



Supporters wrap gifts for clients

More than 80 community members, including Katie David and her son, Taye, (above) helped to wrap holiday gifts donated for CVIC clients in December. Gift wrappers celebrated with cider and goodies and had a surprise visit by Santa, who handed out treat bags to young children. CVIC supporters donated gifts to 250 grateful clients and their children over the holiday season.

Clients and children homeless 5,837 nights

The number of nights that adults (primarily women) spent homeless last year after fleeing violence increased nearly 40% over the previous year.

Both children and adults spent a total of 5,837 nights homeless after their own homes were no longer safe.

"The disturbing trend is that victims and children are still paying the price when they attempt to leave the violence and improve their lives," CVIC's Director of Victim Services Laura Frisch said. "However, we are seeing some promising signs that progress is being made."

Looking at the past five years, the number of CVIC clients helped by CVIC's



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Light of Hope Program and taking definite steps toward securing permanent housing increased 158%, and the number taking steps toward finding employment or enrolling in school increased 68%.

"We are helping more people leave the violence and get back on their feet," Frisch

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Local CCR Project receives national attention



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The national Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP) has showcased the Grand Forks Coordinated Community Response (CCR)

Project on its website at www.bwjp.org.

The CCR Project, involving CVIC and 12 local agencies, is featured in the BWJP's "Promising Practices in Domestic Violence," highlighting innovative approaches within the civil and criminal legal response to violence against women that promote victim safety and/or offender accountability.

"We've always known our local agencies were making great progress," Executive

Director Kristi Hall-Jiran said. "This recognition demonstrates that our collaborative work is among the leading efforts in the country. Kudos to all of the agencies involved."

The BWJP focused on the local CCR's computerized tracking system, which collects over 1,000 domestic/sexual violence law enforcement reports and related data a year, following cases through the court system.

"This tracking system allows us to understand what is happening locally in the area of domestic and sexual violence," CCR Project Coordinator Julie Christianson said.

"After analyzing the data, we are able to see the strengths and weaknesses in our response and address those through training and dialogue about policies and protocols."

See Page 2 for more on our CCR partners.

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DIRECTOR'S VOICE

Kristi Hall-Jiran

REPORT ON 2010

Collaboration is building a safer community

The amazing relationships among all of the local organizations involved in our Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Project is something I am both profoundly thankful for and incredibly excited about when I think about how true change will take place in our community over time.

Local efforts generate national attention

As the article on Page 1 describes, this collaboration is producing results that are generating interest nationally in our efforts. It is exciting to see some of the fruits of our labors featured as promising practices in domestic violence on the Battered Women's Justice Project website (www.bwjp.org).

None of this would have happened without our partners, and today, I want to shine a spotlight on these agencies (at right). The countless hours and hard work they have put toward this project over the past 12 years has been incredible.

CCR Project Agencies

- Altru Health System Emergency Services
- Community Violence Intervention Center
- GF County Correctional Center
- GF County Sheriff's Office
- GF County Social Services Child Protective Services
- GF County States Attorney's Office
- GF Police Department
- GF Public Safety Answering Point (911)
- ND Parole and Probation
- Northeast Central Judicial District Court
- Northwood Police Department
- UND Police Department
- Valley Community Health Centers (Larimore and Northwood)

True commitment produces amazing results

This has enabled us to accomplish amazing things through ongoing case staffings among police, prosecution and victim advocates to ensure victim safety, strategy sessions among agencies to problem solve, a computerized monitoring system to track cases to identify system weaknesses, and subsequent gap-focused training. The results speak for themselves:

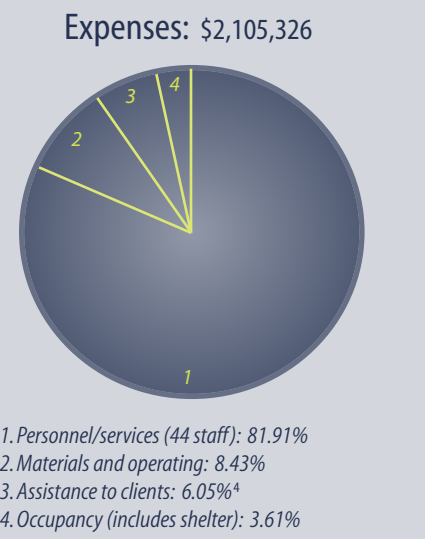
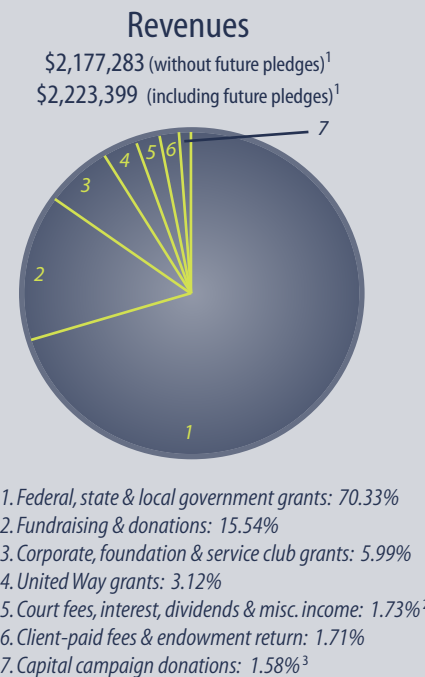
- Children are safer, as law enforcement responding to 911 calls increased reports of child abuse/neglect from 30% of reports that noted child witnesses in 2002 to 76% in 2009 (latest data available).
- Data analysis indicated that strangulation in domestic violence cases was often charged out as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, as the seriousness of this crime would indicate. We addressed the issue among agencies and attended training, with excellent results: we increased the number of cases charged as felonies from 8% of strangulation cases in 2004 to 63% in 2009.

Partnerships based on trust and respect

We love to partner with these organizations because, over the years, we have built relationships based on trust and respect. Our partners come to the table with diverse perspectives in responding to violence and, while I can't say that every issue is resolved without any bumps, our partners have been willing to provide honest opinions and dialogue to reach common ground. I can tell you honestly this isn't the case in many communities, and for this shared vision and willingness to engage in the dialogue, I am ever grateful.

- Prosecution has increased the conviction rate in domestic cases from 65% in 2005 to 85% in 2009.
 - Court orders to CVIC's offender treatment program increased significantly, from 23% of offenders sentenced in 2006 to 45% in 2009.
- It is this kind of collaboration producing these kinds of tangible results that will help us continue to move toward achieving our vision of a safe community for all. My deepest thanks to all who have been a part of these efforts; you are truly making a difference for our whole community.

Funding



- Actual unaudited revenues for 2010, without considering pledges to give in 2011 and beyond, totaled \$2,177,283. In accordance with accounting practices, we include pledges to give for future years in our revenues, bringing the total to \$2,223,399.
- Includes \$17,442 of unrealized gain on investments.
- Funds received for lower level renovation to add offices, storage and a conference room.
- Most direct assistance is through federal grants providing for housing and support.

Programs

LIGHT OF HOPE

- 1,396 adults and children were served.
- 808 children were living in the violent homes of clients served.
- 991 desperate calls were made to our crisis line.
- 234 adults and children were homeless a total of 5,837 nights.
- 103 women and children found refuge at our Light of Hope Shelter.
- 5 single parents and 8 children lived in our Hope Transitional Housing.
- 93% of 177 clients receiving housing assistance took steps toward securing housing, and 95% of 99 clients receiving career counseling took steps toward securing jobs or starting school.
- 75 children/youth received specialized therapeutic services.

PATHWAYS TOWARD JUSTICE

- 677 adults and children were provided guidance through the court system, including victims of assault, sexual abuse, harassment, robbery, burglary, kidnapping, sexual assault, stalking and related crimes.
- 99% of 94 clients surveyed said they had a better understanding of the court system, and 92% were made aware of sentencing results.

KIDS FIRST

- 362 adults and children were served.
- 802 supervised visits and 360 exchanges were provided.
- Parents were given parenting feedback in 91% of visits.

COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS

- 352 presentations were provided to 9,507 community members.
- 89% of adult/youth education participants increased knowledge.
- 99% of professionals indicated being able to apply the knowledge learned in training to help individuals/families they serve.
- 163 professionals participated in the Coordinated Community Response Project through 10 active committees.

NEW CHOICES

- 175 adults were served through intakes and group treatment.
- 117 participated in group sessions – a 35% increase over 2009.
- 88% of 32 men and 75% of 8 women completing group increased knowledge of domestic violence and their use of violence.

2010 Dream Maker Society Members

Some Dream Maker Society members have made additional gifts over and above their society pledges. These gifts are listed by name in the 2010 Operating Support donors, beginning on the next page.

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said. “But we still have a lot of work to do to ensure all people are safe.”

Last year, one-third of the women designed to shelter required emergency room care for the injuries inflicted upon them. Further, 70% of the children in shelter were just 5 years old or younger.

“It’s a tragedy that children are being exposed to violence at such a young age,” Frisch said.

Prevention efforts expanding

In addition to victim services, CVIC’s efforts to prevent violence are taking off.

“Our goal is to build a community where 5 year olds don’t experience

violence in their own homes,” Faye Kihne, CVIC’s Director of Prevention Services,

said. “We are doing exciting work designed to prevent violence before it ever happens.”

A new project called Building Strong Friendships, in collaboration with UND Associate Professor Dr. Kara Wettersten, will help middle school youth to develop healthy friendships, which research has shown provides the tools for developing healthy intimate relationships as a child matures.

“So far, we have launched a pilot project with 52 students at South Middle School, and we’re gearing up to offer the

programming in other schools this spring,” Kihne said.

CVIC educated 1,925 youth last year, with 89% showing increased knowledge of abuse and healthy relationships.

Further, CVIC’s New Choices Program is reducing violence within families; last year, we saw a 35% increase in those participating in offender treatment groups.

“We are seeing excellent results in reducing involvement with police after treatment that will impact families and our community for years to come,” Kihne said.

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We invite you to attend a free, one-hour tour of CVIC to learn about local violence and to see our work firsthand. Contact Edie Dahlen at (701) 746-0405 or edie@cviconline.org to sign up for one of our upcoming tours:

April 14 at 11 a.m. May 19 at 11 a.m.
April 26 at 5 p.m. June 16 at 11 a.m.

Save the date for 2 events

The Table Top Extravaganza, sponsored by Quota International of Grand Forks, will be April 16 at St. Paul's Episcopal. To attend this event that supports CVIC, call Sherry at 792-4357 or Amy at 792-4354.

CVIC's Rise and Shine for Peace Breakfast will be May 5. Contact Edie at 746-0405 or edie@cviconline.org to reserve a place for this free fund-raising event.

Welcome to board members

CVIC welcomes two new members to its board of directors!

Randy Boettner, Vice President/Owner of Custom Aire, Inc., will serve a three-year term. Jim Sondreal will serve as an honorary member, completing the term of his son, Judd Sondreal, through June 2013.

"We are thrilled to welcome Randy and Jim to our board," CVIC Executive Director Kristi Hall-Jiran said. "I know they will bring a wealth of experience and ideas that will greatly benefit CVIC and the families we serve."

Both new board members have been involved with CVIC throughout the years, participating in events and providing financial support. Sondreal said that he is looking forward to contributing his "voice and talents to help those in need."



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