# Healing Together







### MISSION

The mission of the Bay Area Women's Center is to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault. BAWC provides free-of-charge crisis intervention, advocacy and safe haven to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and violence prevention education to the community; while actively pursuing social change.

## SERVICE SINCE 1975

Bay Area Women's Center has served the community since 1975. All services at BAWC are provided free-of-charge to individuals of any gender identity whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault. Secondary victims, typically the children of survivors, are also eligible to receive services. The comprehensive programs are implemented by highly-trained staff to ensure all the needs of survivors are met.

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## **CRISIS HOTLINE:**

### 989.686.4551 or 1.800.834.2098

Our Crisis Hotline is the first point of contact for people needing BAWC. The Crisis Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND SAFETY

In 2025, we look forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Bay Area Women's Center. Throughout our history, thousands of survivors have received the support they needed to secure safety and change their lives. It is only because of the support of our community that this work is possible. Thank you for supporting our mission and supporting survivors. Every little bit of advocacy, awareness, and education makes a difference.

# Message from the Executive Director

The Annual Report each year is a great moment to pause and reflect on the past year while we plan for the new year ahead. I am filled

with immense gratitude for our community's unwavering support and dedication and all the work we have accomplished together.

In 2024, we had the opportunity to bestow the Alice & Jack Embodiment of Hope Award to celebrate our most vocal advocates and supporters. This award was created to honor Alice & Jack and their vision for a thriving Bay County. The inaugural



award was given to Earl and Michelle Bovia. Earl and Michelle go above and beyond in their support of BAWC, often cooking holiday meals for shelter residents and participating in our fundraising events. BAWC is close to their hearts, and we feel their support and care all year long.

We have worked diligently to engage our community in meaningful events and activities. Primarily, we want survivors to know that our agency exists and that help is available to them. Secondarily, we strive to educate our community about the realities of domestic and sexual violence to dispel harmful stereotypes and create a more caring community for all. Together, we can truly affect social change.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Many individuals have led BAWC to where we are today. We plan to reconnect with our roots and explore our history, and we hope that you will join us on that celebratory journey.

None of our accomplishments would be possible without the incredible support from our donors and community members. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping us provide free-of-charge services to those in need. As we celebrate 50 years and beyond, we invite you to continue to be part of our journey towards a brighter future. Together, we can make a lasting impact and support survivors as they rebuild their lives.

Best,

Jeremy J. Rick, Executive Director

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# As healing begins...

#### SURVIVOR SAFFTY

Survivors of domestic and sexual violence have a vital need to feel safe, both physically and emotionally. Bay Area Women's Center's first priority is addressing the safety needs of all our clients.

#### **FINDING SUPPORT**

Every survivor has different needs. Domestic and sexual violence are incredibly personal experiences. The crisis hotline operators at BAWC are available 24/7 to offer support and resources. Staff are trained to provide empathetic and trauma-informed care to all survivors who reach out. If you or someone you know is in need of help or resources, please call BAWC anytime at 989-686-4551.

#### **EMPOWERMENT**

Bay Area Women's Center operates following an Empowerment Philosophy. Every step of the healing journey, we empower survivors to take back control over their lives. It is critical to empower survivors so they can grow and thrive.

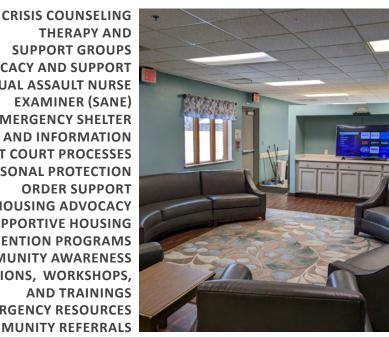
#### SOCIAL CHANGE

Social change is a process. BAWC is committed to asking questions, challenging stereotypes, and bringing up touchy subjects to encourage change.

# SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE:



THERAPY AND SUPPORT GROUPS ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE **EXAMINER (SANE) EMERGENCY SHELTER** EDUCATION AND INFORMATION ABOUT COURT PROCESSES PERSONAL PROTECTION **ORDER SUPPORT** HOUSING ADVOCACY TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAMS **COMMUNITY AWARENESS** PRESENTATIONS. WORKSHOPS. AND TRAININGS **ACCESS TO EMERGENCY RESOURCES COMMUNITY REFERRALS** 



# BY THE NUMBERS:

#### **24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE**

Crisis Hotline operators answered **615 calls** and provided **157 hours** of crisis counseling and intervention

#### **EMERGENCY SHELTER**

119 adults and 137 children spent 9,860 nights in shelter - 29,580 meals were served in shelter. Average stay of 39 nights

#### **SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM (SANE)**

Specially trained nurses conducted 25 sexual assault exams: 21 adult & adolescent | 4 children (under age 12)

#### VICTIM ADVOCACY

417 unduplicated clients received assistance34 clients were assisted in getting personal protection orders

#### **INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**

Over 2,739 hours of counseling provided to 292 women, 12 men, 1 transgender adult, 2 non-binary adults, and 110 children

#### **NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

**166 women, 12 men, 1 non-binary adult,** and **60 children** received non-residential services

#### **PREVENTION & COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

**2,000+ youth and adults** participated in prevention education sessions or community awareness activities

I felt this was the best decision that I made for my daughter. I know I chose the right place for counseling."







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## Elaina / Client Story

"Before I moved into the shelter at BAWC, everyday was a struggle. My abuser didn't let me have a job, and the only money he gave me was closely monitored. I was constantly looking over my shoulder, wondering when he would get home and what he would do to me or our son. I was scared, depressed, and uncertain of my future. I knew I needed to take control and make a change.

A room was available at BAWC. When I got into my shelter bedroom, there was a bag filled with personal care items waiting for me. This was a huge relief. I was already trying to figure out how I would be able to afford a toothbrush or diapers.

BAWC took care of all the basic things. They keep a stocked pantry so I was able to make the food that my son likes. I could do laundry on site. If I needed to go to a job interview or the store, BAWC had bus passes to help. I was finally in a place where I was safe and cared for.

The peace of mind that feeling safe gave me helped me to dream again. Having my own job and freedom could be my reality. I'm finally excited for the future."





# FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

**REVENUE** 

**EXPENSES** 

#### **FINANCIALS**

		ASSETS
A A B B	Property, Land and Equipment	
		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
	Net Assets	

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2024



	100111
Contributions	406,141
In-kind Revenue	29,063
Special Events	92,746
United Way	
Federal and state grants and contracts	1,088,437
Program Fees	27,659
Net Investment Return	77,239
Unrealized Gain	35,520
Total Revenue	1,841,805



#### PROGRAM SERVICES:

Domestic Violence	832,743
Community Service	51,428
Sexual Assault	380,315
Total Program Services	1,264,486

#### SUPPORT SERVICES:

Management and General	313,558
Fund Development	51,412
Total Support Services	
Total Expenses	
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### THANK YOU

To the men who took a stand to end violence against women by being part of the **2024 Men's Campaign**!
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# Support & Encouragement

It was moving to know that someone understands how hard it was for me to let go of my assailant, the father of my child, and move forward with my life. It was incredible to learn that this much help is available in the community. I really appreciate all the support, encouragement, and continued help so I can move forward and feel safe."

-SURVIVOR



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The advocates in the crisis office have been amazing. They listen and help as much as they can and are always willing to find solutions. I relied on their help and wisdom almost every night I stayed in the BAWC shelter. Their support helped me manage my panic attacks." – Survivor

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