

OUR VOICE SPECIAL EVENTS

2010-2011 was an amazing year for Our VOICE and sexual violence prevention and outreach in our community. Here is how we raise awareness, celebrate the healing journey of survivors, and engage men in the responsibility of sexual violence prevention.

HeartWorks – the 11th Annual

Survivors Art Show held at The Artery (home of the Asheville Area Arts Council) featured work from the “*With Our Hands*” art workshops (a partnership with Arts2People) and by community members affected by sexual violence. We greatly appreciate everyone who supports the arts as a medium for healing and a process for recovery and our featured artist Fran Welch. (image “*She Held the World in Her Heart*”)



The 2nd Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event was an amazing success. Over 200 men walked in heels and raised over \$22,000. This issue affects both men and women and we are honored by the men who are willing to lend their voice to the cause.

Together We Are Strong is a zine produced each year by Our VOICE and features the written work of those affected by sexual violence. Writing is a powerful tool and words of empowerment and inspiration fill the pages of this inspiring publication.

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GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As you may know, the goals of Our VOICE are two-fold; one is to provide services and support to those that have been victimized by sexual violence; the second is to provide sexual assault prevention education to all community members.

Because sexual violence can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, or socioeconomic status, Our VOICE opens its doors to virtually everyone in Buncombe County with services to support victims and prevent abuse through education.

Clients, with whom our staff and volunteers work, range from teenage victims of incest to adult male survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Since 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will be affected by sexual violence at some point in their lives, there is no one area of the community that is untouched.

While I am thrilled to take on the leadership role as the new Executive Director of Our VOICE and am looking forward to joining an amazing team of staff and volunteers, I know the task is a difficult one. With amazing individuals and businesses in our community that support us in a myriad of ways, I know we can do the work that lies ahead and make our world a safer place. The road is a long one, but I encourage you to **join us** as we work together to end sexual violence in our community and beyond!



Katherine Cross
Executive Director



Heather Nelson
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATISTICS

Through the work of amazing staff and volunteers, Our VOICE continues to grow and reach new members of our community.

Our direct service programs (**24/hour Crisis Line, Case Management, and Counseling**) helped **819** victims of sexual assault with immediate emotional support, assistance in the legal and law enforcement systems, and healing on the road to recovery through trauma reduction.

Our **Prevention Education & Outreach** programs served **6,512** individuals – that is more than double the amount from 2009-2010 and could not have been done without the tireless work of all of our amazing volunteers.



The Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force is committed to engaging community members in the work of sexual assault awareness and prevention. This group has been active in the work of Human Trafficking prevention, Sex Worker Outreach, and Latin@ Outreach efforts in Buncombe County.

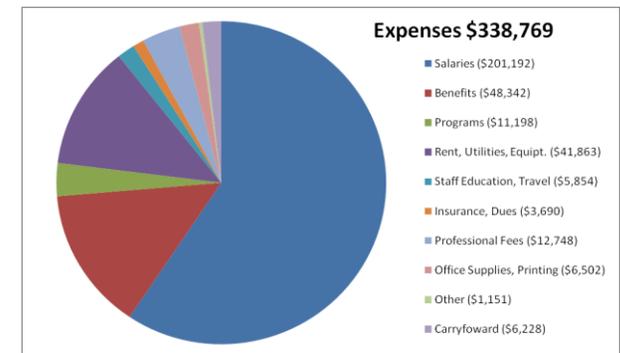
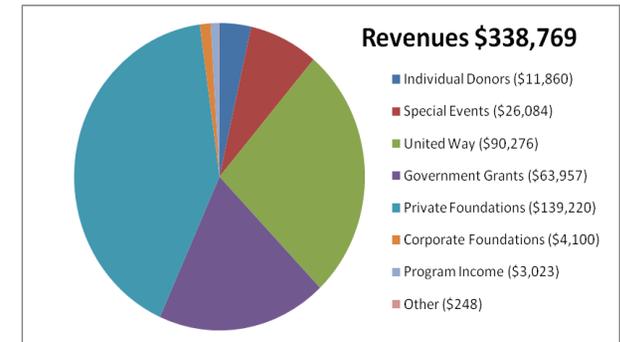
The **Bar Outreach** initiative educated **149** bar/restaurant owners and staff on Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Prevention.

Climbing Toward Confidence served **20** girls ages 12-14 through mentorship, rock climbing and norms change. Girls Rock!

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Our VOICE is thankful for the generous support from the following donors who make our work possible:

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