

# Women's Resource Center *of the New River Valley*



## FY 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT

Founded in 1977, the mission of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley (WRCNRV) is to implement individual and social change for a violence-free community in the New River Valley region of Virginia by providing programs and services to adults and children who have experienced sexual or domestic violence, and by providing education, training, and prevention programming to the public and to allied professionals.

# MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS & STAKEHOLDERS

*Greetings!*

We are pleased to share this Annual Report for our Fiscal Year that spanned July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. It is an understatement to say that this year has been marked by transition in our organization and in our world. In November, we said “goodbye” to our long-time director, Pat Brown. In her 34 years of leadership, our organization grew from a staff of six serving about 600 people each year with an annual budget of \$80,000 to a comprehensive program with a staff of 36 serving over 3,000 people each year with an annual budget of \$2.4 million. The growth of our programs and services is due in large part to the visionary leadership of Pat and to your continued support of that vision. Bidding farewell to a leader such as she is a daunting task, but being the consummate planner, Pat worked hard to leave the organization in the best possible position for forward momentum. It is our organization and community’s distinct privilege to have been served by Pat for so long, and our good fortune that she didn’t venture far!

As our staff and board met on Tuesday, March 11th to begin a bold new Strategic Planning process, we had no idea that the coming days, weeks, and months would require the best of us each day, or that the work of inciting safety would shift to also include addressing the dangers of a pandemic. Little did any of us know that around the corner, we would be faced with the continuing and senseless murder of black men and women, the rise of a global pandemic, and months of isolation. Since March, our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to continue providing gold standard services to our neighbors, maintaining our laser focus on safety from sexual and domestic violence.

Requests for services has increased, our beloved Incite Safety luncheon was cancelled, and the way in which we sit and bear witness to the pain of our clients has changed. Through it all, our community has remained steadfast in support of our work. Our mission and vision remain the same. As Pat Brown has been known to say, “There is still work to be done!” And we are honored beyond words that you remain our partners in that work.

Together towards peace,

*Laura Beth Weaver and Mary Atwell*

## BOARD MEETINGS WERE HELD ON:

July 10, 2019	September 21, 2019	December 11, 2019	February 12, 2020	May 13, 2020
September 11, 2019	October 9, 2019	January 8, 2020	April 8, 2020	June 10, 2020

### Board of Directors | FY 2020

Mary Atwell, President  
Retired Professor, Radford University

Lisa Hammett, President-Elect  
Retired Non-Profit Administrator

Dana Spraker, Treasurer  
Mabry & Cox Realtors, Associate Broker

Allison Unroe, Immediate Past President & Fundraising Chair  
Pastor, Fairlawn Presbyterian Church

Jeanne Mekolichick, Strategies Chair  
Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Radford University

James Pritchett, Floyd Rep.  
Executive Director, New River Valley Community Services

Leslie Sharp, Giles Rep.  
Quality & IT Director, New River Valley Community Services

Susan Anderson, Montgomery Rep.  
Virginia Tech Senior Instructor, Mathematics  
and Blacksburg Town Councilwoman

Meg Stone, Radford Rep.  
Attorney, Stone & Kellerman PC

Tara Frank, At-Large Director  
Assistant Dean of Students, Virginia Tech

Margaret Hrezo, At-Large Director  
Retired Professor, Radford University

Angela Joyner, At-Large Director  
Special Advisor to the President for Partnerships and Chief Innovation  
Officer, Radford University

Wendy Lowery, At-Large Director  
Vice President of Advancement & University Relations, Radford University

Jessica Taylor, At-Large Director  
Assistant Professor of History, Virginia Tech

John Gray Williams, At-Large Director  
Director of Recruitment, College of Natural Resources and Environment,  
Virginia Tech

# MAJOR PROGRAMMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JULY 2019-JUNE 2020

**9,634**  
NIGHTS OF SHELTER,  
EMERGENCY, &  
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**836**  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
VICTIMS SERVED  
624 ADULTS | 212 CHILDREN

**2,475**  
HOTLINE CRISIS CALLS

**441**  
EMERGENCY ADVOCACY  
DV & SA (ADULTS & CHILDREN)  
SERVED AT LOCAL HOSPITALS)

223 PRIMARY  
239 SECONDARY

**755**  
EDUCATIONAL  
PRESENTATIONS

13,316 PEOPLE ATTENDING

**312**  
SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS  
SERVED (EA NOT INCLUDED)

206 ADULTS | 106 CHILDREN

**133** ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS 5,524 VOLUNTEER HOURS

## PROGRAM DIRECTORS AT YEAR-END

**Laura Beth Weaver**  
*Executive Director*

**Kelly McCoy**  
*Programs Director*

**Tammy Pennington**  
*Operations Director*

**Stephanie Bryson**  
*Community Engagement Coordinator*

**Mary Forti**  
*Volunteer Coordinator*

**Patty Hall**  
*Sexual Assault Program Coordinator*

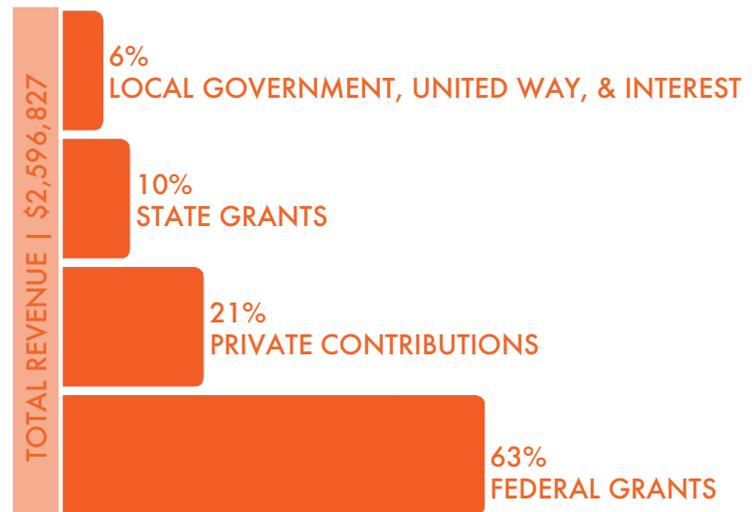
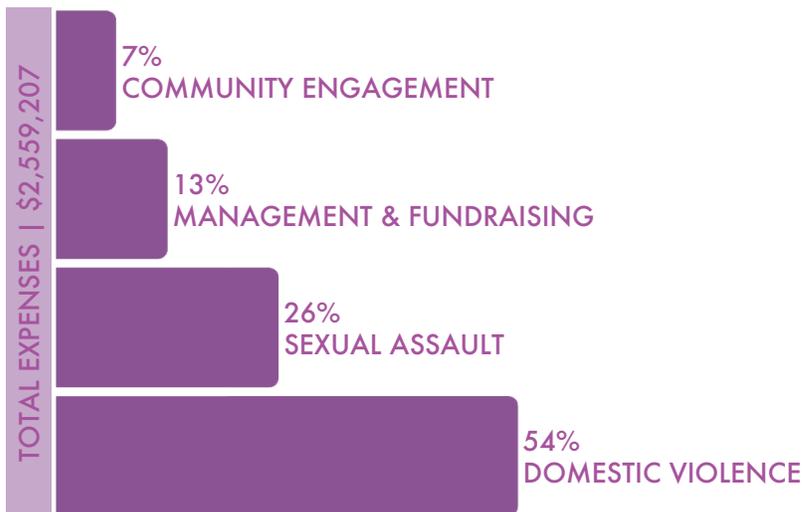
**Tonya Kelley**  
*Domestic Violence Coordinator*

**Sherry Kramer**  
*Coordinator of Children's Counseling*

**Emily Person**  
*Legal Advocacy and Palaskei Victim/Witness Program Coordinator*

**Mary Beth Pulsifer**  
*Transitional Housing Program Coordinator*

## FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



THESE FINANCIAL FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY 2021. PLEASE CALL THE WRC OFFICE AT 540-639-9592 TO REQUEST MORE DETAILED REPORTS.

# WRC INCLUSIVITY PROCLAMATION

The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc. proclaims and practices inclusivity with the people we serve, collaborators in the community and selection of its board and staff regardless of age, citizenship status, color, disability, economic status, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, military status, national origin, political affiliation, primary language, race, religion, or sexual orientation.



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