



spruce run womancare ALLIANCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

After another year of hard work and thoughtful planning, the Alliance is stronger and poised to continue to grow and lead. Because of these efforts, we have maintained breadth and quality of our services, expanded community response programming, and secured funding for increased rural outreach.

The Alliance continues to respond to emerging issues, including sharing information with the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the Penobscot County Domestic Violence Task Force in order for them to craft LD 1434, a bill enacted to protect victim safety when abusers are taken or transferred to hospitals or mental health facilities rather than jail. We are also working with local and state partners to respond to human trafficking with a full array of needed services, including emergency shelter, case management support, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and short and long term safety planning.

In late 2015, we relaunched our website with an updated look, easy-to-use menus, a mobile-friendly format, a resource page especially for teens, and a portal for volunteers to log in to receive and share information. The new website also features a blog, “An Advocate’s Reply,” with writing from Alliance staff.

Fiscal year 2015 was also an exceptional year for community support. Volunteers contributed nearly 9,000 hours as office helpers, hotline advocates, community educators, and childcare workers. Community-organized fundraisers put on by students, businesses, and community partners, together with event sponsorships and individual donations, contributed more than \$267,000 to support the organization. This is a community that is aware and organized to end abuse!

“I feel 100 percent less anxious now that I have had some help to understand what is ahead for me with my process.”

-Recipient of free legal advocacy and shelter from Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance

“They’re amazing people. Thank God they’re always there.”

-Recipient of advocacy and safely planning on the hotline

Statistics

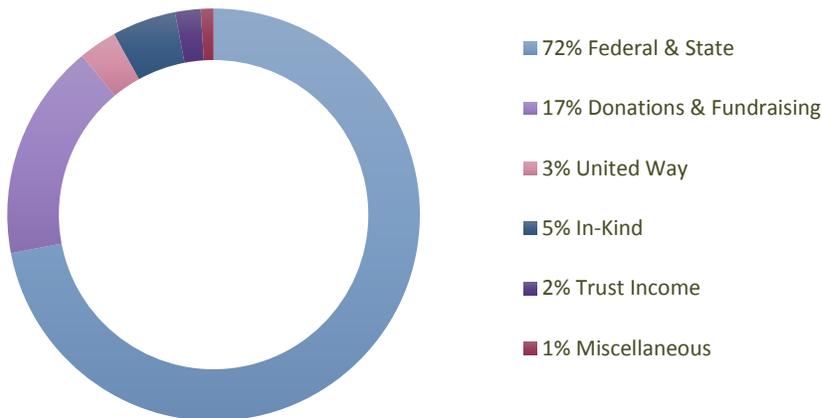
- Crisis response and advocacy to 1,610 people for a total of 12,594 hours, assisting victims with a range of issues, including obtaining safe, affordable housing and navigating the legal and child protective systems.
- An average of 1,233 contacts, on the hotline or face-to-face, per month, supporting victims and their allies and helping them plan for their safety and long-term security.
- Support, education, and activity groups for 234 people for a total of 2,907 hours, helping men, women, and children sort through their experiences with abuse.
- A total of 133 volunteers provided 7,510 hours of direct service and 1,417 hours of non-direct service.



- School and youth-based education and activities to 5,209 young people, educating a new generation about healthy relationships and creating a more peaceful world for the future.
- Emergency shelter for 66 adults and children for a total of 2,679 bed nights, providing families experiencing abuse with supportive services and a safe, confidential place to stay as they move forward.
- Transitional housing and services for 20 women and 26 children, helping families establish long-term stability and create lives free from abuse.
- Community education and training for 2,631 people, including members of the business, faith and healthcare communities, supporting them as they respond to people affected by domestic abuse.

FY15 Income

Total FY 2015 Budget = \$1,596,869



Our Vision

WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY PERSON DESERVES TO LIVE IN PEACE AND EQUALITY, AND THAT JUST AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

Our Mission

Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance's mission is to engage individuals and the community to end domestic violence in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. We provide support, advocacy, and safety planning to anyone affected by domestic abuse. We foster safe and healthy relationships through prevention, education, and training. Together with our community, we recognize the nature of abuse, respond to it, and change the conditions which lead to it.

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