

# 2005 ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

## EMERGENCY SHELTER

Comprehensive emergency shelter services to women in crisis and their families at two confidential locations.

**477 women & children were sheltered in 2005**

## OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Short-term counseling, support groups, and advocacy with the legal, social and medical systems are available for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes.

**898 clients served in 2005**

## YOUTH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Provides therapeutic individual, family and group counseling services to meet the unique needs of youth affected by domestic violence and/or sexual abuse.

**390 children served in 2005**

## SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAM (SANE)

A specially trained team of nurses provides timely and compassionate care with 24-hour response for victims of sexual assault.

**122 forensic exams in 2005**

## ENVISIONING CHANGE & HEALTHY OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES (ECHO)

In collaboration with the Onondaga County Probation Department, ECHO targets adjudicated Juvenile Delinquents and Persons in Need of Supervision with the intent of preventing placement or shortening the time an adolescent stays in out-of-home care through home-based family therapy.

**46 youth served in 2005**

## NEW DIRECTIONS: RAPE CRISIS & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

Services include 24-hour crisis response, individual, family and group counseling, medical advocacy, and information & referral for victims of sexual assault.

**714 women, children and men served in 2005**

### Support & Revenue:

Private Donations	\$746,683
Government Fees & Grants	\$2,161,887
Client Fees	\$128,130
Other Revenue	\$82,526
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,119,226</b>

### Expenses:

Program Services: Emergency Shelter	\$795,062
Outreach & Advocacy	\$616,521
Education & Community Awareness	\$323,752
Alternatives	\$113,889
Counseling	\$593,418
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner	\$86,531
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$2,529,173</b>
Supporting Services: Administrative	\$97,529
Fundraising	\$126,289
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$223,818</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$2,752,991</b>
<b>INCREASE IN ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$366,235</b>

### Noncash Transactions:

Contributions resulting from merger	\$190,423
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## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Agency volunteers are recruited and trained for many service opportunities including: sexual assault advocacy, crisis calls, family court, shelter programs, Foster Pet program, clerical support and special events.

**114 volunteers contributed 22,756 hours in 2005**

## 24 HOUR CRISIS & SUPPORT LINES

Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 315/468-3260 (Domestic Violence) or 315/422-7273 (Rape & Sexual Assault).  
**Approximately 4,200 calls in 2005**

## YOUTH/COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Offered to students in elementary, middle and high schools. Community educational programs are also offered on a variety of topics, including sexual abuse prevention, domestic violence awareness, healthy relationships, dating violence and elder abuse.

**18,359 people reached in 2005**

## SYRACUSE AREA DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE COALITION

Brings a broad spectrum of community members together to develop and coordinate an integrated response to domestic violence and sexual assault while building a culture of equality and non-violence.

**100 active participants in 2005**

## ALTERNATIVES

Education and accountability program designed to challenge the beliefs and attitudes of men who have been abusive to their female partners and/or ex-partners.

**475 participants in 2005**



## Grants & Awards

Vera House was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Central New York Community Foundation, which was used to purchase a new van for Vera House's Emergency Shelter Services Program. This van is used for multiple purposes by the shelter staff, including transporting children to and from school, day care, and other daily activities and appointments. Pictured to the left is Margaret Ogden, Executive Director of the CNY Community Foundation.

Vera House, Inc. was recently among 22 diverse organizations to receive a grant from The Central New York Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Vera House will use the \$12,000 grant for breast health education and outreach services for residents of our emergency shelters. Pictured to the right is Breast Health Educator, Kristenne Robison with Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation CNY Affiliate Board President, Joan Cincotta.



Vera House Senior Legal Advocate, Anne Burlingham, was presented with the "Victims Services" Award at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Victims' Rights Awards Ceremony on April 25. Anne, a 15-year employee of Vera House, was recognized for her contributions in the field of victim services. To the left, (from left to right) Anne is pictured with Vera House staff members Yvette Borne and Jennifer Shaw.

Vera House Shelter Kitchen Manager Patti Gialto is all smiles after winning the Rotary Club of Eastwood's "Pride of Workmanship" Award in April. According to Executive Director Randi Bregman who nominated Patti, "her joy comes from making others happy through her cooking and joyful presence."



**The Jane D. Prejean Foundation recently awarded the Vera House Foundation, Inc. a \$50,000 grant to help support the future needs of the agency.**

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



The cast of "The Vagina Monologues" at Jazz Central

As part of the 2006 V-Day Worldwide Campaign, Victoria King organized and directed a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" February 24 & 25 at Jazz Central in Syracuse. Included in the cast were two Vera House employees, Margie Burstein and Jennifer Shaw. The production brought in \$3,500 to benefit Vera House and helped to raise awareness about violence against women and girls.



Vera House would like to extend a big thank you to the Central New York members of Mommy & Me, a not-for-profit organization for the development of young children. Mommy & Me members support the mission and programs of Vera House through collections of essential items such as: winter coats, pajamas, slippers, underwear, mittens, socks, school supplies and infant supplies. Members also help out enthusiastically with Wrapsody each year, a gift wrapping extravaganza that benefits Vera House.