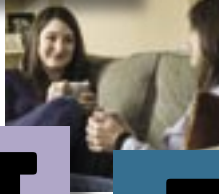
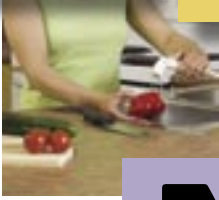


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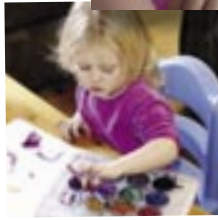
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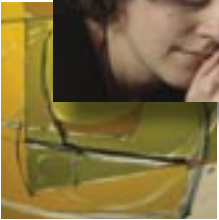
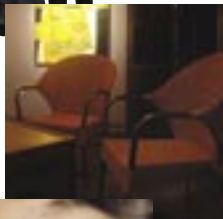
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annual report

Our Mission



SafeNet is committed to ending domestic violence, affirming human dignity and delivering comprehensive direct services to victims of domestic violence. SafeNet provides sanctuary, support, education and advocacy, and promotes changes in legislation and social policies. We believe every individual has the right to be respected and to live a life free from abuse.

SafeNet is Erie's only accredited domestic violence agency.

Our agency began over 30 years as an emergency shelter for women called Hospitality House, which we still operate today.

SafeNet also is a founding member of PCADV, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



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In Review



Linda King and Shirley Williams

Executive Summary

Providing relief for victims of domestic abuse through shelter, counseling and advocacy, changing public attitudes, speaking out for supportive legislation, and networking with other professionals to help victims and their children are so essential.

Making this happen in fiscal year 2006-2007 resulted in many positive outcomes. But it also brought many challenges and changes to our organization.

One of our top challenges was meeting the needs of a rising number of victims of domestic violence in Erie County. This increase strained our capabilities and resources, especially at our Hospitality House emergency shelter. Our shelter was originally built as a private residence for a family of five. But for week-long stretches or more, we were providing sanctuary to 28 women and children at the same time.

This challenge led to our \$2 million capital campaign to renovate our shelter and build an annex on the site to give us more space.

In 2006-07, we also enhanced a number of services that are essential to curtailing domestic violence in our region. First, our medical training and on-call patient counseling programs were established at two additional

local hospitals. Our legal department made important staff and procedural changes to better serve our clients. And our partnerships with other organizations in the region were strengthened as we worked together on several community projects. One of those projects was with the Junior League of Erie, creating an educational video that provides an easy to understand overview of the legal process involved in getting a Protection From Abuse Order.

We were encouraged by the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in February of 2007. We anticipate opportunities to restore funding to SafeNet programs that have struggled with sharply decreased allocations over the past five years. However, it's likely to be 18 to 24 months before the budget for the Act is approved and allocated.

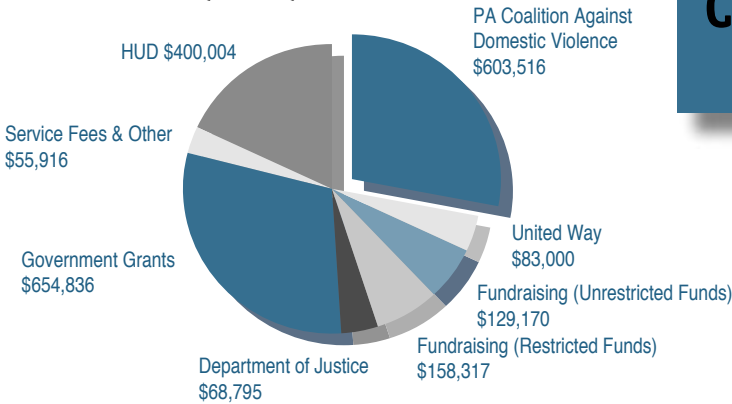
These are just a few highlights of 2006-07. Please look at the pages ahead for our financial report, and more information about our programs, community partners and capital campaign. *Thank you.*

Linda King
SafeNet CEO

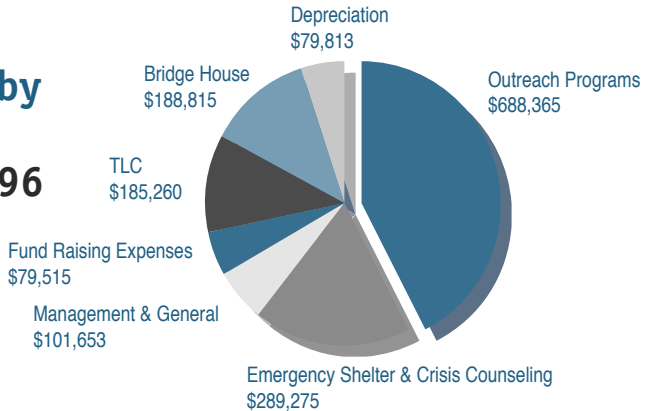
Shirley Williams
Board President

Charts

Income \$2,153,554



Expense by Program \$1,612,696



Service	Adults	Children
emergency shelter	343	273
transitional housing	35	44
counseling	344	162
hospital counseling	311	
legal advocacy	1,219	
hotline callers	982	
in-school prevention		1,849
community education	2,580	
professional training	2,203	
counseling hours	14,907	2,584
residential days	17,790	

At Work

*Attorney
Rebecca
Wolford
(seated) and
paralegal
Linda
Martz of our
Civil Legal
Representation
program*



SafeNet's Medical Advocacy Program added two hospitals to its on-call roster: The Veterans Administration Medical Center has experienced a sharp increase in violence among patients returning from Iraq, and the Shriners Hospital for Children has become aware of domestic violence issues among the parents of their patients, so professional SafeNet training and on-call response were begun at both facilities.

Attorney Rebecca Wolford joined SafeNet our Civil Legal Representation program. Attorney Wolford, along with paralegal, Linda Martz, provide legal services on matters concerning divorce, child support, spousal support and child custody issues.

Previously, the program provided legal representation to all Erie County Protection From Abuse plaintiffs. The sheer number of these cases, however, required us to limit legal services to SafeNet clients.

We also placed our non-residential counseling program under the supervision of our legal director Janet McCormick Janeck. This move facilitated fluid service delivery between our legal advocates and counseling departments, which ensures each victim's safety issues are addressed before requesting a Protection From Abuse Order or taking legal action against the abuser.



Our efforts to make the general public aware of the issue of domestic violence in our community was at an all time high in the past year. Pictured here is a "Silent Witness" display at the Blasco Memorial Library. The red figures represent local victims of domestic violence from Erie County who were

killed by their partners in the past two years. Other awareness efforts included a large window display at the Boston Store building, banners across State Street and our annual march against domestic violence.

SafeNet Programs

Hospitality House Emergency Shelter

A safe, confidential place for victims and their children to stay. Counseling, child care and referral services are available on site.

Bridge House

Supported living in independent apartments for women and their children made homeless by domestic violence. Families work toward self-sufficiency and finding safe, affordable housing.

TLC (Transitional Living Center)

Supported living for homeless mothers between the ages of 15 and 21 and their children. The young women work toward self-sufficiency, develop parenting skills and find permanent housing.



Service

Legal Representation Program

Attorneys and SafeNet advocates work together to help victims of domestic abuse through the Protection from Abuse (PFA) process and other civil legal action as needed.

Medical Program

Our counselor/advocates help victims 24/7 in emergency rooms at area hospitals. They also connect victims with community services to reduce repeated injuries and the need for medical treatment.

Counseling Program

Our counselor/advocates are available 24/7 to provide immediate help to victims of domestic violence. Both individual and group counseling are available.

Healthy Families

Mentors provide empowerment, education and support to young mothers in order to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Education & Training

SafeNet offers educational programs to community groups and provides prevention education to young people up through college. Training medical personnel and hosting an annual medical conference are important parts of our connection to the community.

Project Partners

Local Funders & Program Partners

City of Erie

Economic Development Corporation
of Erie County

Erie Art Museum

Erie City Police Department

Erie Community Foundation

Erie County Bar Association

Erie County District Attorney's Office

Erie County Department of
Human Services

Hamot Medical Center

Highmark

Housing Authority of the City of Erie

Mercyhurst College

Millcreek Police Department

Office of Drug and Alcohol

Penn State CORE

PNC Bank

Saint Vincent Health System

Jewish Community Council of
Temple Anshe Hessed

United Way of Erie County

SafeNet participated in an art
lending program sponsored by
the Erie Art Museum. Fifty fine



art paintings
were installed
throughout our
new shelter an-
nex. The color-
ful works bring
forth feelings
of empower-
ment and joy.

Project Connect

A HUD-funded program that gives do-
nated furniture and household goods
to families who were once homeless to
re-establish themselves in permanent
housing. Project partners are SafeNet,
Family Services, Safe Horizons, the
Refuge, Erie DAWN and Mercy Center
for Women.

Project Reach

Provides a continuum of support for
women and children in their journey
from homelessness to permanent
housing. Project partners are SafeNet,
Erie DAWN, Mercy Center for Women
and Gaudenzia/Community House.

Domestic Violence Medical Advocacy Task Force

Connects victims presenting in a
medical setting to access longer term
counseling and advocacy. Includes
SafeNet, Hamot Medical Center, St.
Vincent Health System, Millcreek
Community Hospital, Community
Health Net, Veterans Administration
Medical Center, Shriners Hospital for
Children, and MHEDS.

STOP

Develops local remedies to hold
perpetrators of interpersonal violence
accountable and to support victims.
Project partners include the Office of
the District Attorney, SafeNet, Crime
Victims Center, GECAC Area Agency
on Aging, Magisterial Court Judges,
Sheriff's Department, and the Mill-
creek Police Department.

SafeNet advocates and volunteers complete 50 hours of state certified training followed by 20 hours of supervised practical experience to gain a thorough understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and abuse. This year, our 71 volunteers served a total of 4,985 hours answering our hotline, providing court accompaniment, and assisting with counseling and support groups. Their help is greatly valued and appreciated.



During 2006-07, funding for Project Connect was cut back. Some support services such as budgeting, parenting classes and rural outreach were lost, but the project's furniture and household item donation program will continue.

Thank you to the following groups for their in-kind support.

In-Kind Donations

Bath & Body Works
 Classy 100
 Erie County Bar Association
 Erie Otters
 Erie Playhouse
 Erie Seawolves
 Betty & Bill Filipkowski
 Junior League of Erie
 Knox Law Firm
 The Limited
 Station Dinner Theatre
 Plus many Millcreek Mall
 merchants and area churches



Good Friends

Sunshine Award

SafeNet Director of Outreach Programs Cynthia Murphy (right) was awarded the prestigious Sunshine Peace Award. This national award honors outstanding individuals working on the frontlines in the fight to end domestic violence. The award is bestowed every two years by the Sunshine Lady Foundation begun by Doris Buffett (left), sister of Warren Buffett. The award, and a subsequent gift by the foundation, brought SafeNet \$15,000 for direct client emergency assistance.



Fund Raising

Overcrowding in our emergency shelter had been an ongoing problem leading up to this fiscal year. Our shelter also had become worn from many years of use. Our Board of Directors felt it had become imperative we address this issue so victims of domestic violence could find peace, respect and a sense of dignity in their surroundings.

A capital campaign approved by the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth

Partnership was launched in January 2007. The plan was to improve and expand our emergency shelter space and increase financial stability overall for the organization.

From January to June 30, the end of our fiscal year, we raised over \$600,000. Since that time, we have gone on to \$1.2 million. We are so grateful to the many who helped bring this vision to fruition. The success of the campaign is a testament to the generosity of the Erie community.

Capital Campaign Board

(From left)

Walter and Joan Harf, *Community Chairs*

Shirley Williams, *SafeNet Board President*

Peggy Richardson

Ed Whitbred, *Treasurer*

Ruth Burton

Jim Herr

Linda King, *SafeNet CEO*

Joe Conti, *Campaign Committee Chair*



Susan Hirt Hagen
Honorary Chairperson



Sincere thanks go out to the following individuals, businesses and foundations for their generous pledges to our capital campaign. It's so essential to provide relief through shelter, advocacy, and support to the victims of domestic violence and their children. *Thank you!*



\$100,000+

Erie Insurance Group
Susan Hirt Hagen

\$50,000+

Erie Community Foundation
Citadel Broadcasting
Sarah H. Hagen McWilliams

\$40,000+

Marjorie Krebs/bequest
WJET

\$30,000+

GE Employees Community Service Fund
Northwest Saving Bank

\$20,000+

Eriez Magnetics
General Electric
National Fuel
E. E. Austin & Son
Lynn & Dale McBrier

\$10,000+

PNCBank, NA
Verizon
Gary & Susan Raimy
Temple Anshe Hesed
Vicory Foundation
Sumaul P. Black Family Fund
Barbara Pollock

\$5,000+

Marquette Saving Bank
Reed Manufacturing
National City Bank
Wegman's Food Markets
TJ Freedman Architects
Mary & Howard Lincoln
Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Frenzel
Betsey Miller
Kern Family Foundation
Joan & Walter Harf
Al & Peggy Richardson
Ruth Burton
Inga Seigel
Carol & Ed Whitbred
Shirley & Dennis Williams
Jewish Community Council of Erie
Tim & Nancy Sennett

\$1,000+

Mercyhurst College
Scott Enterprises
Alliance Medical Society
Erie Rotary Club
Erie Petroleum
Welcome Wagon of Erie
Career Concepts
Thermoclad
Erie Bank
Jeanne & Michael Peck
Arlene Breakstone Family
Santer Office Supply
Martha Roth
Hannah Vicary Event -
Running 4 a Better Community
Barbara Osborn
Barabara Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Craig McCune
Gordon Osborn
Lou Porreo
Inara Renkis
First Presbyterian Church of
the Covenant
Bloomstine Family Fund
Larry & Gloria New

Up to \$999

Wal-Mart
Howard Hanna Company
Rick Weaver Buick
McGill Power and Bell
Eriez Magnetics Employee Fund
Penn Union Corp.
Steris Corp.
Hallman Chevrolet Employees Fund
Dave & Mary Laird
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Doleski
Burton Funeral Home Employees
Wm. Sennett
Kathy Pae
Maxine Gold
Ina & Edward Fisher, Jr.
Robert Dowling
Carole & Antoine Garibaldi
Roger & Jill Barlow
Erisco, The Zacks Family
Ted Miller
Gary & Barbara Shipira
Susan Wellman
Bob & Christie Ferrier
Delores Hartle

Our capital campaign has resulted in the construction of an annex to our emergency shelter, greatly increasing our space for victims of domestic violence and their children. Renovations to our existing shelter are now underway.



Howard & Joan Hudson
Bill & Cecily Sesler
Francis Mainzer, MD
Rich & Sharon Levick
Joe & Juliana Semple
Elks Lodge Auxiliary
Howard & Jane Levin, MD
Joan Bert
Pat Chiz (Recycle Your Closet)
Mary & Steve Oas
Green Township Lioness Club
Kahkwa Yoga Class
Judy & Richard Bliley
James & Mary Ann Toohey
Ray & Martha Showman
Mary Henneous
Richard & Diane Ruth
American Legion
Auxiliary 285
Wendy Sherman

Affiliations for Advocacy & Action

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence *

Domestic Violence State Standards Committee

Domestic Violence Medical Advocacy State Committee *

VOCA (Victims of Crimes Act) Policy Board

Erie County Protection From Abuse Task Force *

Domestic Violence Medical Advisory Task Force *

District Attorney's STOP Violence Against
Women Committee

Children's Advocacy Center, Board of Directors

Community HealthNet

Erie DAWN

SCI Albion Batterer's Intervention Project *

Department of Public Welfare Maximizing
Participation Task Force

Children's Health Initiative of Pennsylvania

Child Death Review Committee Erie County
Department of Health

Advisory Board Erie County Offender Re-entry Program

Healthy Youth Development Advisory Committee

HUD HOME Team *

Family Group Decision Making Task Force

National Network to End Domestic Violence

National Batterer's Intervention Network

Mercyhurst Civic Institute: Policy and Planning Council

MHEDS

Erie County SHIPP Health Initiative Partnership *

Mother To Mother Advisory Board

United Way Executive Directors Forum

Erie Safe Kids Coalition

Erie Housing Authority Interagency Council

** Founding member or current officer in organization*

