

The Sojourner Truth

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FRIENDS OF SOJOURNER

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- Advocates for victim safety;
- Supports the transition from victim to survivor;
- Educates for the prevention and elimination of domestic violence.

2019 Annual Summary

It is our sincere hope that by the time you receive this Annual Report Newsletter, we, as a nation and the world overall, will be through the worst of COVID-19 and on our way to recovery.

As you know, Sojourner's primary purpose is to increase the safety of those victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse. Our comprehensive programming encourages safety planning, provides information, education, and support that promotes understanding, violence prevention and opportunities for change. We are guided by the fundamental belief that regardless of age, race, gender, religion, sexual preference or differing abilities, we all have the right to live with dignity and to be safe in our homes.

Our current programs include:

- 24/7 Crisis Help/Line
- Sojourner Shelter
- Community Legal Advocacy Department
- Community Outreach, Training and Education Department.
- Community Involvement Department to promote volunteer service, in-kind donations and financial support

Celebrating 40 Years!

2019 was a very special year. We proudly celebrated 40 years of community service that helped transform thousands of lives. We were able to meet the needs of our clients with the generous financial and in-kind contributions of our supporters, the leadership of our board and the knowledge and skill of our amazing staff.

We are pleased to report that in 2019, Sojourner:

- Sheltered 384 women and children and provided community-based legal advocacy to support 790 adults and increased the safety of 344 of their children
- Responded with safety and referral information to 2,992 crisis line callers
- Benefited from 8,074 hours of volunteered services
- Facilitated 308 informational, training, or education events to 10,095 people, 1,730 of whom were students

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make these achievements possible.

Deidre Belk, Board Chair

Helen Chargo, Executive Director

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and donors!

We are truly grateful and continue to be moved by our generous, thoughtful, and dedicated volunteers and donors. Sojourner believes that domestic violence is a community problem that needs community solutions. We are touched by a community which continues to stand with and support Sojourner and our clients! Individual volunteers and groups provide thousands of hours of support by: answering the crisis line, providing child care, preparing meals, responding to victims on the weekends, creating clean and organized spaces, preparing mailings, and sprucing up our outdoor areas! Volunteers also

bring in their therapy dogs to provide a time of healing, relaxation, and of course lots of cuddles! Life skill volunteers pamper our residents and provide new tools and skills. In-kind donations allow us to meet the basic needs of our clients, provide birthday and holiday gifts, and exit basket supplies when clients leave Sojourner. Finally, thank you to our financial donors. Your donations support the journey from fear to hope! We are immensely thankful for all you do to support Sojourner and the path to increased safety and stability for so many.

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Sojourner's Newest Partner

In the fall of 2019 the Eden Prairie Police Department and Sojourner's leadership began discussions to explore the possibility of working together to serve those victimized by domestic violence and abuse in their community. It became clear that both organizations shared similar goals and values related to the response and safety needs of victims. Prior to formalizing this partnership, advocates had already been working with some victims from Eden Prairie because we were available in criminal court when they needed an advocate.

As of January 1, 2020, Sojourner Project formally began to provide advocate support services to victims of domestic violence, elder abuse and sexual assault for the city of Eden Prairie.

In addition to advocating for victims in criminal cases, advocates assist clients in obtaining protective orders, provide advocacy and support in family and civil court, will support clients through sexual assaults and stalking and



harassment. Advocates also help clients obtain information about victim rights and options and provide information and referral to community resources that help increase individual and family long-term safety and stability. All of our services are free and confidential and clients from Eden Prairie will have access to therapy and support groups as well.

We are very pleased to be a part of the community of Eden Prairie and feel very positive about our work with the Eden Prairie Police Department. Because of Sojourner's close proximity to Eden Prairie, the new partnership will enhance accessibility for those in need of our services and will make it easier for clients to meet with their advocates, attend groups meetings or therapy sessions. We will also be available to offer outreach information and personal safety education presentations. Sojourner looks forward to continuing this important work and improving the lives of Eden Prairie residents affected by domestic and sexual abuse.

2019 Financial Report

2019 Statement of Functional Expenses

Shelter	\$701,444
Community Services	\$315,860
Education & Outreach	\$65,069
Administration	\$98,668
Fundraising & Marketing	\$35,381
TOTAL	\$1,216,422

2019 Balance Sheet

ASSETS	
Current Assets	\$1,542,326
Fixed Assets	\$3,212,619
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,325,670)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,429,275
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	\$66,974
Long Term Liabilities	*\$723,977
Total Liabilities	\$790,951
Equity	\$2,638,324
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$3,429,275

* \$397,695 of Long Term Liabilities is forgivable loans.

2019 Income & Expense Statement

INCOME	
GRANT/CONTRACT REVENUE	
Contracts	\$1,000,855
Foundations	** \$112,686
Contributions	\$125,055
Other	*\$61,975
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,300,567
EXPENSES	
Business Expense	\$135,675
Program Expense	\$985,816
Depreciation	\$94,931
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,216,422
Total 2019 Profit or Loss	\$84,145

*\$32,000 of Other Income is loan forgiveness on the forgivable loans.

**\$22,750 of Foundation income is restricted for use in 2020.



One of our meal prep volunteers getting dinner ready for our shelter residents! Yummy!



Tabling and providing information to the community.



Artwork created by one of the kiddos staying at our shelter.

Staying Connected and Supporting Sojourner



Our Amazon Wish List

Visit our Amazon Registry or email Becca at Becca@SojournerProject.org to set up a contact-free donation of items from our wishlist (both links located on our website.)



Start a **Facebook fundraiser** and select Sojourner as the recipient or donate **directly on our website** via PayPal.



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We were so fortunate to have Addie, our wonderful, dedicated MSW intern with us for the 2019-2020 school year!



Our generous in-kind donors provide items that allow us to create exit baskets for clients moving out of the shelter.



Hugs from Hunter continues to support Sojourner and made our Holiday Boutique extra special with these cuddly bears.

Know someone who is currently experiencing domestic or sexual violence?

Call our 24/7 crisis line for support at **952-933-7422**.



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