARENESS

Kid's Day at Chapman Cultural Center

Kid's Day is sponsored by Partners in Prevention of Child Abuse agencies:

Family Care Council
Guardian Ad Litem

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition
Spartanburg Children Shelter
Spartanburg Public Safety Dept.

Spartanburg Department of Social Services
Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office
7th Circuit Solicitor's Office
Children's Advocacy Center



Pinwheel Garden at Chapman Center



Step Group



**Domestic Violence Awareness Month
11th Annual Balloon Vigil
October 23, 2008**



Silhouettes represent those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence in our community. Mayor Bill Barnet spoke to the Community.



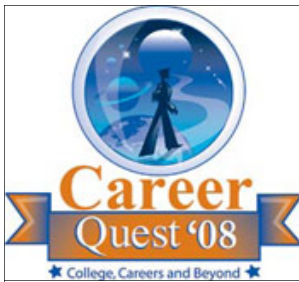
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and each year we gather to help raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence on our community.

Silhouettes were scattered throughout Morgan Square to represent those who have lost their lives at the hands of those who supposedly loved them.

As part of the national Silent Witness Project, volunteers spoke for the dead in our community; sharing their stories and grieving the loss of neighbors, friends, and loved ones.

REACHING OUT TO THE UNDERSERVED

In 2008, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition continued to increase outreach and education efforts with minority and other underserved communities. We assisted 1,779 child and adolescent victims (0-17 years), 402 disabled victims, 238 Hispanic victims, and 38 Elderly victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



A Career Exploration Experience for Middle and High School Students

Upstate Students Explore Career Options & Services at Career Quest '08

Representatives from more than 40 Upstate South Carolina business, middle and high school career counselors and guidance counselors, U.S. military representatives, non-profit organizations, and college recruiters talked with students about their career choices after graduation. Now in its third year, Career Quest is supported by Spartanburg Community College, the Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union County school districts and by local businesses. More than 1000 high school and middle school students from the Upstate gathered to learn more about career and education options and services available in their communities.

National Coming Out Day University of South Carolina-Upstate

On October 15, 2008 SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition along with other organizations from the community were invited to participate along side Pride Upstate, The University of South Carolina-Upstate's Gay, Straight Alliance Group in the celebration of their third annual National Coming Out Day. The week-long festivities included read-outs, speak-outs, information tables, music and a screening and discussion of "Show Me Love", a story of love and courage in the midst of the worst of human nature. Events concluded on Friday, October 17, 2008 with Pride Upstate's weekly gathering in which discussions included the coming out process, a debriefing of the festival, and a chance for Pride members to share their own coming out story. This event was aimed at raising awareness of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) community among the general public in an effort to give a familiar face to the LGBT rights movement. The program was sponsored by PRIDE Upstate.



PRIDE Upstate is a support group formed to educate students and employees on a variety of LGBT issues. The mission of PRIDE Upstate is based on the principle of People Respecting Individuality and Diversity through Education. Following this principle, PRIDE Upstate provides LGBT awareness programs, activism, and social events for the community at large and the University of South Carolina Upstate. This organization is non-discriminatory in providing these services and activities for LGBT students, faculty, alumni, and their allies. This organization strives to promote diversity and education throughout the entire campus community.

PROVIDING THERAPY FOR VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR FRIENDS



Domestic violence should not happen to anyone. But it does - and when it does, there is help. For many, healing from violent trauma can be a long, arduous process. Ultimately, the healing process is unique to each individual and, unfortunately, there is no pre-determined or predictable timeline for healing. The reality is that experiencing violence can change you at a fundamental level. But this is not cause for despair — it just takes time, determination and patience to adapt to the changes and to feel positive about life again.

In 2008, we provided 2,443 individual and 1,251 family therapy sessions for 483 individual victims.

PROVIDING SHELTER FOR EMERGENCIES

Women Giving for Spartanburg is a women's giving circle founded in 2007 as a special project of The Spartanburg County Foundation. Its mission is to maximize women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and informing its membership, increasing charitable contributions, and significantly improving the greater Spartanburg community through the impact of collective giving.

The Women Giving for Spartanburg held its inaugural meeting and grants presentation award luncheon, giving its first community impact grants to local non-profits on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Piedmont Club.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition received \$35,000 to help acquire the site for a new emergency shelter and to meet the requirements of a challenge grant of \$125,000 issued by the Mary Black Foundation.



Julie Lowry and Jo Ann McMillian present a check to Lynn Hawkins, Executive Director of SAFE Homes.

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition recognizes leaving an abuser is a process, not an event, and so we not only provide shelter for victims, but also a place to heal and to learn. In 2008, we provided educational and therapeutic groups and activities for 253 adults and children.

Statistics

These statistics refer to the number of families receiving services which include crisis counseling, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter.

	# of Adult/ Child Victims 2006	# of Adult/ Child Victims 2007	# of Adult/ Child Victims 2008
Spartanburg	4,519	5,137	4,537
Cherokee	617	811	526
Union	586	437	352
Other	320	376	235
Total	6,042	6,761	5,650

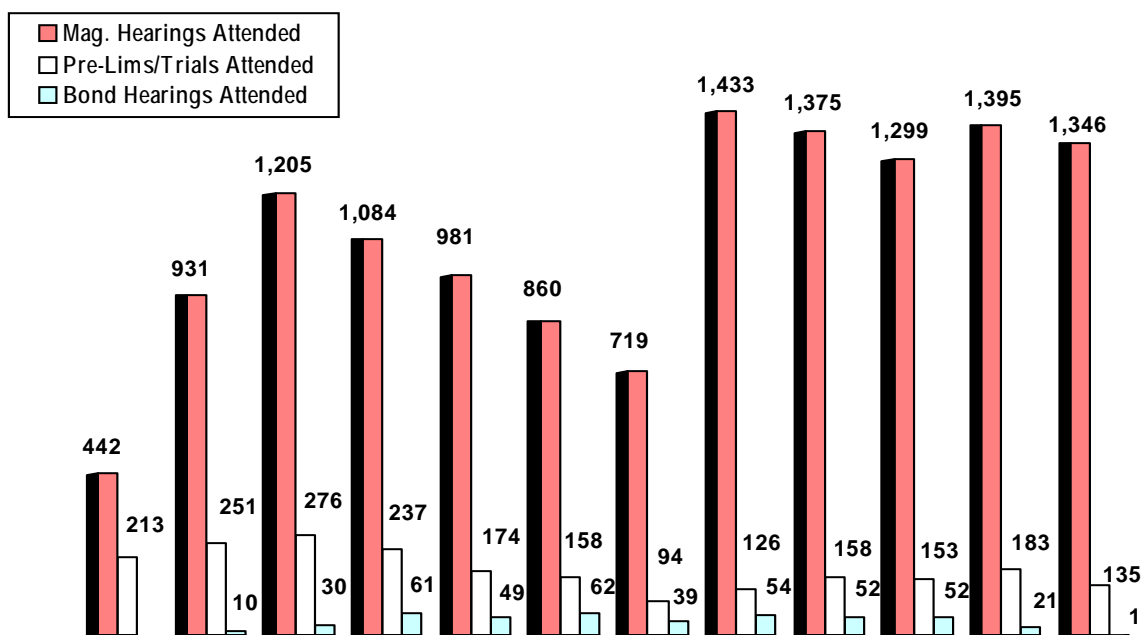
In 2008, 334 adults and children received 7,467 days of emergency shelter. We had an average length of stay of 22.36 days. The average age of the adults assisted in the shelter was 35 and the average age of the children was 6. Racially, 52% of the adults and children sheltered were Caucasian, 29% were African American, 14% were Hispanic, 1% were Asian, and 4% were Bi-Racial.

The following table displays domestic violence statistics since inception, 1983-2008.

	Domestic Violence <u>Victims Assisted</u>	Domestic Violence <u>Victims Sheltered</u>
2008	5,650	334
2007	6,761	417
2006	6,042	355
2005	6,640	437
2004	6,122	391
2003	5,075	427
2002	5,497	464
2001	6,057	477
2000	5,909	465
1999	5,832	573
1998	6,070	555
1997	6,654	447
1996	7,739	576
1995	8,673	651
1994	9,084	532
1993	8,149	581
1992	5,291	498
1991	5,328	458
1990	2,335	363
1989	1,452	378
1988	1,440	313
1987	1,344	196
1986	911	136
1985	152	21
1984	70	21
1983	22	4

The liaison with Law Enforcement Agencies resulted in 1,212 referrals of high-risk families — 992 from Spartanburg County, 129 from Cherokee County, and 91 from Union County. These high-risk families were provided follow-up contacts by volunteers and staff trained to assess the needs of such clients and offer referrals for appropriate additional services to reduce the negative effects of domestic violence.

Volunteers and staff at the Court House Offices provided victim advocacy for domestic violence victims at 1,346 city and county magistrate hearings, 135 preliminary hearings, 11 trials, and 1 bond hearings. The following chart graphs magistrate hearings, pre-lims/trials, and bond hearings attended by our Criminal Court Advocacy Program since 1997.



We also assisted in filing 465 Domestic Violence Petitions. The following chart shows the numbers served by each county in 2008:

County	Petitions Filed	Family Court Hearings Attended
Spartanburg	350	457
Cherokee	75	100
Union	40	35

The number of sexual assault clients receiving services from the Coalition included 274 direct victims and 257 indirect victims (family members and friends). These services included hospital, police, and/or court accompaniment, crisis counseling, individual and/or group therapy, and information and referral. The following statistics refer to the number of sexual assault victims and indirect victims served by county.

<u>County</u>	2006		2007		2008	
	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Indirect</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Indirect</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Indirect</u>
Spartanburg	322	261	325	265	216	205
Cherokee	30	28	17	15	31	18
Other	31	26	32	22	27	34
Total	383	315	374	302	274	257

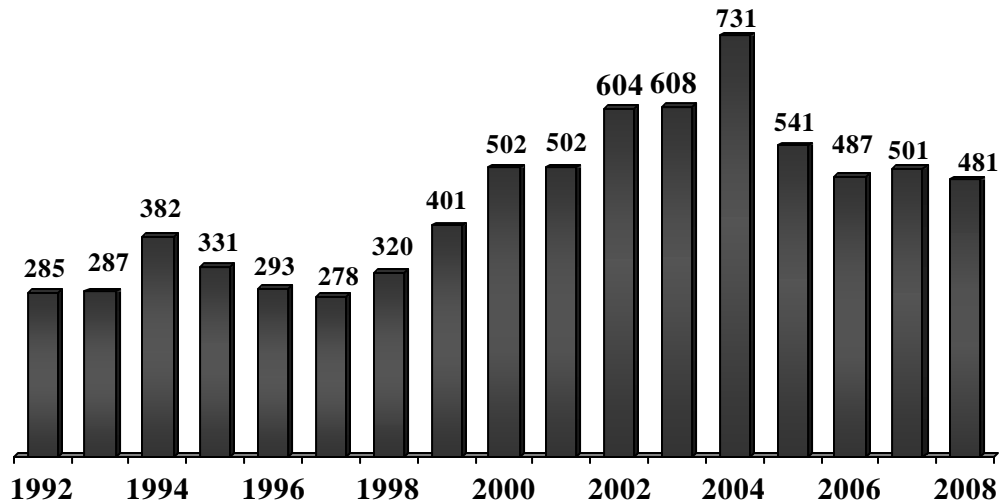
The table to the right displays sexual assault statistics for an nineteen year period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sexual Assault Victims Assisted</u>
2008	274
2007	374
2006	383
2005	395
2004	444
2003	433
2002	513
2001	355
2000	264
1999	230
1998	242
1997	294
1996	389
1995	298
1994	325
1993	363
1992	375
1991	180
1990	134

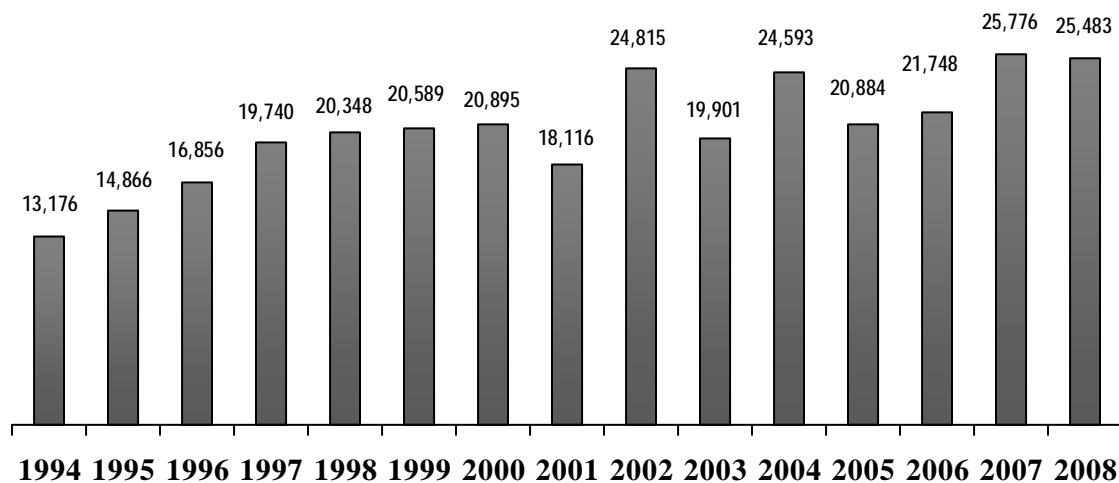
The following table describes the number of individual and family therapy sessions provided in 2008.

<u>Therapy Sessions</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Total</u>
DV Individual	1,314	162	1,476
DV Family	382	543	925
SA Individual	673	294	967
SA Family	91	235	326
Total	2,460	1,234	3,694

An estimated 197,711 people were reached through 481 education/prevention programs, presentations and media interviews relating to domestic violence and sexual assault, which raised awareness of the plight of victims of domestic and sexual violence. We reached 2,425 students through 135 school programs. We also provided education to underserved populations such as youth, elderly, disabled, and immigrant.



In 2008, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition had an active volunteer base of 539 people who provide assistance in many capacities. These dedicated women, men and youth provided 25,483 hours of service, which is the equivalent of 12 staff positions. Without their commitment, it would be difficult to provide this level of quality services to our community. Each year our volunteers provide an outstanding level of service, as shown in the following chart:



Resource Development

The SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition program of services is supported through application and receipt of grants, most of which are awarded on a competitive basis. A total of \$1,368,587 was awarded and contributed for 2008 program purposes.

Following is a summary of grants awarded:

United Way of the Piedmont

Two restricted grants were awarded by the United Way of the Piedmont which impacted the 2008 fiscal year. For July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, we received \$145,400 from Program Review funds for our programs. For July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, we received a \$149,762 grant from Program Review funds for our programs.

The United Ways of Cherokee and Union made unrestricted awards to support services to domestic violence victims. We received an award in the amount of \$2,000 from United Way of Cherokee during the period of January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and we received \$4,000 for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. During the period of July 1, 2007 to June 2008 we received \$6,000, from United Way of Union, and for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 2009, we received \$6,344 for these services.

United Way Innovation and Venture Grant

The United Way of the Piedmont awarded us a \$22,000 Innovation and Venture Grant to implement a transitional housing program for domestic violence victims in our community. The program allows a client and her dependent children to live in a furnished, utilities paid, rent-free apartment or house for up to six months. While staying in the transitional housing, clients could use their income to save funds for a permanent move, day care, and other living expenses. To be eligible for the program, victims must have a regular source of income, an Order of Protection against their abuser, and be a Spartanburg County resident.

Spartanburg County Council

The Spartanburg County Council awarded a restricted grant for the support of the shelter in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and an additional grant of \$25,000 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Clemson Compassion Grant

A Clemson Compassion Grant in the amount of \$10,000 was awarded to increase the effectiveness of our agency by helping us to bring more professionals into our one-stop victim service center, hire a consultant to assist our board in strategic planning, hire a professional web developer to design and host a more accessible, informative website, and secure effective outreach materials to reach more victims throughout our community.

Victims Of Crime Act

The Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) grant represents federal funding awarded through the State of South Carolina. SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition received six VOCA grants during the reporting period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. These projects were continuation grants from the previous period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The following is a breakdown of the grants and funds received from each project:

Follow-Up/Outreach Coordinator: This project provides intensive follow-up services and outreach to underserved sexual assault victim populations in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties. A total of \$78,131 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$62,668 was received for this project. This grant is currently in its fourteenth year of funding.

Legal Advocacy Coordinator: This project has provided an expansion and implementation of an advocacy and assistance program for victims seeking Orders of Protection and other services from Family and Criminal Court in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties. A total of \$53,593 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$50,153 was received for this project. This grant is currently in its seventeenth year of funding.

Victim Services Coordinator: This project provides direct services to victims of sexual violence and their families and friends. Responsibilities include crisis intervention, information and referral, hospital, police, and court accompaniment for victims in Spartanburg and Cherokee County. A total of \$59,554 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$56,704 was received for this project. This grant is currently in its eighteenth year of funding.

Shelter Services Program Coordinator: This project provides for an efficient and comprehensive liaison between service providers, and more effective shelter services to fill a gap in current service provision. A total of \$94,904 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$92,544 was received for this project. This grant is currently in its nineteenth year of funding.

Therapist/Outreach: This project provides funding for individual and group psychotherapy for sheltered and non-sheltered adult and child victims of domestic violence and outreach in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union County. A total of \$89,582 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$85,382 was received for this project. This grant is currently in its fourteenth year of funding.

Sexual Assault/Abuse Therapist: This project provides for six part-time therapists to provide individual and group psychotherapy for child and adult victims of sexual assault/abuse in Spartanburg and Cherokee County. A total of \$89,760 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$86,339 was received for this project. This project is in its twelfth year of funding.

Violence Against Women Act

Magistrate's Court Legal Advocate: Through a Violence Against Women Act Grant, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition received funding to assist victims of Criminal Domestic Violence and Stalking in Magistrate's Court hearings. We were awarded \$43,642 for a full-time Legal Advocate for the period October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. For the period, October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, \$47,316 was received for this project for a full time Legal Advocate. This grant is currently in its thirteenth year of funding.

Union County Victim Advocate: This project expands outreach services in Union County by funding a full-time Victim Advocate to provide crisis counseling, legal advocacy, case management, follow-up services, information and referrals, and education/prevention programs. A total of \$30,353 was received for the period of October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008, and \$35,173 was received for the period of October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. This grant is currently in its seventh year of funding.

State Victim's Assistance Program

Child Therapist: This project provides therapy services for child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. A total of \$51,457 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, a total of \$51,715 was received for this project. This grant is currently in its eighth year of funding.

Interpersonal Violence Conference: This project provided assistance with funding a conference on Interpersonal Violence for over 300 people that was held in October. A total of \$2,400 was received for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. An additional \$2,400 was received for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Shelter Equipment: This project provides essential equipment and furnishings that will be used in our new shelter for victims of domestic violence and their families. A total of \$9,700 was received for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Spartanburg Public Safety

Grants To Encourage Arrest Policies Grant: This project provides for an expansion of our education/prevention programs and victim advocacy programs with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This grant of \$264,255 was awarded for the period October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009.

South Carolina Department of Social Services

Under the provisions of the State Spouse Abuse Legislation, \$199,175 was awarded for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and \$199,175 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. These funds support program administration, as well as, staffing at the Shelter. These funds are also available to assist families with transitional housing. Under a separate Food Grant we were reimbursed \$14,538 for food expenses for children in the shelter for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, a restricted grant of \$70,833 was awarded for the period October 1, 2006 to February 28, 2008. An additional grant was awarded for the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009 in the amount of \$50,000. These funds provide partial support for our Volunteer Coordinator, and our Children's Counselor.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Federal Emergency Management Agency made available \$15,345 for Spartanburg County and \$1,000 for Union County toward shelter operations for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Emergency Shelter Grant Program: A HUD Emergency Shelter Grant of \$51,000 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 15, 2008 was secured for funding shelter operations and a full-time shelter counselor for the evening hours. An additional grant in the amount of \$50,00 was awarded for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 15, 2009.

Emergency Shelter Grant Carryforward Program: A HUD Emergency Shelter Grant of \$33,971 was secured for funding shelter operations, and to purchase equipment, furnishings, and supplies needed for the new shelter. These funds were awarded for the period of November 7, 2008 to February 13, 2009.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

For the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, \$102,300 was awarded by DHEC to provide assistance to sexual assault victims. An additional \$87,719 was awarded for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Statement of Operational Revenue - January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008

Grant Revenue	
Emergency Food and Shelter Grant-Spartanburg	15,345
Emergency Food and Shelter Grant-Union	1,000
2007-2008 United Way of the Piedmont	72,700
2008-2009 United Way of the Piedmont	74,881
2007-2008 United Way of Union County	3,000
2008-2009 United Way of Union County	3,030
2008 United Way of Cherokee County	3,000
United Way Greenville County Revenue	144
2007-2008 Spartanburg County Council	12,500
2008-2009 Spartanburg County Council	12,500
2007-2008 VOCA Legal Advocacy Coordinator	28,265
2008-2009 VOCA Legal Advocacy Coordinator	24,439
2007-2008 VOCA Victim Services Coordinator	31,553
2008-2009 VOCA Victim Services Coordinator	28,301
2007-2008 VOCA Follow-Up/Outreach Coordinator	43,764
2008-2009 VOCA Follow-Up/Outreach Coordinator	33,158
2007-2008 VOCA Therapist/Outreach Counselor	47,850
2008-2009 VOCA Therapist/Outreach Counselor	42,575
2007-2008 VOCA Shelter Services Program Coordinator	50,642
2008-2009 VOCA Shelter Services Program Coordinator	46,071
2007-2008 VOCA Sexual Assault/Abuse Therapist	51,395
2008-2009 VOCA Sexual Assault/Abuse Therapist	41,012
2006-2008 Family Violence Prevention Services Act Grant	7,777
2008-2009 Family Violence Prevention Services Act Grant	43,576
2007-2008 DSS Food Grant	8,595
2008-2009 DSS Food Grant	5,973
2007-2008 DSS State Spouse Abuse	89,023
2008-2009 DSS State Spouse Abuse	110,138
2007-2008 SVAP - Child Therapist	30,234
2008-2009 SVAP - Child Therapist	24,653
2008-2009 SVAP - Interpersonal Violence Conference	2,400
2008-2009 SVAP - Shelter Equipment	336
2007-2008 VAWA Magistrate Court Legal Advocate	33,144
2008-2009 VAWA Magistrate Court Legal Advocate	11,026
2007-2008 VAWA Union County Victim Advocate	25,228
2008-2009 VAWA Union County Victim Advocate	7,210
2007-2008 DHEC	50,986
2008-2009 DHEC	46,699
2007-2008 Emergency Shelter Grants Program	24,862
2008-2009 Emergency Shelter Grants Program	25,550
ESGP Reverted	19,606
2008-2010 Spartanburg Department of Public Safety	124,237
2007-2008 Governor's Grant	209
Clemson Compassion Grant	10,000
Total Grant Revenue	<u>1,368,587</u>
FOUNDATIONS	
Unrestricted	
The Lubrizol Foundation	50
The Alfred Moore Foundation	2,500
Leigh Fibers	2,000
JM Smith Corporation	400
Orchard Foundation	5,000
Herald Journal Foundation	1,500
The Who Foundation	3,200
Total Foundations	<u>14,650</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Cash	
Unrestricted	
Thrift store	44,085
Designated donor	15,483
Special events	26,759
Counseling revenue	7,246
Other cash contributions	47,717
In-kind	
Emergency supplies	403,620
Courthouse office rent	72,000
Total Contributions	<u>616,910</u>
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	<u>8,851</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>2,008,998</u>

Statement of Operational Expenses - January 1, 2008-December 31, 2008

Personnel Expenses	
Salary	966,279
Social Security	74,026
Health Insurance	125,379
Worker's Compensation	24,997
SC Unemployment Insurance	3,232
Retirement	43,770
Total Personnel	1,237,683
Expenses	
Telephone	18,830
Pager	466
Office Supplies	12,873
Therapy Supplies	778
Postage & Shipping	3,845
Educational Materials	961
Printing	6,072
686733-7Travel / Mileage	8,898
Conferences & Meetings	17,445
Child Development	18,506
Legal & Accounting	4,485
Insurance - D&O	2,134
Utilities	36,430
Client Transportation	1,256
Auto Maintenance	666
Maintenance-Building	13,878
Insurance - Copiers	2,694
Insurance - Property	19,783
Food	16,812
Shelter Supplies	10,555
Shelter Supplies-In-Kind	403,620
Bank Charges	1,356
Professional Fees & Services	4,906
Dues & Subscriptions	1,939
Advertising & Recruitment	186
Client Assistance	2,983
Children's Activities	982
Volunteer Recognition	4,577
Community Training Initiative	5,486
Equipment	14,104
Furnishings	18,780
Office Rent	3,465
Interest (Mortgage)	26,440
Total Expenses	686,191
Total Personnel Expenses	1,237,683
Total Agency Expenses	1,923,874
Less:	
Depreciation	90,925
Actual Agency Expenditures	1,832,949

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Shelly Spars

This award recognizes the superior achievement, commitment and support of a volunteer to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Ed Medlin

This award recognizes outstanding leadership and service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by a member of the SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition's Board of Directors.

CORPORATE SERVICE AWARD

Bruster's Ice Cream

This award is presented to a local company in recognition of outstanding corporate support and service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Uptown Sertoma Club

This award is presented to individuals and organizations that have exemplified outstanding community service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ashley Jones

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This award is presented to outstanding student volunteers in recognition of superior achievement, commitment and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

ANN KEARSE AWARD
Bobby Jackson Electrical, Inc.

Ann Kearsse was the kind of volunteer every group wishes they had. Her death in 1998 was a huge loss for us. In honor of her volunteer service, an award was created which is given to the volunteer that epitomizes that ongoing volunteer spirit and commitment in large and small ways.

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Mary Beth Lyles
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These volunteers have been truly dedicated in their long-term and consistent commitment to SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition and the victims we serve.

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Lori Connorton
Merryland Child Development Inc.

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SHINING STAR AWARDS

Chauntee' Aiken
Krystal White
**Spartanburg County Department of Community &
Economic Development**

This award is presented to individuals and organizations in recognition of stellar support, and commitment to promoting awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.

ANGELS OF LIGHT AWARD
Episcopal Church of the Advent

This award is presented to faith-based groups in recognition of their dedication and ongoing commitment to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

KELLEY AWARD
SPARTA Transportation

Donna Kelley was a much loved friend and staff member. Her unexpected death in November of 2002 was an incredible loss for us and the victims she served. In honor of her unparalleled commitment to underserved victim populations, an award was created and given to the volunteer that exemplifies her enthusiasm and dedication to empowering those who would otherwise have no support or guidance.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS
Anne Boukedes
Classic Home Mortgage
Little Caesar's Pizza - Inman
Milliken Summer Leadership Program
Scotia Sexton

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*In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we
give out completes the circle and comes back to us.*

~Flora Edwards



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