ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Working to create a world free of violence and abuse
It is hard to write a message about 2019 in the midst of the pandemic swirling around us. The need for services is greater than ever, and the resources to provide services are diminishing. The most marginalized among us face the greatest risk, and we worry that we are not reaching them. Knowing what we know about the impact of this pandemic reminds us how important our work in 2019 really was.

Our vision is a world free of violence and abuse.

We have come to realize that a world free of violence and abuse requires that we look at the connection between individual victimization and systematic oppression. We have to remember how oppression including racism, homophobia, transphobia and ageism, intersects with victimization.

In 2019, we prioritized our allyship work and the need to hear the voices of the most underserved members of our community. Our Annual Report to the Community (highlights on page 10) raised up voices of survivors and community members we need to hear from. Hearts were moved; justice stirred.

The year of 2019 was full of great opportunities for Vera House. I was able to attend the State of the Union as Congressman Katko’s guest and meet with national advocates and the Congressman to discuss important legislation for those we serve (page 6). Angela Douglas, our Associate Director, and I had a chance to present at a national conference on “Organizational Transformation: Addressing the Effects of Race, Intersectionality and Oppression” (page 6).

We celebrated two exciting anniversaries: Our 12 Men Model recognized ten years of service to the community and our White Ribbon Campaign had its 25th anniversary (pages 6 and 7). These two efforts are a critical part of where we go from here as both focus on changing social norms to ultimately prevent violence before it happens.

To continue serving the most vulnerable among us and to maintain a focus on preventing violence and abuse, we need your help.

We invite you to join us in whatever way you can. Give us your time, talent or treasure. Commit to learning more about these issues. Speak up and stand up in the face of violence, abuse or any form of oppression. Get comfortable being uncomfortable so you can have essential conversations. Live as if you know with certainty a world free of violence and abuse is not only possible but within our reach.
Moving the Mission Forward

In 2018, Vera House adopted a three-year strategic plan to be carried out from 2019 – 2021. The overall goal of the strategic plan is to position Vera House as an expert locally and nationally in the prevention of and response to domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of abuse with a focus on underrepresented populations. Vera House departments and programs also drafted their own strategic plans in 2019 to advance our strategic vision.

Our commitment to planning led to some wonderful strategic accomplishments in 2019. Just a few of the highlights include:

- Coordinating and delivering 41 fee-based service programs from January – October, 2019. Our initial goal was 6! The programs included Workplace Sexual Harassment Prevention Trainings, trauma-informed training for the legal community, elder justice training and a full-day conference covering diverse topics related to elder abuse.

- Throughout 2019, our Men’s Outreach Program partnered with The Worker Institute at Cornell University. Researchers from The Worker Institute conducted an in-depth analysis of our 12 Men Model and released a report which proves the effectiveness of our work! See more information about our 12 Men Model on page 6.

In addition:

- Our Marketing & Communications workgroup was established to help inform the agency’s communications with a focus on prevention and advocacy. The workgroup includes local professionals, Vera House Board members and Foundation Trustees, staff, volunteers and Survivors’ Network members.

- We upgraded our technology to be more efficient and effective in our work. We prepared to implement Office 365 to streamline our communications and we upgraded our Development and Financial database platforms.

“The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.” – Steve Jobs
Advocacy Program Overview

The Vera House Advocacy Program is a dynamic service that allows victims and survivors the option to receive support "where they’re at." Often, meetings are scheduled in safe places in the community or at a partnering agency like the courts, hospital, police department, schools, nursing home or other location. A staff member from the Advocacy Program is usually the first person a victim/survivor connects with at Vera House.

SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT OUR ADVOCATES PROVIDE:

- Short-term counseling to assist in understanding the dynamics of abusive relationships.
- Offer emotional support & develop safety plans.
- Act as a liaison between the victim/survivor and any systems they may be connected to.
- Answer calls on the 24-hour support line (315-468-3260) or field inquiries on Web Chat found on www.verahouse.org.
- Assist in the drafting and filing of Family Offense Petitions.
- Provide 24-hour response to our local area hospitals to meet victims of a sexual assault.
- In addition, we have two full-time Advocacy Case Managers who work with victims/survivors addressing needs related to immigration, trafficking and mental health.

What do Advocates do at the Onondaga County District Attorney’s office?

A Vera House advocate is stationed at the Onondaga County DA's Office to offer assistance to crime victims and help them navigate the criminal justice system. Some of the services offered include:

- Assist victims/survivors in pursuing charges if they decide to do so
- Offer emotional support
- Help individuals complete the NYS Office of Victim Services paperwork, which provides compensation for expenses such as medical bills, counseling and lost wages resulting from being the victim of a crime

Additionally, on Monday through Thursday afternoons, an advocate is present in the Syracuse City Domestic Violence Court to serve as a resource.

What do Advocates do at the Hospitals?

All Syracuse area hospitals, aside from the Syracuse VA Medical Center, have contracts with Vera House to allow for support of sexual assault victims. When someone reports a sexual assault, both an advocate and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) are dispatched to the hospital. The advocate’s role is to provide emotional support, inform the client about their rights and options around reporting to law enforcement, assist the client in applying for compensation through the NYS Office of Victim Services if they desire, and be a witness to the forensic exam to potentially collect DNA evidence.
Human Trafficking Intervention

Twice a month, Advocacy Case Manager JoAnna Brezee coordinates a trafficking victim support group for the individuals who are seen in the Human Trafficking Intervention Court at the Onondaga County Courthouse. The support group consists of 10 sessions, and during their time together group members discuss:

- The dynamics of power and control
- Aspects of healthy versus unhealthy relationships
- Healthcare options
- Coping mechanisms

The overall goal of the program is to provide information, resources and support to keep participants off the streets, out of jail and help them build healthy relationships. Case management services are also provided for participants after they graduate from support group.

The Legal Project

Many clients who come to Vera House for help in other ways also need legal counsel in connection with the crime or abuse they have experienced. In 2019, the Legal Project served 240 unique individuals. Some used our Monday Night Legal Clinic, a free service offering 45-minute consults with volunteer attorneys. Many others obtained a legal consult with Director of Legal Services, Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell. In addition, Bryn provides direct legal representation for victims who often have nowhere else to go.

The Legal Project also seeks to educate. In November 2019, the Legal Project presented a three-day trauma conference, sponsored by James Marsh PLLC, to attorneys from around the state. Furthermore, The Legal Project provides training to volunteers and staff on issues such as family court orders of protection, custody, and the role of the attorney for the child.

ADVOCACY GROUPS OFFERED

Vera House Advocacy Program offers four regular support groups.

- Two Domestic Violence Education Classes
- Evergreen Support Group for survivors who are age 50 and older
- Group for trafficking survivors in partnership with the Human Trafficking Intervention Court

Our advocates can also provide Domestic Violence Education for local agencies when requested. Contact our Director of Advocacy, Jolie Moran, at jmoran@verahouse.org or (315) 425-0818 for more information.
The 12 Men Model: Recognizing a Decade of Healthy Masculinity

In September 2019, Vera House celebrated the 10th anniversary of the 12 Men Model. Since its inception, over 200 men have completed the program, providing an opportunity for participants to engage in violence prevention focused dialogues. Men are encouraged to rethink and redefine masculinity and male roles during their small group meetings. With the guidance of a facilitator, the program challenges the thoughts of the group members and empowers them to challenge the thoughts of others.

Throughout 2019 our Men's Outreach Program partnered with The Worker Institute at Cornell, who completed an in-depth analysis of the 12 Men Model. Researchers surveyed past 12 Men Model participants and found that after completing the program, men rethought their attitudes toward gender and masculinity and took action towards preventing abuse, thus proving the effectiveness of the 12 Men Model.

If you would like to participate in the 12 Men Model, please contact George Kilpatrick at (315) 425-0818 x 2254 or gkilpatrick@verahouse.org.

Randi Bregman Guest of Rep. Katko at the State of the Union:

In early February 2019, Vera House Executive Director Randi Bregman was invited by U.S. Rep. John Katko to attend the State of the Union Address as his special guest. During her visit to Washington, D.C., Randi was also able to dialogue about the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with Congressman Katko and national advocates. VAWA provides funding to Vera House for many of our services and protects those who have faced various forms of domestic and sexual violence including stalking, dating violence and assault.

Since attending the address, Randi has been able to remain in contact with government staff on various legislative policies impacting the work of Vera House.

Vera House Presents at the National Sexual Assault Conference

Vera House Executive Director Randi Bregman and Associate Director Angela Douglas presented at the National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s annual conference in August, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA. The presentation was titled, “Organizational Transformation: Addressing the Effects of Race, Intersectionality and Oppression.” The impacts and challenges related to better serving victims and survivors of sexual violence were also examined.

There was such a high demand for Randi and Angela's workshop that a second time slot was added for conference attendees. The workshops were met with an overwhelming positive response and helped participants to acknowledge their own journeys through the content as Randi and Angela discussed Vera House's organizational transformation and the impact of ally work. Randi and Angela are scheduled to present this workshop for local organizations including the Human Service Leadership Council and the CNY Community Foundation.
**The White Ribbon Campaign Celebrates 25 Years**

In 2019, Vera House celebrated a landmark year with the 25th anniversary of the White Ribbon Campaign. Over the last 25 years, we have maintained the important element of male leadership of the Campaign while expanding participation to include everyone in the community interested in ending abuse.

What started as a campaign to raise funds for our Alternatives Program, has grown into a celebrated awareness and fundraising campaign, which supports all Vera House programs and services.

Our primary goal has, and always will be, to create awareness to help prevent and end domestic and sexual violence. During our 2019 White Ribbon Campaign we:

- Coordinated 271 campaign sites across Onondaga County.
- Distributed over 25,000 ribbons, wristbands, chocolates and other WRC merchandise.
- Hosted 10 events both internally and in partnership with other local organizations.

Through awareness, representation and dialogue we will continue to drive this mission forward. If you are interested in joining our WRC committee or hosting your own campaign, please contact Hannah Fuller at (315) 425-0818 or hfuller@verahouse.org.

**The WRC through the years...**

*The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) began in Canada as a response to the Montreal Massacre in 1989.*

Vera House brought the WRC to Syracuse to raise awareness to help end domestic violence and fundraise for our Alternatives program.

First Armory Square "March" which eventually expanded to the WRC Walk.

Peer-to-Peer fundraising helps to take the WRC to new heights by increasing donations, and more importantly, spreading awareness via email and social media.

Chocolates bars (2014) and paper ribbon pledge cards (2015) released as additional ways to spread the message that there's no excuse for abuse.

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**THE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN TURNS 25!**
Shelter Program

Comprehensive emergency sheltering services for individuals and families in crisis at two confidential locations.

262 individuals received shelter

96% of adults & 79% of children completed a SAFETY PLAN while in shelter

for a total of 11,147 bed nights in 2019

Prevention Education

School-based, community and professional education and prevention programs are offered on a variety of topics including: sexual abuse prevention, domestic violence awareness, consent, healthy relationships, dating violence and elder abuse.

18,421 people reached

Our Prevention Educators were present in 55 schools in addition to local community groups.

97% of elementary participants could identify two ways to keep themselves safe if the adults in their house were fighting.

80% of adult participants indicated they learned something new about domestic and/or sexual violence or elder abuse.

95% of middle & high school participants changed their attitudes and beliefs consistent with not supporting or condoning dating or sexual violence.

Counseling Program

Our New Directions Clinical Program provides a range of services to adults, teens & children with a unique level of commitment to confidentiality & compassion.

Vera House therapists provided 6,744 therapy sessions to 590 adults and 494 youth in 2019.

of individuals who attended 6 OR MORE THERAPY SESSIONS reported progress in healing, improvement in trauma-related symptoms or overall well-being.

Alternatives, STEPS & DVIP

Domestic violence education and accountability programs designed to challenge the beliefs and attitudes of individuals who have been abusive to their partners and/or ex-partners.

507 participants

One client reports that without the help of Alternatives/STEPS program, they wouldn’t have been given a second chance to parent their children and learn better skills to foster a healthy family relationship. They are now living as a family, domestic violence free, after being separated for over 5 years.

Outreach & Advocacy Program

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

1,610 individuals served

Our Advocates provided 7,729 individual client sessions and 167 group sessions in 2019.
Abuse in Later Life Program

The Evergreen Network addresses elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. This is done through direct services to older adults, training and outreach, and community collaboration.

In 2019, the Abuse in Later Life Program:

• Launched the Onondaga County Elder Identity Theft Coalition.
• Expanded our E-MDT elder abuse case review services to a total of 7 counties throughout Central New York.
• Expanded its focus to include the primary prevention of elder abuse through a partnership with Alan Berkowitz, a national violence prevention expert.

SANE Program

Vera House's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program includes a specially trained team of nurses who provide timely and compassionate care with 24-hour response to local hospitals for victims of sexual assault.

SANE was activated 285 times to LOCAL HOSPITALS and of those call outs, 223 exams were performed with 181 forensic kits collected. 152 of those kits were released to the police.

The Legal Project

The Legal Project served 240 unique clients and provided 3,972 unique services to those clients.

Services might include: drafting a petition, representing the client at a hearing, conducting an intake, or writing a letter to the Court on the client’s behalf.

In 2019 these services were provided by:

• One staff attorney,
• One staff paralegal,
• Three private attorneys,
• Attorneys at the Hiscock Legal Aid Society.

Volunteer Program

Our volunteers assist in a variety of ways:

• Support line calls
• Family Court
• Sexual assault advocacy
• Health fairs & other events
• Shelter assistance
• Special events
• General office support
• Foster Pet Program & more!

122 volunteers and interns in 2019
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

2019 Report to the Community on Domestic & Sexual Violence

The 30th Annual Report to Community took on a new look from its previous iterations. In an effort to engage more members of our community, we hosted an evening event. We worked with a number of partner community organizations with programs that focus on domestic violence and sexual assault. Presentation topics included:

- Recognizing 30 years of Report to the Community,
- Legal services for victims in Onondaga County,
- The 12 Men Model and Cornell’s study of its effectiveness,
- Community accountability to end intimate partner and domestic violence,
- Reaching underserved communities,
- Centering the lives of LGBTQ+ people and transgender people of color, and
- Increasing awareness of identity theft and abuse in later life.

Our Report also featured collaboration with Vera House’s Survivors’ Network as they presented the theme of ‘reclaiming’ and sharing the aspects of their lives that they have reclaimed through their journeys. We are grateful to also have been able to partner with local artists for performance pieces including an opening song and poem piece performed by members of Vera House’s Survivors’ Network, spoken word pieces by Andre Douglas, Karina Anderson, and Ay-yhuan-nah, and a dance performance by Juhanna Rodgers, all of which centered around the survivor’s experience and journey. Feedback on the program was overwhelmingly positive with many stated they found the content incredibly moving.

We are thrilled to have been able to work in partnership with so many other local agencies in our community: Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.; Hiscock Legal Aid Society; 100 Black Men of Syracuse, Inc.; Black Lives Matter, Syracuse; Workers’ Center of Central New York; Alianza Nacional de Mujeres Campesinas/National Alliance of Farmworker Women; BlackCuse Pride; and Syracuse Jewish Family Service.

LEGISLATIVE ALLY WORK

The Vera House Advocacy Workgroup

The Vera House Advocacy Workgroup includes staff with passion to work on large scale advocacy issues from all different departments within the agency. The goal of the Workgroup is to “cultivate and leverage strategic relationships with elected officials, community leaders, and influencers in order to inspire change and position Vera House to be sought beyond the crisis.” Throughout 2019, the Workgroup amplified efforts to be thought leaders in order to effectively impact local, state and federal legislative initiatives. Some legislative initiatives the Workgroup strategically advocated on behalf of were:

- the Child Victim’s Act
- the reauthorization of VAWA
- the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act
- the Unlawful Dissemination of an Intimate Image Act
- Transgender Rights & Law Enforcement
- the Green Light Campaign and Criminal Justice Reform, just to name a few!

2019 was a stellar year for domestic and sexual violence legislation being passed. A full list can be found here: https://bit.ly/2019NYSLegislativeSummary.
Foundation of Hope
The following individuals have made a commitment to support the Vera House Foundation

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The following individuals have made a commitment to support Vera House through our planned giving initiative

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Vera House has received a gift in memory of or in honor of the following individuals

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If you are interested in including Vera House in your estate plans, please contact Development Director Cindy Britz at (315) 425-0818 or cbritz@verahouse.org.
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2019 Financial Summary

Statement of Activities* for year ending December 31, 2019
*Reflects the combined financial totals of Vera House, Inc. & Vera House Foundation, Inc.

2019 Support & Revenue:

- Government Fees & Grants: $3,348,468 (61%)
- Private Donations: $1,124,204 (21%)
- United Way: $207,285 (4%)
- Fees: $186,576 (3%)
- Return on Investments: $612,394 (11%)

Total Support & Revenue: $5,478,927

2019 Expenses:

Program Services:
- Emergency Shelter: $958,467
- Counseling: $934,397
- Outreach & Advocacy: $1,102,020
- Prevention & Education: $918,171
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: $301,641
- Alternatives & STEPS: $170,020

Total Program Expenses: $4,384,716

Supporting Services:
- Fundraising: $223,336
- Administrative: $372,345

Total Supporting Services: $595,681

Total Expenses: $4,980,397

Increase in Net Assets: $498,530
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