

# Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley

**Annual Appeal 2023** 

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Dear Friends,

Balance. We hear a lot these days about work/life balance. Our parents taught us to balance our checkbooks; we (try to) eat a balanced diet. For our friends, family, and neighbors who experience the trauma of interpersonal or relationship violence, balance may feel unattainable at times. The work of the WRC is to stand firmly on the side of survivors during their healing journey, to hold hope with the survivor for balance to return. While much of the world feels off balance, the WRC continues to work daily to create spaces where survivors can feel steady on their feet, feel balanced, and find healing. Those spaces include a call to the hotline, time in the shelter, at court or the Emergency Room, in a classroom, or at a park. Last year victims and survivors found balance by calling our 24/7 live and local hotline over 2,000 times and by accessing over 10,000 nights of shelter and over 10,000 hours of advocacy – all free of charge.

While the need for these free services is growing, the resources are dwindling. We need YOUR support now to bring balance to our forecasted budget. Historically, the WRC has been well-funded through state and federal government grants; in the past three years, however, the WRC and agencies like ours across the Commonwealth have experienced significant annual cuts in that funding. The WRC lost over \$1 million of direct services grant support in those three years, and we have been told to prepare for additional cuts in the future. But we know that the WRC was built by and for New River Valley residents, not grant funders. Just as the WRC stands with survivors when their lives are out of balance, we hold faith that you will stand with us to achieve financial balance and long-term sustainability.

Your support is now more vital than ever. In the years of plenty we have not often solicited major gifts, instead supporting the prioritization of other worthy non-profits in your household budgets. We hope that you will respond to our need at this time and will be inspired to increase your annual gift to support the vital work of the WRC. Our friends and neighbors continue to be thrown off balance by violence. Let's not allow this instability on the federal level to hamper our ability to provide free and confidential services to victims and survivors locally.

Our stability depends on you. Whether or not you return the enclosed envelope with a gift that is more than last year, we are grateful for your continued support. We believe that through the collective support of gifts large and small, our survivors will continue to find balance and healing through the mission of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley.

Together towards peace,

Laura Beth Weaver Executive Director

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### This year, our clients said:

A good environment when in need, staff really welcoming and helpful. I had an amazing experience here at the WRC. I can't think of any way better someone could have helped me. Thank you all for everything that was done for me!

Wonderful and respectful team.
Beautiful people with big hearts.

I will miss this warm place in the future.

## Program Service By The Numbers July 2022 - June 2023



2,088

Hotline Crisis Calls



Domestic Violence Victims Served
581 Adults | 261 Children



**(10,028)** 

Nights of Shelter



**240** 

**Active Volunteers** 6,195 Volunteer Hours



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Victims Served At Local Hospitals 242 Primary Victims | 225 Secondary Victims



(WWW) 653

Sexual Assault Victims Served 466 Adults | 187 Children



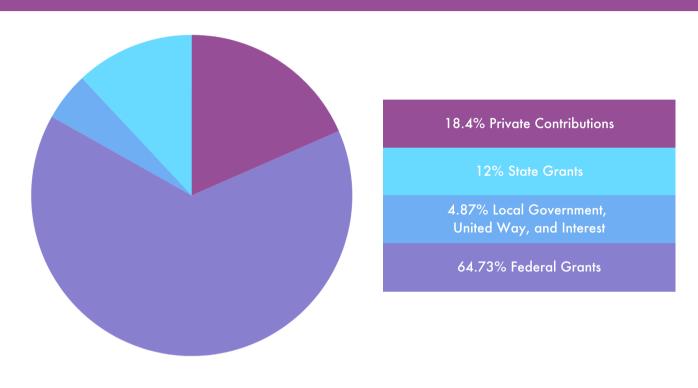
in 203

**Educational Presentations** 5,289 People Attending

10,690 hours of individual advocacy services were provided to victims of sexual and domestic violence.

## Fiscal Year Financial Overview July 2022 - June 2023

### **EXPENSES**



#### **REVENUE**

