

*Domestic Violence Center  
of Chester County*



*Rising Up Against Domestic Violence*



*Annual Community Report*

*2014-2015*

## *Our Vision:*

The vision of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to eliminate domestic violence in Chester County.

## *Our Mission:*

The mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to provide intervention, education, outreach, advocacy and programs to prevent, reduce and remedy domestic violence in Chester County.

## *Our Philosophy:*

We believe that all women and children are entitled to a safe environment free from violence. We recognize that every woman is at risk, and we are committed to working collectively and cooperatively to end violence against women and their children in our community.

We believe that each woman has the ability and right to control her own life. We are committed to empowerment-based support services which affirm a woman's competence to make decisions.

We believe we must take an active role in increasing public awareness that domestic violence is a crime and in advocating systems change, in order to reduce tolerance for domestic violence in our community.

## *Our History:*

Founded in 1976, DVCCC is the oldest agency in Chester County providing services exclusively for victims of domestic violence and their children and is the sole agency under contract from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to do so. DVCCC began as the YWCA Women's Resource Center (WRC), to serve as an information and referral service for Chester County women. Once this service became known, it started receiving a flood of calls from women in situations of violence. The directors of WRC, finding no organization in the area to which the victims could be referred, reorganized the agency as the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, focusing on domestic violence intervention and prevention.

## *Our Services:*

DVCCC provides services to victims of domestic abuse and their dependent children throughout Chester County.

We offer services at our main site and at our four satellite sites in Kennett Square, Oxford, Coatesville and Phoenixville. Our main building, located at a confidential address to assure client safety and privacy, is accessible 24 hours a day to serve victims and residents. Our satellite sites do not offer shelter facilities and their addresses are published. All services are free and confidential. Services include:

24 Hour Hotline ~ Emergency Shelter ~ Transitional Housing ~ Adult Counseling  
Children's Services ~ Relocation Assistance ~ Legal Counseling & Representation  
Community Education & Training ~ Volunteer/Intern Program

## *Non-discrimination Statement:*

We are committed to an equal program service and equal employment opportunities. The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County's program services and employment will be designed to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, gender, color, creed, age, national origin, sexual identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic, social or marital status or political or religious beliefs.

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*A Message from Our  
CEO and Board President*



Dear Friends and Partners:

Say "No More!" to domestic violence... one life at a time, one home at a time, one community at a time.

Since 1976, the Domestic Violence Center has heard the voices of victims of domestic violence, and with the support of the community we have served more than 40,000 survivors since our inception! And yet we know that the unfortunate reality is there are more victims who are suffering in silence.

Our vision is no more domestic violence in our community and our mission is to provide intervention, education, outreach, advocacy and programs to prevent, reduce and remedy domestic violence in Chester County.

In November 2014 our community was shattered by domestic violence with the senseless deaths of Scotty McMillian and Jacinda Miller. DVCCC appealed to the Chester County Community to rise up against domestic violence and have a "Call to Action" in ending family violence. The United Way of Chester County sponsored our event held on Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday – "We have a Dream No More Domestic Violence in Chester County". We also remembered recent victims Kimberly Hvizda and Jamica Woods, Chester County victims of domestic violence who were murdered by their partners who professed to love them.

Our panel of speakers emphasized the importance of getting involved by focusing on our *ASAP* initiative:

**A— Awareness** that domestic violence is a learned and preventable behavior through shifting the culture to doing every thing in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence.

**S -- Schools** must participate in breaking the cycle by educating youth about healthy relationships.

**A -- At Work** domestic violence impacts the workplace and employers can support victims by adopting policies to identify and address domestic violence in the workplace.

**P — Police and Physicians** are first responders in identifying victims and supporting them as they access services.

Our community has made great progress in bringing awareness to and providing protections against domestic violence. Our Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan has promoted the Lethality Assessment Program as a best practice in enhancing the safety of victims of intimate partner violence. The rise in the number of domestic violence incidences is alarming and tells us that our work is critical to end domestic violence. Our efforts to improve the community response and to identify and address and prevent domestic violence are making a difference. It is important to be supportive of victims of domestic violence and to let them know that help is available 24/7.

Domestic violence thrives when we are silent; as we stand and work together, we can end domestic violence. On behalf of the courageous survivors we serve, we are grateful for your continued commitment to rise up against domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Dolly Wideman-Scott, MS, CEO

Judith V. Braun ,RN, Ph.D., President, Board of Directors

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## Our Accomplishments

In fiscal year 2014-2015 DVCCC provided direct services to more than 3,300 individuals. In total, we provided direct services to 3,003 new and continuing adults victims of domestic violence along with 335 of their dependent children. Direct services include our 24 hour hotline, adult counseling, children's services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal representation and advocacy. More specifically:

- ◆ 135 participants and 52 of their dependent children were provided with Emergency Shelter.
- ◆ 28 families were provided with transitional housing through our three programs.
- ◆ 816 participants were provided with legal options counseling.
- ◆ 213 participants received representation in protection from abuse orders.
- ◆ DVCCC Counselor/Advocates provided 11,632 hours of individual and group adult counseling.
- ◆ 3,261 hotline calls were answered.
- ◆ 270 new and continuing children were provided with 10,841 hours of counseling services, homework help and recreational activities.
- ◆ 81 community education programs were provided to groups reaching 11,500 persons. This included 51 presentations to schools and youth groups about dating violence awareness.
- ◆ 39 new volunteers participated in a state required 45 hour training to provide domestic violence services. In total, volunteers provided over 4,000 hours of services.

In February, 2015, DVCCC was presented with the J.D. Mosteller Community Service Award by the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Leadership Chester County, a program of the United Way of Chester County, chose DVCCC as one of their Nonprofit Challenges for 2015. The group devised a marketing plan for outreach to county businesses. DVCCC was also accepted into the Phoenixville Incentive for Endowment Program, sponsored by the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation.

## Survivors Speak



*"Being accepted into the DVCCC Transitional Housing program has helped us (me and my three boys) in a way nothing else could. We, for the first time in many years have such peace, happiness and stability. The support in all areas has been so instrumental in helping me get back on my feet emotionally and financially, while living in a place we can now consider our home. It allows the boys to grow together and put the painful past behind them. They are thriving...the older boys grades have gone up drastically, they are excited about school and doing well in sports. My youngest son who's now two, had lived in shelters since he was just seven months old. I'm quite sure he never remembered having a home at all. Now he throws his arms up over his head and shouts, "HOOOOOME" every time we turn into our driveway.*

*Not only has this program allowed me to put domestic violence out of our lives for good, it has helped me do it with dignity. So much of being a dv victim feels so shameful, after entering this program I stopped feeling ashamed. I felt relief, hope and safe for the first time in so long. We are rebuilding our lives now, step by step. Without a program such as this, many victims of dv who may want to have a better life might continue to struggle to support her children, have great difficulty obtaining safe housing beyond a shelter... if any housing at all and would most likely find herself giving up and returning to the situation she left or possibly another unsafe situation for herself and her children. For a mother who wants one, this program is a life line to a safe and independent future...a chance to live a normal life again, a chance to help your children to do the same and better."*

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*We Have A Dream...*

**NO MORE**

**Domestic Violence in Chester County**

**We need your help!**

**A** Awareness   **S** Schools   **A** At Work   **P** Police & Physicians



*"Nearly 100 people gathered Monday evening to declare a 'call to action' driven by a common dream of ending domestic violence. In a gathering organized by the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and held at the East Brandywine Fire Company, elected officials and law enforcement officers joined community leaders to discuss a new approach in the fight against abuse. Held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many mentioned the holiday while expressing hope that one day domestic violence may be defeated. 'We have a dream of no more domestic violence in Chester County and we need your help,' said Domestic Violence Center CEO Dolly Wideman-Scott. ... 'We are here, we are talking and we will continue to talk,' said Michelle Reed, the vice present of the domestic violence center's board of directors. 'I believe, unequivocally that we as a community can bring forward unprecedented collaboration. We have civic leaders here, we have law enforcement, we have education leaders and business leaders, we can all work together to have this conversation.'" Daily Local News, January 19, 2015*



*Elected officials respond to our Call to Action. From left to right: Chester County DA Tom Hogan, DVCCC CEO Dolly Wideman-Scott, DVCCC Board President Judy Braun, Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline, Chester County Commissioner Terence Farrell, PA State Representative Becky Corbin.*

## Community Support & Involvement

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

Winston Churchill

At DVCCC we are deeply grateful that the community of Chester County continues to embrace our mission through fundraising, awareness events and volunteering. A few examples are highlighted on this page.



Hillsdale Elementary School students gathered stuffed bears and school supplies for the children in our program.



Maggie Corl of Ruggeri Cadillac presents boxes of new coats for the children in our program through the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation.



Employees of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Fox & Roach helped to prepare a new home for a survivor and her children at our Garfield Commons townhomes.



Each year Children's Charities ensures that the children of our participants are remembered for the holidays. DVCCC volunteer Bernadette McLoughlin coordinates the pickup with the help of her sisters and Anna Abbatemarco of Keller Williams.

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Wyss Charitable Endowment

## Government

### Agencies

County of Chester  
Chester County Dept of  
Community Development  
PA Commission on Crime &  
Delinquency  
PA Dept of Community &  
Economic Development  
US Dept of Housing & Urban  
Development  
US Dept of Justice-Office of  
Violence Against Women  
PA Dept of Public Welfare

### In Kind

94 WIP Sports Radio  
ABC WPVI 6  
Adolph, Marie  
Alternative Energy, Inc.  
Amanda and Michael Smart  
Amani's  
American Home Shield  
Applecross Golf Club  
Aristocrats Salon  
Assumption BVM Church  
Austillis Rehab  
Avante Salon & Spa  
Avicolti, Mari  
Benyo, Donna and Lauren  
Berkshire Hathaway Fox &  
Roach Realtors/The  
Trident Group  
Beta Alpha Psi  
Beta Sigma Phi, Kappa  
Master Chapter  
BHHS Fox & Roach  
Biliski, Donna and Bill  
Boggs, Lin

Box, Mimi  
Bradford, Joan  
Brandywine Realty  
Brandywine Valley Quilters  
Brethauer, Alma  
Brian and Annica Wayman  
Buca Di Beppo  
Butler, John  
Cappelletti, Catherine  
Carney, Elizabeth  
Carter's Baby Store  
Casotti, Linda  
Catherine's Restaurant  
CBS Philly  
CCCF Youth Philanthropy  
Program At Great Valley  
High School c/o Chester  
County Community  
Foundation  
Chester County Hospital  
Chew, Krista  
Christ Memorial Church  
Christian, Phil  
Circle Of Friends  
Cleaver, Megan  
Clothes Mentor  
Cogan, Patricia  
Cole, Jourdan  
Collett, Marda  
Cooper, Elise  
Corbin, Becky  
Cordivano, Stacey  
Cramer, Eric  
Dave's Automotive Repair  
Enterprises  
DeFusco, Karen  
Delancey, Ruth  
DeMorat, Colleen  
Denny  
Deyo, Tanya  
DiLullo, Lisa  
Dixie Picnic  
Doc Magrogan's Oyster  
House  
Donald Robbins, DDS  
Downingtown Bowling Palace  
Downingtown Tire & Services  
Dupont  
Dutton, Noel  
Easterday, Patricia  
Edminston, Regina

Elap Services LLC  
Erb, Nadia  
Family Martial Arts  
Family Service Of Chester  
County  
Farmstead Gourmet  
Fasano, Jennifer  
Faunbrook Estate Of West  
Chester  
Ferrero Chocolate Company  
Filer, Brenda  
First Calvery Church Of God  
and Christ  
Fitzpatrick, Gwen  
Fitzpatrick, Judy  
Foltz, Daniel  
Francis, Don  
Franklin Sportsman  
Association  
Froncillo, Pam  
Fullerton, Claire  
General Warren Inne  
Gentukus  
Gettz, Carol  
GIANT  
Giant Food Stores  
Girl Scout Troop 42074  
Glenn, Nancy  
Goodkin, Frank and Judy  
Goodkin, Garbo  
Grabb, Henry  
Graham, Linda  
Guskin, Helene  
Habitat Studios  
Hammond, Charles  
Hankin Group  
Heim, Krista  
Herr Foods, Inc.  
Hicks, Barb and Barry  
Hillsdale Elementary School  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Home Depot  
Hotel Warner  
Hudson, Erica  
Hunsicker, Dana  
Hunter, Lynn  
Janssen Biotech  
Johnson, Jane  
Johnson, Leslie and Jeff  
Jordan, Robin  
Joseph Anthony Spa  
Karma Club

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Kathy and Eric Gorman	Murphy, Meg	SkyZone	Yeager's Farm and Market
KatiMac Floral Designs	Mykonos	Slawinski, Lisa	Ziegler, Meghan
Keller Williams Real Estate	National Constitution Center	SNC-Lavalin	Zito, Ed and Carrie
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Kennett Square Golf and Country Club	Nottingham, Jenn	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church	
Kennett Square Moms Club	Novello Salon	Standen, William	
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Ladifference Salon	P J Whelihan's Pub	Swift, Nancy	
Laino, Lynne	Padula, Jeanne	Tarves, Lisa	
LAOH	Pajama Buddies	Tera and Joe Mountain	
Lauer, Katie	Paradocx Vineyard	Texas Roadhouse	
Leidy, Kyle	Pastorino, Meghan	The Capital Grille Philadelphia	
Lemly, Kelly	Penn Liberty Bank	The Cheesecake Factory	
LIMEPAC	Penn Oaks Golf Club	The Ledge At West Chester	
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Lisa Quiveors	People's Light and Theatre	The Spirit Of Yoga	
Lisnott, Silvia Shin	Peralta, Diane	Toucan Swirl	
Littlejohn, Terri	Philadelphia 76ers	Truitt, Michelle	
Littleton, Tracey	Philadelphia Phillies	Truskett, Carole	
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Matthews, Norm	Quinn, Barbara	Versteegh, Lorena	
Maxwell, Josh	Radley Run Country Club	Victory Brewing Company	
McCarron, Barbara	Renzolli, Pat	Wagenmann, Bill	
McCormack, Rosemary and Brenden	Ride The Ducks Philadelphia	Wagenmann, Jeff	
McCormick, Meghan	Roberts, Jane	Warrick, Deborah and Benjamin Anderson	
Mcfalls, Bill	Robertson, Jan	Warrick, Dion	
Mckenzie Brew House	Rodgers, Erin	Warrick, Jaron and Tara	
McLamb, Jennifer	Ron's Original Bar and Grille	Wegmans	
McMonigle, Cherish	Rooney, Megan	Wegmans Store #46	
Meakim, Felicia	Roosevelt, Neil	Wellman, Robin	
Membrino, Kristen	Rottman, Ron	West Chester Church of Christ	
Merenda, Elise	Ruggeri Cadillac Of West Chester	West Chester University Alumni Dance Chapter	
Meshurle, Michelle	Sage, Melissa and Michael Thompson	White, Colleen	
Metter, Stephanie	Saint Paul's Lutheran Church	Williams, Lauren	
Mom's Club Of Unionville- Chadds Ford	Salon West EndZ	Winner, Cynthia	
Monroe Coldren and Son	Schneider, Donna	Woerner, Laura	
Montesano Brothers of Bucktown	Scottoline, Cary	Word Of Life	
Moxie Moms	Serio, Louise	Wozniak, Meredith	
Muldowney, Joan	Seven Stars Inn		
	Shertz, Kevin		

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### **In honor of Lisa Trucksess**

Egan, Maureen

### **In memory of Amy McIlvaine**

Sesskin, Ernest

### **In memory of Christine Pomes**

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Kalanyan, Vartan and Rita  
Panossian, Sevag and Karen  
Torunyan, Hirant and Araksi

### **In memory of Karlie Hall**

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Kugler, Marlene

Sanville, John and Deborah

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Okraszewski, Anita

### **In memory of Shari Enger**

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### **In memory of Zachary Robinette**

Robinette, Susan

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## Agency Events



**The 3rd Annual Evening of Remembrance and Recognition** was held on October 7, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in West Chester, PA. The evening events were held as a time to remember victims lost to domestic abuse, as well as recognize those in our community for their efforts to help end the senseless violence. The 2014 Empowerment Awards were given to Joanne and John Caulfield, Community Volunteers in Medicine, La Comunidad Hispana, New Garden Police Department and the United Methodist Church of West Chester.



In October, 2014, the DVCCC Board of Directors held their third annual "Pars Fore Purple" golf outing at the Whitford Country Club. New this year was a Your Day on Court Tennis Tournament held in the morning.



*Pictured above: DVCCC CEO Dolly Wideman-Scott with Board member Nicole Anderson and guest hostess Tracy Davidson of NBC10.*

### **A Hollywood Evening with OUR Stars**

The "Hollywood Evening with OUR Stars" fundraiser held May 1st, 2015 at the beautiful Mendenhall Inn, proved to be an outstanding success. Tracy Davidson, Emmy-award winning broadcast journalist and anchor for NBC10, was the guest speaker for the evening. Our guest auctioneer was Lisa Robertson, a long time supporter of DVCCC.

**Save the Date!** Our 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration will be held Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Penn Oaks Golf Club.

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER OF CHESTER COUNTY

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

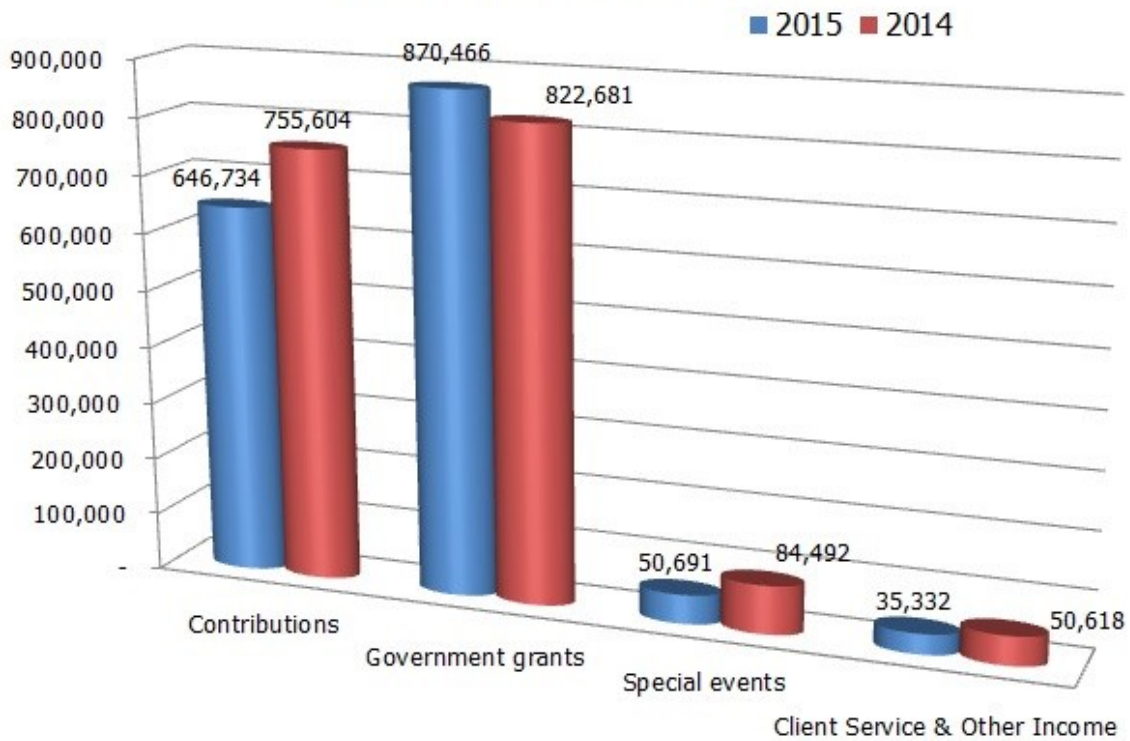
	<b>Totals</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	646,734	41%	\$ 755,604	44%
Government grants	870,466	54%	822,681	48%
Special events	50,691	3%	84,492	5%
Client service income	17,828	1%	26,132	2%
Investment income	4,604	-	4,264	-
Rental income	13,935	1%	14,034	1%
Change in beneficial interest in assets held by community foundation	(1,035)	-	6,188	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>1,603,223</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,713,395</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services				
Adult counseling	318,875	20%	325,752	22%
Early care/childrens' services	81,136	5%	71,631	5%
Independent living	105,307	7%	115,885	8%
Emergency and bridge housing	274,479	18%	248,130	16%
Phase IV housing	58,587	4%	62,994	4%
Legal services	389,091	25%	379,086	25%
Public Education	33,278	2%	39,417	3%
Support services				
Management and general	192,199	12%	165,706	11%
Development	115,972	7%	99,070	6%
	1,568,924	100%	1,507,671	100%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,568,924</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,507,671</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>34,299</b>		<b>205,724</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
Beginning of year	2,535,967		2,330,243	
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,570,266</b>		<b>\$ 2,535,967</b>	

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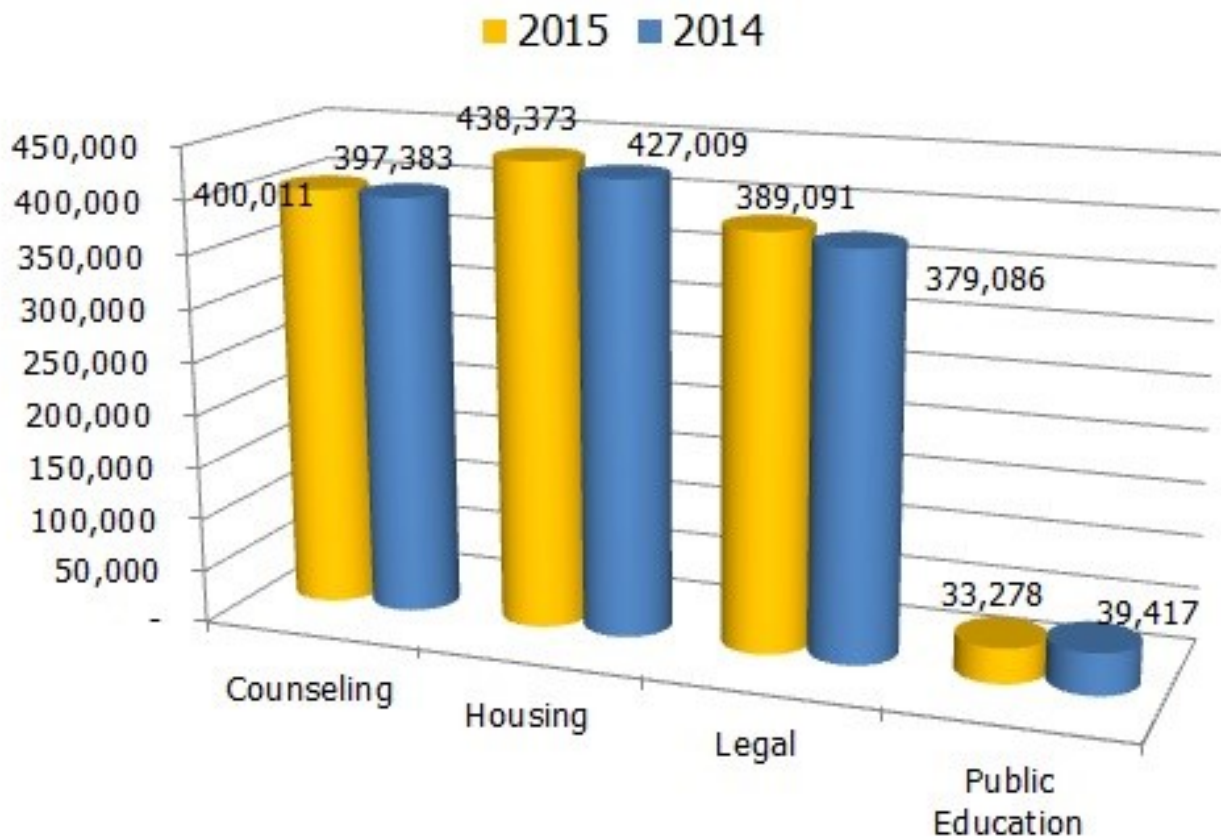
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## Revenue and Support



## Program Expenses



# Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

## 24 Hour Hotline Numbers

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610-431-7262 (TTY)

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**Ext 233 / 243**

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