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Laura's House Annual Gala



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Emergency Shelter

The Emergency Shelter Program operates a 24-hour hotline and provides crisis intervention, safe refuge, food and clothing, individual and family therapy, psycho-educational groups, life-skills training, and clinical services to children which include psychosocial assessments, educational activities, counseling and tutoring.

199 Individuals served, including **104** children

1548 callers were provided with crisis intervention through our 24-hour Hotline

87% of clients upon exit from the shelter program secured safe permanent and/or transitional housing

81% of battered women improved their self-esteem and cognitive coping skills as a result of their participation in individual and family therapy

90% of child victims demonstrated improved social functioning through their participation in psychoeducational groups. Areas of improved social functioning include the following:

- Expressing spontaneous affection
- Ability to identify their own and others' feelings
- Capacity to demonstrate a range of emotions, e.g. joy, anger, fear, curiosity
- Reduced aggressive behaviors

Transitional Housing

Step-Ahead transitional living program, provides assistance to graduates of our emergency shelter with continued assistance to maintain self-sufficient, violence-free lives.

9 Adults served, **16** children

Counseling & Resource Center

The Counseling and Resource Center (CRC) provides case management, social services referrals, housing assistance, individual and group counseling, and legal advocacy services.

355 Individuals served, including **62** children

60% of battered women increased their knowledge of domestic violence as a result of their participation in psycho-education groups

59% of battered women increased their capacity to leverage skills and community resources to achieve self-sufficiency as a result of their participation in case management services

68% improved self-esteem, cognitive coping skills and increased knowledge of co-dependency and anger management skills

Legal Department

350 Individuals served by legal advocates providing information and referral about survivors' legal rights and options, restraining order preparation, and court accompaniment.

Volunteers

Volunteers are vital in helping Laura's House achieve our mission of helping families regain self-sufficiency. Last year, volunteers contributed **6,182** hours of service.

Volunteers serve in many capacities, including our emergency shelter programs; hotline assistance and childcare; Portobello Road, upscale, resale boutique; community outreach, administrative assistance and translation.



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