Dear Friends and Supporters of Sojourner,

Domestic violence remains a pervasive community problem in the U.S. The Center for Disease Control estimates that the physical and mental health costs related to domestic violence are estimated to be over 6 billion dollars. Sojourner clients constantly grapple with the emotional and economic upheaval in their lives resulting from the abuse. The anxiety and fear are understandable when we realize that domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness in Minnesota. Since its’ beginning in 1979, Sojourner has not wavered in its commitment to serving those victimized by domestic violence and abuse and our services have helped thousands find hopeful pathways to reclaiming and rebuilding their lives.

Our current programs include the:
• 24/7 Hour Crisis/Help Line
• Sojourner Shelter
• Community Legal Advocacy Department
• Community Outreach, Training and Education Department
• Community Involvement Department

During 2016 Sojourner:
• Sheltered 302 women and children
• Responded to over 2,361 crisis callers
• Provided community advocate service to 913 adults living in our service community. These services increased the safety of approximately 450 children.
• Benefited from 7892 volunteer hours
• Conducted 184 information and prevention events reaching almost 7,000 people
• Developed a new organization website – www.sojournerproject.org
• Produced a first ever organization video
• Awarded a two year VAWA grant to enhance victim support

In the coming year Sojourner will continue to seek innovative ways to meet the needs of our program participants. We believe that information and education are key to the prevention of future victims and abusers and as a result, Sojourner will intensify efforts to bring personal safety and healthy relationship messages to young people in our service areas.

We are grateful for the dedication, knowledge and skill of our staff and the leadership and support of our Board of Directors. Their commitment and hard work has established Sojourner as a valuable community resource, known and respected for its capacity to provide professional and quality services to those victimized by interpersonal violence. We also wish to express our gratitude to our volunteers, donors and funders, community partners, and friends because your support and generosity make all that we do possible. Thank you to all.

Sincerely,

Deidre Belk
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Executive Director
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2016 Financial Report

2016 Statement of Functional Expenses

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* $501,695 of Long Term Liabilities is forgiveable loans

2016 Income & Expense Statement

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* $40,000 of Other Income is loan forgiveness on the forgiveable loans.
** $10,000 of Foundation income is restricted for use in 2017.

Police Advocate Response Team

Project Police Advocate Response Team aims to provide a coordinated response in specific non-arrest domestic violence situations where:

- Victims are not forthcoming due to fear and intimidation
- There is denial of the need for intervention due to fear and lack of knowledge
- Limited or no evidence is present to make an arrest but officers suspect more is happening
- The abuser has fled the scene

When police are called to a home, they may not have probable cause to make an arrest or the abuser is gone on arrival. There may be many factors that influence the non-arrest decision, but the lack of intervention can cause the victim to feel more helpless and the abuser to be empowered. Currently, victims in non-arrest cases often receive little to no follow-up because advocates do not have contact information or victims do not respond to advocate calls. Unfortunately, in these situations, neither the victim nor the abuser receives any intervention services to prevent future incidents or escalation of violence. These victims fall off the radar until there is a more serious incident that results in an arrest. In cases where police identify the situation as high risk for future calls, they can call Sojourner to have an advocate accompany them to the home to make contact with the victim. This project will provide an opportunity for police and advocates to work together in non-arrest cases to establish a connection with victims prior to another abusive incident.

It is our belief that victims will benefit from an earlier connection with an advocate so they get assistance to create a safety plan; information about their rights, options, community resources available to them; support they need to make fully-informed decisions; and follow-up support and services as needed. We believe that law enforcement will also benefit from this project by reducing repeat calls to the same homes, where no arrests are made; increasing victims' confidence in officers who respond to domestic abuse calls; and reducing the risk for injuries to officers responding to domestic abuse calls.
Sojourner and Elder Abuse

The growing presence of housing and assisted living facilities, specifically for seniors in West Hennepin, has begun to be impact the demographics of those we serve. The increase in the numbers within this age group has prompted Sojourner’s staff to take a closer look at an unsettling reality, Elder Abuse. Domestic and sexual violence effecting older people is a problem that has long remained invisible, but devastating for victims, resulting in great personal losses, including the loss of independence, life savings, homes, dignity, health, security, and even their lives.

The Minnesota Elder Justice Center provided a training to update Sojourner staff on the scope and trends regarding this difficult subject and the facts are alarming. Every year, an estimated 4 million older Americans are victims of physical, psychological and other forms of abuse and neglect. In the vast majority of cases, perpetrators of elder abuse are family members—adult children and grand children, other relatives, partners and spouses; caregivers or other individuals with ongoing, lasting relationships.

Victims of elder financial abuse lost an estimated $2.9 billion last year. The elderly can fall victim to financial abuse when caregivers engage in improper use or mismanagement of money or assets. Emotional abuse and isolation, neglect, threats of institutionalization, abuse of pets or cherished items, denying access to spiritual comfort or social circles also occur. Additionally, older men and women face unique barriers to reporting, such as fears of abandonment, shame, disbelief and, if the abuser is a family member, disrupting or dividing the family. Even after a report is made, resources for elder victims of abuse are limited.

As in any form of prevention, awareness is the greatest weapon. Keep in touch with older people you care about; don’t just assume they are okay—know the warning signs that something may be wrong. Discuss this issue in your faith communities, civic groups and service groups. If you know or suspect abuse of an elderly person, contact Sojourner at 952.935. 1004 or 952. 933.7422 for help. All of our services are free, private and confidential.

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Volunteers are crucial to the work we do at Sojourner! In 2016, Sojourner was supported by almost 100 individual volunteers and 53 service groups - totaling close to 7,900 hours of volunteer support and time! We truly appreciate how passionate and dedicated our volunteers continue to be! Thank you to all of our volunteers and groups that provide us and our clients with the gift of time!

If you are looking for a way to get involved in your community or are not sure how much time you can commit to volunteering, Sojourner has many different options available! We need crisis line and children care volunteers that commit to weekly or bi-weekly shifts. We have on-call Intervention volunteers-you don’t even have to leave your house! You can commit to making a monthly meal! If you don’t have a lot of time to spare, consider organizing a donation drive for us, prepping a one-time meal that we can use at a later date, or get a small group together and come out to help with cleaning and organizing tasks! We are always open to new ideas too! Check us out….we might be a good fit for your schedule! Call 952.351.4062 for more information or visit our website:

www.sojournerproject.org