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Dear Supporters, Donors and Friends,

The Women's Center of Jacksonville continued to expand its services to the community in 2013-2014. The Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI) study reinforced what we already know – that there is a tremendous need for mental health services for women in our community and thanks to a new grant from Baptist Health and continued support from the Women's Giving Alliance through the Community Foundation, our counseling program was able to serve more women.

A dedicated task force conducted a series of meetings throughout the year for the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) program. The Women's Center of Jacksonville received a signed Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Jacksonville and effective October 1, 2014, the Women's Center assumed responsibility for this program.

During the same period, the Rape Recovery Team conducted extensive outreach in Nassau County in an effort to engage community partners and increase awareness about services available for survivors. The first Nassau County Sexual Assault Response Team meeting was held in January and the Nassau County office is now open a minimum of one day per week. Both Baker and Nassau Counties proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month via their respective county commissions and participated in awareness events throughout the month.

Meanwhile we awarded three women with the Rosie the Riveter Award during the Equal Pay Day luncheon, the awesome Remission Rocks Committee presented the 4th Annual Remission Rocks event for Bosom Buddies, we hosted several Women Renewed graduations, and we were awarded a grant from the

Jim Moran Foundation which will allow us to add instructors for small classes.

Women, Words & Wisdom, our Speaker Series, presented Genie James, Audrey Moran and Chevara Orrin at the Riverside House. In late August we hosted the 19th annual Celebration of Women at Deerwood Country Club with a silent auction, live music, a tribute to the women who secured the right to vote in 1920, and testimony from two committed women from the Expanded Horizons Literacy Program – one student and one tutor.

As Expanded Horizons clients said recently upon passing their GED's, "If I can do it, so can other women who have hopes and dreams just like me!" "I am so thankful that I found the Women's Center..." "I had given up hope, at one point, but you all kept calling me, encouraging me to not quit." "The Women's Center has helped me in so many ways. I don't know what I would have done without it."

Thank you to each of you – our donors, sponsors, supporters and volunteers – we could not have done it without you.

> Shirley K. Webb Executive Director



Shirley Webb



Alicia Grant

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19<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Women Beth Clark, Frank Denton, Dale Clifford, Alma Ballard, and Michelle Leak



Patricia Vaughns, Expanded Horizons student, at her GED Graduation



Sisters of the Sea with Bobbi de Cordova-Hanks, (5<sup>th</sup> from left) and Phenessa Gray (2<sup>nd</sup> from right)



2014 Women, Words & Wisdom Jackie Nash, Chevara Orrin, and Afessa Adams

2014 Women, Words & Wisdom Genie James and Sharón Simmons

## Services and PROGRAMS

#### RAPE RECOVERY TEAM

696 primary and secondary clients were served face to face. 1,538 primary and secondary survivors were served on the hotline. All services are available to victims who report or choose not to report to the police. 124 adult outreach prevention education presentations were made and 260 youth prevention education presentations were made.

#### Mental Health Counseling

Affordable programs offering a wide spectrum of care include individual, couple, family and group therapy sessions. 457 clients were served through General Counseling for depression, anxiety, abuse, parenting issues, divorce, stress, and loss, as well as victims of sexual assault.

Counseling has helped me heal following the experience of my sexual assault. I wouldn't have been able to get through my struggles without your help. It has been so valuable for me to learn healthy, coping mechanisms. ??

- Counseling client

#### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Advocacy, support and education focused on women's and girls' issues including:

#### **Girls Circles**

A national program for girls (age 9-18 years) offers structured support circle groups. Eleven Girls Circles served 82 girls. Each circle has its own theme and is designed to foster self-esteem, self-respect and respect for others. Activities encourage girls to make wise and healthy choices as they advance through their teen years.

#### **Expanded Horizons**

Adult learning classes provide one on one tutoring and small group instruction in basic reading and math, GED preparation, computer skills, and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). 134 women received 1,276 hours of tutoring. Six new volunteer tutors were trained, for an average of 22 active tutors throughout the year.

#### **Bosom Buddies**

Provides support groups for breast cancer survivors, survivor advocates, individual consultations, and information and referral. Bosom Buddies served 1,808 women and men through 26 health fairs, educational outreach presentations and special events in the community. 82 breast cancer survivors attended 49 support group meetings throughout the year. 148 women received client services (bras, wigs, prosthesis, chemo-care packages).

## Women Renewed Employment Reentry

Serves female ex-offenders with case management, mental health counseling, adult basic education, GED tutoring, computer training, workforce readiness, job referrals and worksite support. 103 enrolled in the program, 87 were provided case management services, 75 received mental health services, 74 participated in workforce readiness education, 23 graduated (they completed the required attendance and participation), and 59 gained employment.

#### **Community Events**

1,614 participants attended community events presented by the Women's Center throughout the year. Events included Equal Pay Day, *Women, Words & Wisdom 2014* Speaker Series, Remission Rocks for Bosom Buddies, Champagne and Chocolate donor appreciation, Sexual Assault Awareness Month events, and the 19th Annual Celebration of Women in August.

#### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

The Women's Center of Jacksonville received and referred 797 information and referral calls to individuals in need.



A total of 155 volunteers provided 11,086 volunteer hours Rape Recovery Team:

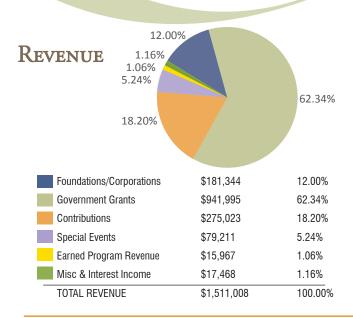
18 volunteers provided 5,744 volunteer hours *Counseling:* 

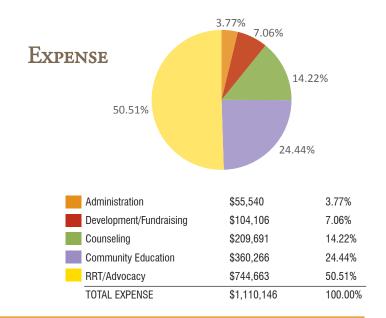
7 volunteers provided 1,850 volunteer hours **Community Education**:

92 volunteers provided 1,357 volunteer hours Administration and Development:

38 volunteers provided 2,135 volunteer hours







#### CLIENTS BY ETHNIC ORIGIN\* CLIENTS BY INCOME RANGE\* CLIENTS BY GENDER\* 0.73% 2.49% 2.98% 1.71% 1.24% 4.9% 7.75% 2.4% 0.07% 8.53% 0.09% 97.43% 34.47% 63.88% 16.9% 50.64% 3.78% FtM Transgender Female Asian/Pacific Islander African American \$0 - \$12K \$12K - \$24K Caucasian Hispanic/Latino Male MtF Transgender \$24K - \$36K \$36K - \$48K Multi-Racial Native American Over \$48K Not Known

## \*Does not include outreach participants

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