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: A MESSAGE FROM :

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This year can rightfully be called the Year of the Advocate at TurnAround. In the community, through the media, and within all our programs we have assured that survivors of sexual violence do not stand alone. We have helped bring victims and their voices into courtrooms, schools, news coverage and most importantly, into how we do the business of our agency.

Our clinical team provided individual and group counseling to adults and children. However, they also accompanied those clients to court, advocated for them within community systems, and helped them develop the confidence and courage to advocate for themselves.

The advocate team supported victims through emergency room treatment, police interviews, and the trials of their perpetrators. For the first time, we have added paid staff to this amazing volunteer team. This combination has enabled us to implement a vertical advocacy model that supports survivors from the assault through legal proceedings and beyond. Recently, our work in this area was validated when we received a grant award to fully fund another full time advocate position.

Our shelter and transitional housing programs, always critical in the safety and rebuilding process for survivors, revamped program rules based on client requests. For the third year in a row, every family that left the transitional housing program left for safe permanent housing.

Through community education and training we have helped victims and potential victims understand sexual violence and its consequences. For many victims, these presentations lead to their first disclosure of abuse. From there they learn that they are not alone and begin to receive the services and support they need. We are especially proud of the work this department does with thousands of young people. Our goal to end gender based violence must be rooted in our work with youth since we know that each violent encounter increases the likelihood of another.

All together, survivors, staff, Board, volunteers and friends, the TurnAround family continues to change the world!



2011 Program Highlights

Again this year, the impact of the economy was evident in lives of the families the agency serves. Many of our parents and caregivers struggled to pay for necessities such as food, clothing, and household supplies. Fortunately, a grant from The Maryland Emergency Food Program allowed the agency to provide 40 families in our Transitional Housing and Trauma Therapy Programs with 196 bags of groceries. The families already experiencing financial stress were experiencing higher levels of stress during the holidays. The agency was able to recruit donors for the annual Adopt-a-Family program to provide holiday gifts, clothing, and food for some of our needier families. The donors were extraordinarily generous this year and 120 individuals were adopted. An additional 79 adults and children attended our annual Holiday Party that included entertainment, snacks and a visit from Santa.

Over 11,000 individuals were served through the agency's core services. The **Clinical Program** provided individual and/or group therapy to 409 adults and 207 children, representing 3,336 instances of service by TurnAround's trauma therapists. The agency has a goal of making concrete changes for those who enter treatment and strives to provide every victim with safety assessment and planning as well as psychoeducation about the dynamics of abuse. The agency successfully achieved this goal. Another important goal is teaching victims skills to help them manage and/or reduce the symptoms and the impact of trauma on their lives. The agency exceeded funder goals for the number of victims who successfully reduced their clinical symptoms. Forty-eight men participated in the **Abuser Intervention Program** that provides education about abuse and holds them accountable for violent behaviors.

The **Victim Advocate Program** provided support to 119 domestic violence victims and 231 sexual assault victims in local emergency rooms. In addition to support, a trained advocate provided crisis response, advocacy, and connections to community resources. Of these, 310 received follow-up advocacy that included additional support, help navigating other systems such as legal and medical systems as well as assistance with any other needs such as eviction prevention, community resources for basic needs, or employment training. The Baltimore County Police continued to identify victims at high risk for homicide by using the Lethality Assessment Tool. TurnAround's Victim Services Specialist accompanied Baltimore County Domestic Violence police officers on 115 home visits with these victims. The advocate worked with the victims on safety

plans and provided information about TurnAround's services as well as other community resources and support. She also worked with individuals over the phone and provided 163 follow-up contacts.

Forty-eight families including 56 children were able to leave their abuser quickly and safely because the agency is able to respond to requests for shelter 24 hours a day 7 days a week through the **Emergency Shelter Program**. The families worked with Shelter staff to find longer term placement. Twenty-five individuals, 8 adults and 17 children had long term housing through the **Transitional Housing Program**. Moms worked on improving job skills and resolved financial issues so they could move into permanent safe housing.

TurnAround's **Community Education and Training Department** reached a total of 10,065 people through 483 presentations. In the school system alone, educators reached 7,145 students. In October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the department sponsored the "Purple Poetry Book Release Party" an evening of artistic expression and activism that was attended by 30 community members. The event featured a theatrical performance, and spoken word poetry by Baltimore artists, all of whom had works featured in the Poetry Book.

WAVE (Women Against Violence Everywhere), a volunteer group, organized a variety of events that raise community awareness of sexual violence. They organized and participated in Take Back the Night Rally at City Hall where the Mayor, Stephanie Rawlings-Black was the keynote speaker. WAVE also organized a production of the Vagina Monologues and local celebrity Sarah Fleischer of 98 Rock performed. The production raised unrestricted dollars for the agency. The volunteers participated in other sexual assault awareness raising community events including Take Back the Night rallies at local colleges.

Looking to next year, the agency received two new grants to expand services. The Abell Foundation awarded the agency a grant to launch a pilot program to identify and provide services to victims of sex trafficking. National statistics estimate that more than 100 thousand young people are being trafficked across the nation. Targeted services for these victims are desperately needed in the greater Baltimore area. In addition, the agency was awarded a grant from the Women's Giving Circle to run long term support/education groups for high risk adolescent girls. The groups provide education, violence prevention strategies and help girls develop support networks.

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Statement of Activities

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Grants from governmental agencies	\$1,020,536		\$1,020,536
Client fees and other	\$22,390		\$22,390
Contributions	\$104,623		\$104,623
Donated Rent	\$57,007		\$57,007
Interest	\$1,497		\$1,497
Net assets released from restriction	\$665	(\$665)	-
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,206,718	(\$665)	\$1,206,053
EXPENSES			
Program Services	\$989,132		\$989,132
Supporting Services			
Management and General	\$136,365		\$136,365
Grant Development	\$39,053		\$39,053
Development - other	\$20,260		\$20,260
Total Expenses	\$1,184,810		\$1,184,810
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$21,908	(\$665)	\$21,243
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$440,015	\$665	\$440,680
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$461,923	\$0	\$461,923

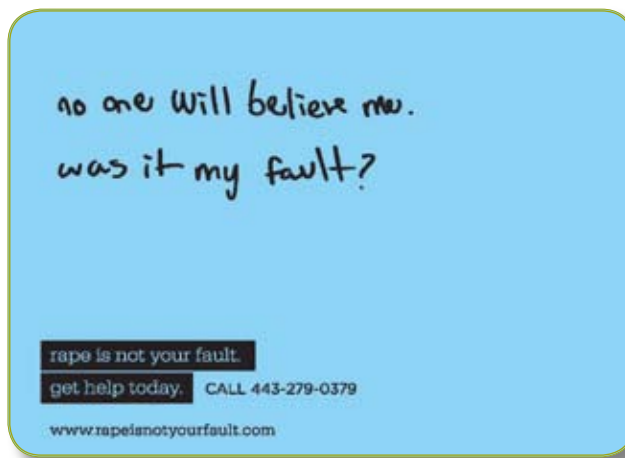
UPDATE: SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE IN BALTIMORE

July 2011 marked the one year anniversary of the Baltimore Sun investigation into the high numbers of unfounded rape cases in Baltimore. The Sun article identified Baltimore as the city with the highest percentage of unfounded cases in the country for the past several years, five times the national average.

Over the past year, at the behest of Mayor Rawlings-Blake and Police Commissioner Bealefeld, much has been accomplished in improving the response to sexual assault in the city. TurnAround, as the City's designated advocacy and service provider, has played a key role in designing and implementing these systemic changes. Efforts have included strengthening the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and calling for greater collaboration among law enforcement, prosecution, and victim advocacy as specified in a formal Memorandum of Understanding. The SART has also researched national best practices, leading to the implementation of improved policies and procedures, and has conducted a thorough audit of all unfounded rape cases from the previous 18 months, which included 134 cases. This effort included outreach to victims; 60 cases were found to have been

improperly unfounded. Enhanced training has been provided to city detectives and other staff.

Specific efforts have included obtaining a Byrne grant to support the addition of a full-time SART coordinator and a full-time TurnAround advocate to provide ongoing assistance to victims participating in the criminal justice process. We also launched a 24/7 Helpline to assist victims and provide direct access for law enforcement officers seeking assistance for victims. An ongoing case review process has been established which includes broad SART representation; all unfounded cases continue to be reviewed.



The SART also launched a public awareness campaign entitled "Rape is not your fault" The campaign includes flyers, information cards, billboards and public service announcements. All of the materials give our Helpline number to call for assistance.

Our mission is to build a community free of violence by working with adults and children affected by intimate partner and sexual violence to address their needs and prevent further violence through advocacy and education.



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