

**2013 Battered Women's Shelter
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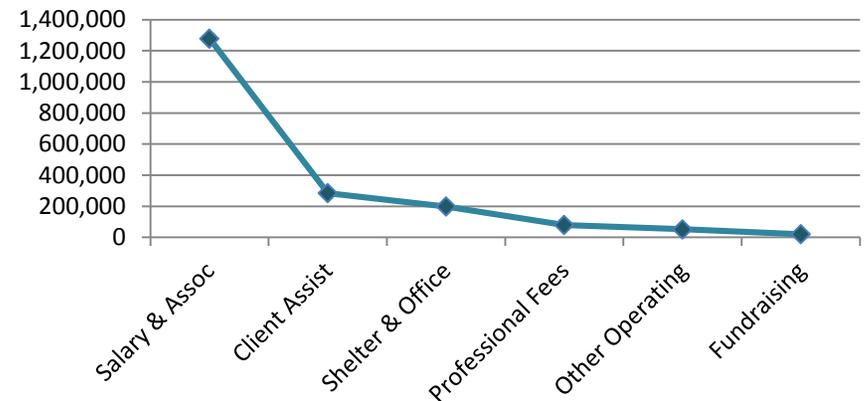
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Financial Report

Agency Expenses

Salary and Associated Expense	\$ 1,278,981
Client Assistance Services	\$ 284,667
Shelter and Office Expense	\$ 199,482
Professional Fees	\$ 80,614
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 52,688
Fund Raising & Memorial Expense	\$ 20,874
Total Expenses:	\$ 1,917,306



Revenue by Source

Grants	\$ 1,109,779
Foundations	\$ 379,532
United Way	\$ 253,788
Marriage/Divorce Fees	\$ 136,255
Fundraisers & Memorials	\$ 114,166
Contributions	\$ 109,745
Other Income	\$ 51,884
Total Revenue:	\$ 2,155,149

Program Statistics

Individuals Served: 7,741
Summit County: Opportunity Center and Step II & Medina County

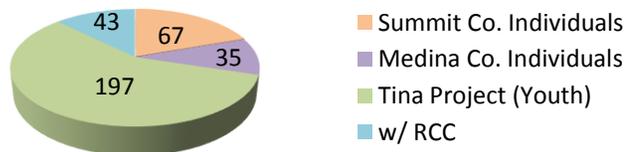
Court Services: Clients Served: 2,124



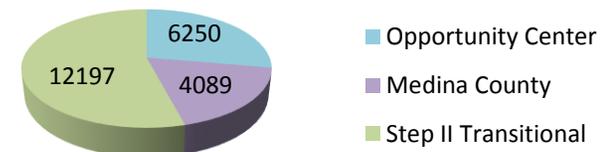
Community Programs: 7,313



Outreach Education: 342 Presentations



Shelter: Nights Provided: 22,536



The Battered Women's Shelter continues to be the only agency in the area offering comprehensive services necessary to break the cycle of domestic violence - while providing temporary, safe shelter for the families.

2013 brought about many changes and challenges that our dedicated staff and volunteers met while maintaining the professional level of service we strive to provide. Spring of 2013 saw us moving into our new home at the former Middlebury Manor Nursing Home. It took hours of packing and storing our supplies, office equipment, and files. Once in and unpacked, we spent most of the summer finding and hiring a few key administrative positions, thus rounding out a talented and dynamic group of staff leaders. During the fall, the Board of Directors welcomed five new members bringing with them a variety of skills and expertise to enhance our current diverse and highly in-tune volunteer advisors. Together, these two groups of visionary partners will guide this agency towards its future. Within the next three years, we will close the two older community based shelters, moving sixty-six protective beds under one roof in our renovated and expanded residential facility (which is capable of housing 115 residents). This new facility will allow for enhanced services for all persons facing danger within their personal relationships. We believe these changes will help foster a better way of life for those courageous people whom we serve.

Our success continues to depend on the generosity of a tremendous number of donors, those who support our mission each year. We thank all of you who helped us in any way during 2013 and ask that you take a moment to review this document which is a testament of the stewardship of our efforts.

2013 Annual Report

“Thank goodness that this agency answered my call for help. I am so thankful that they said, “Yes, we’ll shelter you”. Upon my arrival at the shelter, I was scared, in shock, and overwhelmed. I have few family or friends to support me. The staff at the Opportunity Center has helped me tremendously and I am grateful to have such wonderful people to support me and to say, “It’s going to be OK”. I am now on a journey towards living independently as well as independent of abuse. I have this wonderful organization that is the Battered Women’s Shelter to thank.”



“My children and I were so traumatized by the abuse. After we were safe, I couldn’t work enough to pay our bills and take care of them. They have been in counseling, in and out of the hospital, and their schools. I was referred to BWS and I was helped so much, especially with emotional support and encouragement.

I was referred to the proper legal support to file for divorce and bankruptcy.

I was helped with paying my bills. I followed through with many of the programs and opportunities available through BWS.

My children are getting the help they need to heal.

I began my own therapy and I attend BWS support groups.

After many decades of abuse, for the first time in my life, I am truly safe.”



“Living in the shelter has made a huge difference in our lives. For us, it means waking up in the morning feeling safe. I don’t have to worry if something bad happened to my son in the middle of the night – as it often did. Being here means that we are surrounded by loving people that encourage and support us. We no longer have to walk on eggshells and be subjected to mental and physical abuse.

We had no where else to go.

I thank you and I thank God so much for the Battered Women’s Shelter.

I could not be more grateful.”

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Our Mission is:

- ❖ To provide emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of family violence and their children who are in danger of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse;
- ❖ To provide court advocacy services to those victims seeking to end family violence by using the rights and protection provided through the judicial system;
- ❖ To promote community awareness and sensitivity relative to the problems of domestic violence; and
- ❖ To break the cycle of abuse through comprehensive, quality crisis intervention services to all families living with domestic violence.