

**CENTER AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
TRANSFORMING LIVES



2017 Annual Report



TRANSFORMING LIVES
Since 1976



Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year has been one of transformation, for both the Center Against Domestic Violence and the nation. We are proud to report back on a year of growth and change while honoring the rich legacy and history of CADV.

Since July 1st, 2017, when I was named the Chief Executive Officer of the Center, the Center and the Urban Resources Institute (URI) have worked together to become one organization. These two exceptional organizations will merge on July 1st, 2018. Ours is a merger of two strong, successful, domestic violence leaders combining forces and maximizing our power to stop abuse.

The newly merged organization will be the largest domestic violence provider in the nation, with the capacity to shelter over 1,000 individuals on any given day. We will use our expanded presence to stand at the forefront of domestic violence advocacy in New York City and New York State, to press for improved domestic violence services and achieve widespread policy change.

For more than four decades the Center has worked to create a society free of violence and abuse, which dovetails perfectly with URI's mission to provide innovative and client-centered services to victims of domestic violence and to other vulnerable populations. Our new organization will prevent domestic violence and enable its survivors to live the full and safe lives, executing our shared mission in an even more effective way.

As you will read in this report, your open hearted support for the Center Against Domestic Violence has increased the safety in the lives of thousands of New Yorkers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Fields
Center Against Domestic Violence President & CEO



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since 1976, thousands of you have helped the people we serve with your donations of time, food and clothing, and financial resources to the Center Against Domestic Violence. We treasure and thank you for all of your contributions.

The Center now needs your support even more as it embarks on a new and exciting adventure. As she approached retirement, Judy Kahan, our CEO for 25 years, helped guide us into partnership with Urban Resource Institute (URI), with whose CEO, Nathaniel Fields, Judith had co-chaired the New York City Coalition of Domestic Violence Residential Providers. After a year of successfully working together, the Center has now merged with URI. Together, we are the largest provider of domestic violence shelter and related services in the country. What a remarkable achievement and responsibility, of which we can all be proud!

Our merged organization will shelter 1,000 victims of domestic violence at any time, enabling us to provide the support and services required to allow 4000 women, men and children annually to become domestic violence survivors.

Since I joined the Center's board in 2011, I have been consistently inspired by the Center's achievements in protecting victims of domestic violence and educating teens to end the cycle of domestic violence. As a result of our merger, we are now the pre-eminent organization in our field.

What a wonderful opportunity you now have to continue to be part of the premier organization dedicated to putting an end to the damage that domestic violence and relationship abuse does to our communities, our families, and the economy. You make it possible for us to provide life-saving shelter, and supportive counseling and other services to those forced to flee violent homes. Your support allows the Center to reach elementary, intermediate, and high school students with transformative programs to help them protect themselves against the heartache of domestic violence and relationship abuse.

I want to use the opportunity of this last Annual Report of the Center as a stand-alone organization to thank you for all you have done to support the Center's mission. And I want to thank you for the support I am sure you will now give to the Center and URI as a merged organization. Together we can end domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Alan Kolod
Board Chair,
Center Against Domestic Violence Chair

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Emergency Shelter Services

A move to a new community made in the shadow of domestic violence can be traumatic. Because victims leave their support systems behind when they need support the most, the counseling, case management, housing search assistance and workshops the shelters offer are essential to ending domestic abuse.

Women's Survival Space

Women's Safe Start

Women's Second Start

CADV's shelters have the combined capacity to offer safe refuge to about 70 families at a time. We are passionate about providing personalized services that transform victims into survivors of domestic violence.

Last year, our three shelters — Women's Survival Space, Women's Safe Start, and Women's Second Start — provided refuge for 680 children and parents escaping abuse.

Elena's Story

Elena was like many women who care for a disabled child, with one big difference: she was a victim of domestic abuse. For years, her husband systematically beat her and raped her, sometimes in front of their two young sons. One day, when Elena could take no more, she called the New York City Domestic Violence Hotline and found shelter at Women's Second Start - Judy's Place.

With caring staff members to listen to her, Elena's limited English grew stronger, until she felt confident enrolling in an ESL class. After years of dodging abuse and caring for two young boys, one on the autism spectrum, this was the first time Elena could remember taking care of herself. While she became involved in creative and supportive workshops and activities, the boys participated in recreational and educational activities. They all participated in support groups that decreased their isolation and helped them understand the abuse they had experienced.

With help from the shelter's Housing Specialist, Elena received a Family Homelessness & Eviction Prevention Supplement, and she and the boys moved to safe, permanent housing.

Names have been withheld to protect client identity.
Stock photo was chosen to represent the story.

Judy's Place

Rededication
Women's
Second Start in
Honor of
CEO Emeritus
Judith Kahan

On June 19, 2018, CEO Emeritus Judith Kahan was joined by friends and family, domestic violence service advocates, and officials representing the Mayor, Borough President and State Senator, at the Harlem School of the Arts to rededicate Women's Second Start.

Judy was instrumental in the creation of Women's Second Start, from advocating with the City and State for shelter expansion to finding its building, to spearheading the campaign that raised the public and private capital funds to open the shelter. Under the leadership of Earla Lloyd, services at Women's Second Start reflect Judy's creative approach, with programs in expressive movement, poetry and the arts. At the June 19 celebration, Ms. Lloyd lead the shelter's Expressit dance group in a moving performance.

When Judy came to the Center Against Domestic Violence in 1992, it could shelter only 40 survivors at a time and long waits for shelter threatened the lives of adults and children alike. Today the Center's three shelters serve up to 1,000 survivors a year, and as part of URI and its service network, 1,000 survivors a day!

Judy's quarter century of service was celebrated by current CEO Nathaniel Fields who welcomed Commissioner Cecile Noel of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Commissioner Marie Philip of the Human Resources Administration Office of Domestic Violence Services, Kercena Dozier from Senator Brian Benjamin's office, Rae McMillan of Child Services, and Michelle Kaminsky from the Office of the Kings County District Attorney. They were joined by domestic violence advocates including Paul Feuerstein of Barrier Free Living, Judy Harris Kluger of Sanctuary for Families, Connie Neal of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Judge Marjorie Fields, Cecilia Gaston of VIP para Mujeres, Connie Marquez of STEPS to End Family Violence, Marcella Goheen, founder of the Maria Project and Wanda Lucibello of Safe Horizon.

Judy's many contributions to improving the lives and safety of all New Yorkers will continue to be celebrated at Judy's Place for many years to come.



Education

Transforming lives through education is essential to the Center's mission. Teaching people of all ages about relationship abuse and domestic violence today means fewer victims of violence tomorrow.

Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)

RAPP teaches teens to build healthy relationships, to recognize danger in a relationship and to plan for safety in dangerous situations. RAPP gives students the tools to build healthy relationships and the awareness to avoid abuse. Through workshops, counseling and peer leadership activities, and an intensive summer leadership program, RAPP changes each school's culture to one of zero tolerance for abuse. The Center's RAPP places a full time social worker in nine high schools and three intermediate schools.

Early RAPP

Still in its planning stages, the Center will initiate the Early RAPP outreach program in the Fall. A team of one social worker and four community educators will provide workshops to intermediate schools in the vicinity of the Center's 12 RAPP schools throughout the



Luisa's Story

With the help of RAPP, each obstacle life has given me taught me a valuable lesson: how to love myself.

My freshman year, I fell in love and I was the happiest girl in the world. As time went on the boy I loved controlled my behavior more and more. I never thought he could be so mentally and physically cruel.

I lost my self-respect, I lost my friends, but it didn't matter, because the only connection I wanted was him.

I forgave him and tried to help him, but nothing changed.

One day when he pulled my hair and broke my phone for wearing a dress he didn't like, I had an epiphany: our relationships would not get better, and I did not deserve to be hurt.

I joined the Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) in my school and started learning what a healthy relationship could look like. Through counseling, peer activities, and the summer peer leadership program, I felt my sense of self-worth grow.

I finally told my boyfriend how unhappy I was and I broke up with him. I focused on school and I became the first person in my family to finish high school. Next year I am going to college!

Even when I felt like giving up, RAPP helped me make it through.

The Deborah M. Stuckey Family Scholarship Program

Now in its tenth year, Stuckey Scholarship recipients receive \$3,000 to pursue higher education. In June of 2017 these three dedicated RAPP Peer Leaders received scholarships:

Brian R. is a freshman at Syracuse University, studying Computer Science

Ashley D. is a freshman at SUNY Plattsburgh, with the goal of becoming a social worker

Staneida J. is a freshman at Medgar Evers studying Nursing, with the goal of becoming a nurse midwife



Community- Based Services

The Center's Crime Victims' Program supports victims of domestic violence with services they need while they make hard decisions about their lives. Helping victims of domestic violence obtain crime victims' compensation, counseling, case management and advocacy, supports them to become survivors. Crime Victims' Compensation helps pay to replace items destroyed or stolen by the victim's abuser. The compensation program is funded by the New York State Office of Victims Services.

Community Services program staff help victims gain insight in to their relationships, make safety plans, and develop strategies for living free of violence. They provide information and referrals, individual and group counseling, court accompaniment, emergency and special funds, and assistance to file police reports.

IN 2017

Shelter



RAPP

1,005
Workshop
Graduates



2,338
Counseled



49 Summer
Programs
Graduates



Crime Victims Services



1104
New Crime
Applications



156
Support Group
Members



Maria's Story

Life is hard for an undocumented immigrant victim of domestic violence. For years, Maria put up with the physical assaults, the name calling, and the sexual abuse because she was afraid of being deported and separated from her citizen children.

On her own again, Maria was at her wits end. Her abusive husband was not sending court-ordered child support payments and the children's public assistance was just not enough. And because of previous incidents of domestic violence, Children's Services had become involved.

Maria's friend told her about the Spanish language support group at the Center's Crime Victims' Program. Here, she found the strength to stay away from her abusive husband.

Maria and her case manager worked out a safety plan so Maria and the children could build their lives without fear. The Center advocated with Children's Services for an affidavit so Maria could apply for a U-Visa, and arranged for Maria to receive pro-bono legal representation. After Maria obtained her visa, she applied for health care coverage and Section 8 housing assistance, and began working part-time. Now she and the girls live free of abuse and violence.

Community Partners

The Center Against Domestic Violence is a community partner of the Brooklyn Family Justice Center, an ongoing project of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence, that offers social and legal services to victims of domestic violence. The Center sends a community service worker to the Family Justice Center one and a half days a week.

The Center is an active member of the New York City Coalition of Domestic Violence Residential Providers, whose co-chair is URI and Center CEO Nathaniel Fields, and sends a New York City representative to the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence board.

The Center works hand in hand with organizations, task forces, campaigns, coalitions and steering committees that work together to meet the needs of the people we serve.

- American Cancer Society – Community Health Initiative
- Brooklyn AIDS Task Force
- Brooklyn District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Taskforce
- A Call to Men
- Citywide Task Force on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting & Prevention
- Coalition for Hispanic Family Services
- Coalition on Working with Abusive Partners (CoWAP)
- Community Driven Solutions, Inc.
- Day Care Council
- Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims
- Family Justice Center Supervisors’ Forum
- Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
- Healthy Teens Coalition
- Human Services Council
- Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence
- NASW Latino Social Workers Taskforce
- New York City Coalition Against Teen Relationship Abuse
- New York City Coalition of Domestic Violence Residential Providers
- New York City Commission on Human Rights
- New York City Network for Healthy Teens
- New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Urban Resource Institute

Financials

Year ending June 30, 2017

Expenses

Shelter	\$ 6,144,862.00
WSS 1	1,472,334.00
WSS 2	2,255,400.00
WSS 3	2,417,128.00
RAPP	1,127,998.00
OVS	197,309.00
Management	1,194,365.00
Fundraising	145,210.00
Total	\$ 8,809,744.00

Income

Government Support	\$ 8,400,062.00
Public Support	269,728.00
Special Events	114,212.00
Investment Income	4,404.00
Total	\$ 8,788,406.00
Change in Assets	\$ -21,338.00

