



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
**SOLUTIONS**  
SAFETY, SHELTER, SUPPORT

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# It's all thanks to **YOU!**

Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County completed its 46th year in 2023 with new resources and new programs to help survivors across Santa Barbara County.

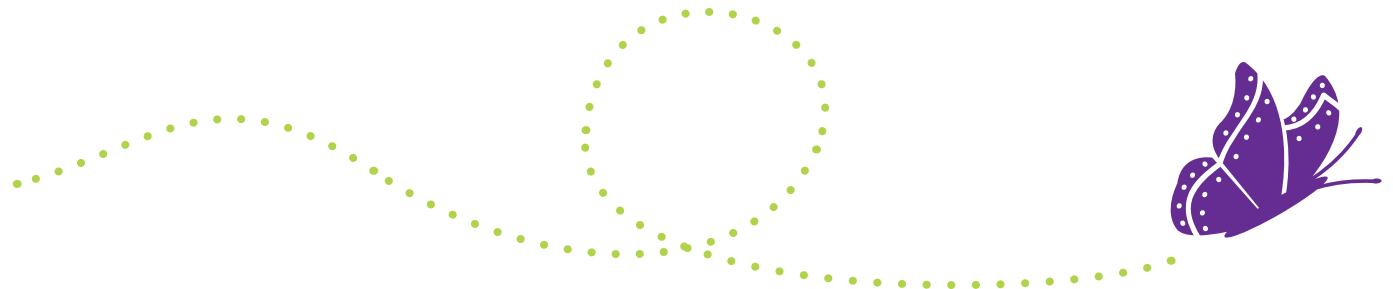
In a region which already has some of the least affordable housing options in California, we expanded our Housing First program yet again in 2023, making more resources available from both private donations and public sector grants to help DV survivors obtain new transitional and permanent housing. To 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.

We doubled the size of our Job & Life Skill training program, providing two full-time staff members dedicated to helping survivors. From job hunting to financial management training, we are helping more survivors become successful, independent people.

And as always, we continued to respond to calls on our crisis line, both from those in need and from our partner agencies in law enforcement and health care. Our staff is ready, 24 hours a day, to connect with survivors and help them begin their recovery.

As we move into 2024, our main goal continues to be expansion of our services. We will expand our clinical counseling services this year, moving to three full-time, licensed clinicians. We will actively look at new facility options, including a new shelter for the North County and more housing options in the South County. And we will continue to meet the needs of DV survivors as we strive toward the ultimate goal – ending Domestic Violence once and for all.

Thanks for everything you've done over the last year – and for the past 46 years – to make DVS what it is. We couldn't have done it without YOU!











## 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

### Therapy & Counseling

DVS offers individual, group, child, and family counseling. In addition, community education groups and art workshops.

### 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.

### 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

### Housing First

The Housing First program is a survivor-centered program that aims to support survivors needing help obtaining or sustaining permanent housing.

- Financial Assistance: The Housing First program offers temporary financial assistance for rental application fees, security deposits, rental fees, and utilities.
- Housing Focused Case Management: Staff provides advocacy throughout the process of applying, securing, or maintaining housing. Appropriate internal and external referrals are offered.
- Financial Literacy: Move-in budget assessments are offered to assist survivors in financial literacy for the purpose of maintaining financial stability.





# LEARN MORE ABOUT DVS

## **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.



# WE CARE ABOUT SOLUTIONS



## Our Mission:

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.



## Our Vision:

All people take personal responsibility for promoting zero tolerance of domestic violence.



## Who We Serve:

Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County proudly serves everyone regardless of race, religion, citizenship status, income, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

We welcome all survivors in the LGBTQ+ community and stand unified ensuring their growth and empowerment. We believe in equality and healthy love for all.

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.



*"I am so incredibly thankful for all that DVS has done for my daughter and I. We wouldn't have made it without you."*

*– Maya Q.*



# SEE THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING



We sheltered 145 children and 156 adults.



We provided 6,898 safe nights in shelter to those fleeing domestic violence and seeking immediate safety.



Our extraordinary advocates answered over 4,000 calls to our 24/7 crisis line.



We provided 750 individuals with counseling sessions to survivors rebuilding their lives after abuse.



We supported 750 individuals with counseling sessions, conducted 40 educational classes and offered 48 workshops and/or peer group counseling classes.



We conducted 40 education classes and 48 peer group/workshops.



Through our Housing First program, 18 survivors and their families were able to transition into permanent safe housing.



Through 981 sessions, our Job & Life Skills program helped 188 clients enhance their skills and achieve their goals.





*“DVS provides hope and a better future 24 hours a day.”*  
- Jim Melillo, Proud Supporter & Friend of DVS.

## Survivors count on us. We count on you.

For over 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.

# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SUPPORT DVS?



**Check out these amazing opportunities to help us continue our mission to empower domestic violence survivors:**

- Make a lasting impact with Monthly Giving
- Maximize your impact with a donation of appreciated stock
- Plan for the future with our Planned Giving opportunities
- Invest in our future with a gift to our endowment
- Double your impact with Employee Matching Gifts
- Honor your loved ones with Memorial and Honorary Gifts
- Shop our Amazon Wishlist and send items directly to us
- Share your skills and expertise by providing pro bono legal or consulting services

**Together, we can make a difference and empower survivors to live a life free from violence. Thank you for your support!**

**To learn more contact:**

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**Make Your Gift Today!**

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Check made payable to Domestic Violence Solutions

Call: 805-741-4282



To learn more about making a difference and supporting DVS, point your phone's camera here



# FINANCIALS

July 2022 – June 2023

## Support & Revenue: \$2,333,688

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Total Public Support      | 62% |
| Investment & Other Income | 25% |
| Client & Program Fees     | 13% |

## Total Expenses: \$2,323,608

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|----------------------|-----|
| Program Services     | 56% |
| Management & General | 39% |
| Fundraising          | 5%  |





# OCTOBER | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH



## 16th Annual DVS Luncheon

Help Raise \$90,000 for Survivors. Save the date—Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

DVS signature luncheon during Domestic Violence Awareness Month will feature a silent auction, keynote, and honor a special someone in the community with the Hannah-Beth Jackson Impact Award. This event is to spread community awareness, celebrate survivors, and create a community free of violence.

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. 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.”

**Become a sponsor or table captain today!**



## Candlelight Vigil

Honoring those lost to domestic violence.

In honor of Domestic Violence Action Month (DVAM), DVS holds its annual candlelight vigil, one in Santa Maria and one in Santa Barbara, to come together as a community and show support for victims and survivors.

Thank you to all our DVAM 2023 Partners: New Image Thrift Store, Orcutt Bakery, C.A.R.E. 4 Paws, Mission Street Ice Cream & Yogurt, Santa Maria Parks & Rec, Paseo Nuevo, Oak & Iron Fit Gym, Moms Demand Action SB, The Vault Cycle & Strength, MICOP, Chick-fil-A Santa Maria, and Chick-fil-A Santa Barbara.

Join us for DVAM 2024!

**Interested in collaborating with us for DVAM? Contact us at [info@dvsolutions.org](mailto:info@dvsolutions.org)**



# COMPANY MATCH PROGRAM

Maximize your impact at DVS by checking if your employer offers a matching gift program. With this program, your donation can be doubled, helping even more domestic violence survivors rebuild their lives. Generally, the employer will match the donation dollar for dollar up to a certain amount or percentage. This allows employees to support causes they care about while also giving their employer the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to giving back to the community.



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