



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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DVS had a big year in 2022, continuing to meet the needs of Domestic Violence survivors from across Santa Barbara County and seeking out new sources of funding to help ensure counseling, housing, and support services can expand to meet a growing need. In a region that already has some of the least affordable housing options in California, the need for our housing assistance continued to grow in 2022.

To meet that need, we engaged with Santa Barbara County to find new revenue streams for housing assistance, successfully renewed over \$1 million in State grants, and sought out new private funding options for housing.

As we move into 2023, our main goal continues to be an expansion of our services. Through careful efforts to maintain and expand our highly trained staff, careful planning to grow our portfolio of services, and constant communication with County stakeholders about what needs have yet to be met, we will continue to meet the needs of DV survivors and strove toward the ultimate goal – ending Domestic Violence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Oplinger', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ken Oplinger,
Interim Executive Director & Director of Operations

FROM LEADERSHIP



As I approach the halfway mark as my first year as Board President of Domestic Violence Solutions, I can say I've never been more proud of our organization. Our staff is simply amazing. The support, guidance, resources, and wisdom they provide DVS clients is unmatched. They are enormously talented, hard-working, and caring.

COVID-19 continues to affect DVS as we manage the complications a global pandemic asserts on the world.

I am constantly amazed at how as an organization, we manage these challenges, work with partner organizations, and continue to thrive.

As we navigate this new normal, it's been wonderful to get back to some of our "regular programming". Our luncheon in October was a wonderful success, and it felt fantastic to be back in person with so many people integral to DVS' success. I'm grateful to those who contributed to DVS through gifts of time and resources. Your generosity is key to our organization.

As I look ahead, I encourage you to support Domestic Violence Solutions. Our mission statement reads: we provide safety, shelter, and support for individuals and families affected by domestic violence and collaborate with community partners to raise awareness regarding the cause, prevalence, and impact. We cannot accomplish this and help thousands of survivors per year without your help.

On behalf of the board of directors, I want to thank all involved with DVS for their amazing work and support in 2022, and I look forward to continued success in 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Moray". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sarah Moray,
Board President

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HOW WE HELP

Information & Crisis Line

Trained staff provide counseling, information, referrals, and access to immediate shelter. 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

DVS Hotline: 805-964-5245

Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT)

DVS Advocates respond with law enforcement to domestic violence 911 calls and provide survivors with support, advocacy, and access to safe confidential shelter.



Therapy & Counseling

DVS offers individual, group, child, and family counseling. In addition, community education groups are offered.

Job & Life Skills

Our Job & Life Skills Coordinator helps with the following:

- Resume writing and interviewing
- Growing knowledge about financial safety and wellness
- Looking for work and new careers



Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing

Survivors and their children may stay in one of our confidential emergency shelters for up to 60 days. While in shelter, they can access case management, financial assistance, and career development services.

DVS also offers permanent project-based section 8 housing for 15 survivors and their families. Additionally, the Domestic Violence Housing First program provides temporary financial assistance for survivors and their families.

Outreach & Education

DVS provides community education and outreach activities throughout the county. With a team of volunteers, DVS participates in community events, conducts the State of California 40-Hour Domestic Violence Training, and provides interactive teen education in schools and community organizations.

Outreach and education presentations are available upon request and can be presented in English and Spanish.





OUR IMPACT IN 2022





Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) for Santa Barbara County's mission is to provide safety, shelter, and support for individuals and families affected by domestic violence and collaborate with community partners to raise awareness regarding the cause, prevalence, and impact.


DVS is Santa Barbara County's full-service provider of 24-hour emergency shelter and services for survivors of domestic violence.


 We provided 5,528 safe nights in shelter to those fleeing domestic violence and seeking immediate safety.

 Our extraordinary advocates answered 4,917 calls to our 24/7 crisis line.

 We provided 587 counseling sessions to survivors rebuilding their lives after abuse.

 We received 521 calls from law enforcement requesting assistance on domestic violence calls.

 Through our Housing First program 31 survivors were able to transition into permanent safe housing.

 We have seen a nearly 30% increase in survivors seeking immediate safety through our emergency shelter program. And a 20% increase in survivors calling our 24/7 crisis line



Day by day, I'm healing. I just wanted to thank DVS for everything; I truly appreciate all the help and advice I was given.

— DVS Client



FINANCIALS

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

Support & Revenue: \$2,648,909

Total Public Support	44%
Investments & Other Income	41%
Client & Program Fees	15%



Expenses : \$2,267,669

Program Services	53%
Management & General	43%
Fundraising	4%



SURVIVORS COUNT ON US WE COUNT ON YOU

For 45 years across Santa Barbara County, Domestic Violence Solutions has provided a comprehensive crisis intervention program that includes; counseling, shelter, permanent housing solutions, and job and life skills training for survivors of domestic violence. While we continue toward our goal of ending domestic violence, ensuring DVS is there for the community and those in need is something you have always guaranteed through your generous support.



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT DVS

- Monthly giving
- Organize a fundraising event with friends or at your workplace
- Employee matching gifts
- Donate appreciated stock
- Memorial and honorary gifts
- Planned giving opportunities
- A gift to our endowment
- Shop our Amazon Wishlist
- Attend one of our upcoming events
- Volunteer
- Engage with us on social media



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH



From left to right: Keynote Interviewer, Elizabeth Diaz, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Maestro Jerry Tello

14TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

\$60,000 RAISED FOR SURVIVORS

The annual luncheon is our largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from this event help support our services, including our 24/7 crisis hotline and emergency shelters. The luncheon is about bringing the community together to celebrate the tenacity and bravery of our clients and staff. We introduced a new award at this year's event: The Hannah-Beth Jackson Impact Award. An award created to honor a person or group that demonstrates outstanding dedication to empowering survivors and actively challenges society and culture to reduce and eliminate domestic violence.

We look forward to annually recognizing community leaders who stand with DVS and their vision, "all people take personal responsibility for promoting zero tolerance of domestic violence."



Candlelight Vigil photos by Randy De La Pena Photography

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

HONORING THOSE LOST TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In honor of Domestic Violence Action Month (DVAM), DVS held its annual candlelight vigil at Santa Maria City Hall. With the purpose of coming together as a community and showing support for victims and survivors. Speakers included; Deputy District Attorney Catherine Martin, Congressman Salud Carbajal's Interim District Director Diana Villanueva, and Community Health Centers of the Central Coast Behavioral Wellness team.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DVAM 2022 PARTNERS; MISSION STREET ICE CREAM & YOGURT, OAK & IRON FIT GYM, NEW IMAGE THRIFT STORE, ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF THE CENTRAL COAST, AND PANERA BREAD OF SANTA MARIA.



JOIN US FOR DVAM 2023!

INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH US FOR DVAM? CONTACT US AT INFO@DVSOLUTIONS.ORG



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023



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