

North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center 2019 - 2020 Community Report



WE CANNOT IGNORE THE OBVIOUS

As I sit to write this I have to admit, I've been quite conflicted on what to share with you. By now, you must be as tired as I am of talking about COVID-19. You must be as worn down as we all are with the heaviness that the pandemic has caused in our personal and professional lives. Truth is, we cannot ignore the obvious, the elephant in the room that is this pandemic. So, I feel like I'm at a crossroads, do I paint you a picture of doom and gloom, or do I focus on the positives? I agree, let's go with the positives, because, there are in fact many to be thankful for.

Since we can't ignore it, I will tell you that the Center could have very easily gone nose first into a dive when the pandemic first started to rock all of our worlds. But, being the advocates that we are, we knew we too needed to dig deep. All of us were being thrust into a way of life that was foreign, but an advocate's work never stops and we knew we needed to carry on. Most importantly, we knew instantly what it meant for all the people that were now going to be forced to stay at home with the very people that abuse them. Our fears were heightened even further when we thought about the children, the thousands of children that we would lose the ability to talk to! ChildSAFE in the elementary and high schools was still on the schedule until the end of May, yet the schools were closing; our personal safety messages to the children were to be silenced. Our world, just like yours, came crashing down in early March, and we were scared.

We turned our fear into action and as the leader of this organization, I couldn't be prouder. We stayed true to our mission of providing direct services to survivors

of sexual violence by continuing to provide one on one support when someone reported a sexual assault. From March through June we responded to the needs of 61 victims and their significant others with 72 accompaniment services. The need for services (virtually) also took a significant uptick. Those with past trauma experiences were being triggered in new ways and the depth of our services increased during this time.

Another positive is how our entire staff readied themselves to approach their work a lot differently. As I mentioned, we were so scared for the children that lost their ability to get respite from the abuse by going to school. Our hearts ached for the teachers who longed to be with their students not just to teach but to protect. We did the only thing we could do when faced with the obstacle of not being face to face with our public...we took to social media and it worked! All in all over 50 videos were created and published, not to mention constant outreach on our social media sites such as Facebook and Instagram. We also spent considerable time revamping school programs because we knew *when* we got back in the classroom, the classroom would be much different.

About the time the pandemic hit we were gearing up to begin our outreach and planning for our major yearly fundraiser *Winter Nights*. Those plans unfortunately quickly came to a halt as they did for all the other nonprofits in the neighborhood, and we were left without the ability to plan and execute our fundraiser that funds the majority of our education/prevention programs. As if that wasn't enough we were also being notified by potential funders to expect a lot less by way of foundation funding in the coming year as funding was being diverted. Once again, it was an obvi-

ous situation that we could not ignore. While we aren't able to hold our annual event, we are planning some smaller ones that we hope will fill in some gaps. This unfortunately is the "gloom" portion of this annual report, but we will not allow ourselves to be stuck here.

But I do not want to focus just on what the last quarter of our year looked or felt like because that is not us in our totality. As an agency we reached 11,255 people with 27,232 services. Of those 483 were crisis clients receiving 3,216 services. For an agency as small as ours, that's no small feat and one that we are incredibly proud of. Think for a moment if the 9,371 children and teens that received programming on topics such as Word on the Street, Good Touch/Bad Touch Puppet shows, Xinachtli, ChildSAFE, and healthy relationships had not received it. Truth is, we do not like to sit with that thought long because we need to continue to push to get our message out there. We are confident that once schools resume we will be back in front of the students once again. We also know that teaching virtually might present a new set of challenges, but our children are worth it and we are up to the challenge.

At the end of the day, we couldn't have made it through this trying time without your support and we thank you. For all of you who have been so generous throughout the year, thank you for seeing us through to do the best work we could. The gifts of your time, your dollars, and your support sustain us in ways that are hard to describe, but we hope you know how sincere we are with our thanks, and how deeply your presence, even if not here physically, has been felt. Please accept the enclosed mask as a way of saying thanks for taking care of us....so that we could take care of you.

Our Mission

The purpose of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center is to reduce the incidence of and vulnerability to sexual assault, child abuse and human trafficking by providing education and prevention skills to community children and adults, and to alleviate the trauma experienced by survivors of these crimes by providing direct services.

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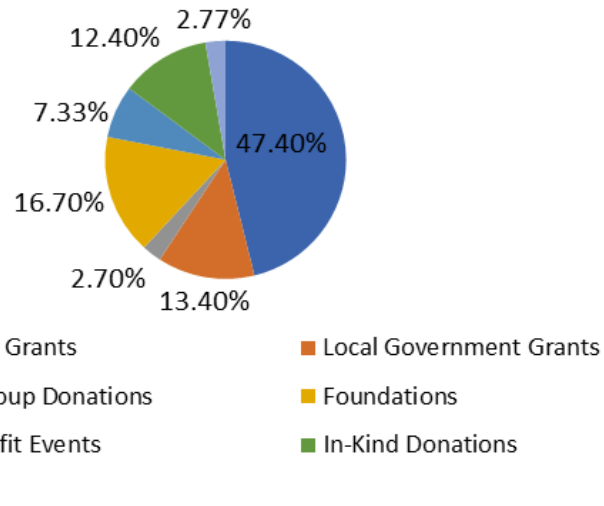
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FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020 FUNDING

Funding Percentages



BY THE NUMBERS

- Revenue of **\$913,600.31** (including **\$113,242.56** in In-Kind donations) was received in fiscal year 2019 - 2020.
- Over 34% of funding came from community support.
- Expenses for fiscal year 2019 - 2020 were **\$890,125.36** for a net gain of **2.6%**.

2019 - 2020 SERVICES

- ♦ Served over **483** clients with **3,216** direct services through our 24-hour hotlines and crisis intervention.
- ♦ Provided **270** total prevention education programs to **2,870** individuals.
- ♦ Presented **799** ChildSAFE workshops to **21,146** students from kindergarten through high school.
- ♦ Conducted **27** in-services to **334** professionals including law enforcement, medical and child care personnel.
- ♦ Center volunteers donated over **4,440** hours of service!
- ♦ Provided **903** individual counseling sessions and **132** individuals with Support Group services to help them in their journey of healing.



Gone but never forgotten . . .

In late February the Center lost a tremendous supporter, and someone we owe a great deal of thanks to for the success of this organization with the passing of former Executive Director, Shannon Rose Chavéz. Shannon served as the agency's director from 1983 - 2015 and passed away with her family by her side on February 20, 2020. She took the organization and grew it, making it a staple in the prevention of sexual assault and child abuse in our north county communities. Each of us are grateful for the legacy she left and the direction she pointed us. Our deepest condolences to her family and many friends that continue to support our work today.

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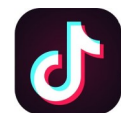
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