



*A Place  
to Heal*

2023  
Annual Report



## 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

# Message from the Executive Director

Each year, I enjoy reflecting on our past year's accomplishments as we look forward to plans and goals for the next year. Although we faced challenges, especially as COVID relief funding diminished and ended, we left 2023 in a strong financial position.



Our Wildly Gourmet Dinner, a testament to the unwavering support of our community, was hosted in person for the first time since 2020. We implemented a new event format which included a five-course meal and a partnership with a featured winery for expert wine-pairing. The program included our always exciting raffles and live and silent auctions as well as the sharing of a survivor story. With all the changes, we were thrilled to raise over \$70,000 - the highest net amount in the event's 11-year history. It was truly humbling to witness our supporters' dedication and generosity come together in a big way in just one evening.

In 2023, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program. The program is available to individuals of any gender who have experienced sexual assault and is facilitated by specially trained and licensed SANE nurses. Over 1,000 forensic medical exams have been provided to survivors in those 20 years. During our anniversary celebration on May 1, 2023, we honored community partners who support us in this work as well as program nurses, past and present.

Michigan's Attorney General Dana Nessel visited our facility in 2023. We were excited for the opportunity to show off our facility and discuss the work we do with survivors. The Attorney General discussed statewide initiatives that were in process to support the needs of survivors as well as service agencies. Some of the initiatives, like the Address Confidentiality Program, have since been implemented and are helping survivors maintain safety. It was eye-opening to hear about the complexities of the work completed by the Office of the Attorney General and the ways in which BAWC could support what they do.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate, fundraise, and advocate for survivors. We look forward to more landmarks and celebrations in 2024 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy J. Rick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" at the end.

Jeremy J. Rick, Executive Director

# *As healing begins...*

## **SURVIVOR SAFETY**

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:**



**CRISIS COUNSELING  
THERAPY AND  
SUPPORT GROUPS  
ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT  
SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE  
EXAMINER (SANE)  
EMERGENCY SHELTER  
EDUCATION AND INFORMATION  
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PRESENTATIONS,  
WORKSHOPS, AND TRAINING  
ACCESS TO EMERGENCY RESOURCES  
COMMUNITY REFERRALS**



# BY THE NUMBERS:

## 24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE

Crisis Hotline operators answered **805 calls** and provided **205 hours** of crisis counseling and intervention

## EMERGENCY SHELTER

**126 adults** and **181 children** spent **9,765 nights** in shelter - **29,295 meals** were served in shelter. Average stay of **32 nights**

## SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM (SANE)

Specially trained nurses conducted **25 sexual assault exams**: **18 adult & adolescent** | **7 children (under age 12)**

## VICTIM ADVOCACY

**504 unduplicated clients** received assistance  
**44 clients** were assisted in getting personal protection orders

## INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Over **3,725 hours** of counseling provided to **356 women**, **17 men**, **2 transgender adults**, **1 non-binary adults**, and **125 children**

## NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

**200 women** | **15 men** | **1 transgender adult** | **1 non-binary adult** | **67 children** received non-residential services

## PREVENTION & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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



My counselor helped me feel at ease when discussing my trauma. I had never talked about it before working with her.”

- SURVIVOR





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Earl Bovia, Bay City Bill's | Matt Avram, Riverfront Grille at the DoubleTree  
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Proper Taco  
Riverfront Grille at the Doubletree  
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## Aisha / Client Story

"I remember the moment we had to leave. My partner and the father of my five children assaulted me and threatened my life. We were not safe at that house. Once he left for work the next day, I packed up the kids, and we left.

I went to a local agency to try to find safe housing. I was there calling agencies for seven hours trying to find a shelter that could accommodate my family. We needed to find somewhere safe right away.

When I called the Bay Area Women's Center, they initially did not have a large enough room open, but I got a call back

later in the day saying they could accommodate us. I can not accurately describe how that news made me feel!

A family was scheduled to leave their shelter the next day, so the kids and I had a "sleepover" in the waiting room used for their Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program.

Their ability to be flexible at BAWC meant everything to us. The temporary sleeping arrangements ensured our safety and allowed us to move forward with our new life. I will forever be grateful for the safety BAWC gave me during the scariest time of my life."







# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

## FINANCIALS



### ASSETS

Current Assets .....	1,569,877
Property, Land and Equipment .....	2,797,356
Accumulated Depreciation.....	(1,549,763)
Total Property and Equipment .....	1,247,593
Other Assets.....	391,130
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>3,208,600</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities .....	79,559
Net Assets .....	3,129,041
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets .....</b>	<b>3,208,600</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2023



### REVENUE

Contributions .....	334,739
In-kind Revenue .....	17,404
Special Events.....	89,220
United Way .....	130,000
Federal and state grants and contracts .....	951,504
Program Fees .....	35,834
Net Investment Return.....	39,191
Unrealized Gain.....	50,673
Unrealized Loss .....	(463)
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>1,648,102</b>

### EXPENSES

#### PROGRAM SERVICES:

Domestic Violence .....	703,913
Community Service .....	49,797
Sexual Assault .....	362,322
<b>Total Program Services .....</b>	<b>1,116,032</b>

#### SUPPORT SERVICES:

Management and General .....	314,502
Fund Development.....	51,019
Total Support Services.....	365,521
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>1,481,553</b>
<b>NET.....</b>	<b>166,549</b>

# MEN'S CAMPAIGN

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## THANK YOU

To the men who took a stand to end violence against women by being part of the **2023 Men's Campaign!** Their financial support of \$100+ helps to keep families safe, empower individuals, and educate our community.



**THANK YOU** for  
joining us for hockey  
and fundraising!



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### “ In the Words of Survivors...”

**“THE MOST HELPFUL  
PART OF MY  
COUNSELING WAS  
THAT I FINALLY GOT  
DIRECTION. I LEARNED  
THAT EVERYTHING  
IS NOT MY FAULT  
AND I KNOW THAT I  
AM NOT ALONE.”**

**—SURVIVOR**



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# Tributes & Memorials

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