

# **Annual Report– Fiscal Year 2014**

"ENDING DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY"

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Age 35 is typically the age at which most of us start to notice subtle changes in how we look. Little "crows feet" around the eyes, wrinkles on our foreheads, a few gray hairs... all of the typical signs that we are not getting any younger!

New Hope, Inc. is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and the agency is also undergoing subtle changes. First and foremost is the fantastic new logo – the horizon - that has recently been adopted. The horizon represents hope, light, new beginnings, and "better things to come". The horizon represents the hope and promise of New Hope, Inc. that working with our clients and

community partners we can and will end domestic and sexual violence. The new emblem is also designed to better represent all of the individuals that we serve including men and members of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) community as well as women and children.

By the time we turn 35 most of us tend to feel more in control of our lives. Many of us are settled into our careers, have bought homes, and started families. We have developed goals for our future and feel well on our way to achieving them. New Hope, Inc. is setting goals for its future as well. With the recent departure of our Executive Director, the agency is assessing its position in the industry and working on a strategic plan that will be its footprint for the future. We are fortunate to have hired an Interim Executive Director, Marcia Szymanski, with vast experience in the domestic violence/sexual assault field who is well-suited to the task of facilitating this process while providing guidance and leadership to the agency during the search for a new Executive Director.

Some may look at 35 as "middle age", but at New Hope, Inc. 35 years is just an indicator that for three-and-a-half decades this agency has worked tremendously hard to end domestic and sexual violence. As always, the agency's achievements and successes are because of all of you. Our staff, board, volunteers, funders, and donors are the backbone of this agency and you share in each and every success.

Many Thanks,

Lisa Nelson

Lisa Nelson Board President, New Hope, Inc.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Marcia Szymanski, Interim Executive Director & President Benjamin Furman, Chief Financial Officer Ruth Zakarin, LICSW Vice President of Operations

## **YEARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

As in any year, the primary accomplishment at New Hope is the continued work our staff does on a daily basis with clients. The numbers shown further in the report tell one story, but the true story is the courage and resiliency of clients to move from victim to survivor.

"There were many accomplishments in the past year, some huge, some small but each one was equally important to the success of each family. Seeing the transformation of each family from beginning of the program until they completed it is indescribable! The transitional living program has given families a chance to get their lives back. The opportunity to learn, grow and heal from domestic violence. They are able to learn skills necessary to live on their own. We all have different paths in life. Some families are not able to choose their path. The transitional living program gives them that choice." -Melissa, TLP Coordinator



## **NEW MILFORD OFFICE**

In 2014 New Hope expanded services into Milford, MA with the opening of our new office on Main Street. Since its opening, the office has already provided counseling and advocacy services to

155 clients with 771 sessions.

## **MANAGER OF DATA & TRAINING**

New Hope is committed to high quality, best-practices throughout all of our services. To that end New Hope created a new position, Manager of Data and Training, to quantify the work and measure our impacts, as well as providing key data on emerging trends, gaps in services, and needed resources.

### **NEW WEBSITE & NEW LOGO**



Finally, check out our new website and the new logo. Thanks to Johnson & Wales for their assistance in the design. To view the website using our smart phone or table, scan the QR code or simply type www.new-hope.org



## **NEW HOPE FISCAL YEAR 2014 NUMBERS**

### NEW START TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (TLP)

#### 9 Adults & 12 Children

Secured individual apartments through our Transitional Living Program (TLP).

### HOUSING STABILIZATION 44 Individuals

Received assistance with funding for rent, utilities and other costs necessary to provide stable & reliable housing.

### **EMERGENCY SHELTER**

137 Individuals 92 Adults & 45 Children

Spent time at one of our emergency shelters.



"Thank you for everything from the beginning to the end of this program. I had the best Christmas and the best time of my life. Because without you we would never be here. Thank you for

making it possible for my family to be here. Have a great time with the next people like us. Sincerely your friend." - TLP CLIENT

### SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL ADVOCACY

Our trained Sexual Assault Advocates provided medical accompaniment to

#### 21 Sexual Assault Survivors

### **COMMUNITY BASED ADVOCACY**

#### **224 Individuals**

Worked with community advocates who assisted them during **935 Sessions** in finding resources to enhance their safety while staying in their home community, hopefully minimizing future risk and preventing the need to flee to shelter.

#### COUNSELING

Our dedicated staff of trained counselors offered **359 Individuals** 

#### 2,699 Counseling Sessions

consisting of children, adolescent, and adult survivors of domestic and sexual violence.



#### RESPECT

Within the last year, a total of **150 Individuals** Participated in **559 Group Sessions** 

## **NEW HOPE FISCAL YEAR 2014 NUMBERS**

### HOTLINE

#### 1,619 Callers

Received crisis intervention, risk assessment, and safety planning by our trained Hotline specialists, who also provided them with information about New Hope services and other community resources.

### **CIVILIAN POLICE ADVOCATE**

#### **95 Individuals**

Worked with our Civilian Police Advocate stationed in the Attleboro Police Department and received services such as crisis intervention, safety planning, and assistance with the criminal justice system.



### **OUTREACH & EDUCATION**

New Hope's education and outreach staff provide prevention and education programming to individuals of all ages residing in New Hope's catchment area. Raising awareness on the issues of domestic and sexual violence, as well as New Hope's services.

### SUPERVISED VISITATION 1,408 Supervised Visits

Took place in the last fiscal year, consisting of

### 141 Non-Custodial parents

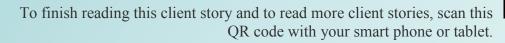
### SAFEPLAN

### 2,018 Individuals

Were assisted with obtaining restraining and harassment protection orders by one of our SAFEPLAN Advocates stationed in one of our seven district courts and one probate court.

## **CLIENT STORY**

"*Client*" is an immigrant who came to court for a restraining order against her husband. He had been extremely abusive to her leaving her with bruises all over her body. He told her that if she told anyone, he would have her deported and she would not be able to see her children ever again. The SAFEPLAN advocate helped "*Client*" to fill out the proper paperwork to obtain the order and accompanied "*Client*" before the judge, The SAFEPLAN Advocate gave "*Client*" information about.....





## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**



New Hope relies heavily upon the generosity of people who share their time within our offices and in our programs– providing a collective donation of thousands of volunteer hours each year.

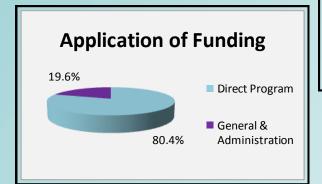
In Fiscal Year 2014, our volunteers served: 6,468 Volunteer Hours At a value of \$99,542 to our agency

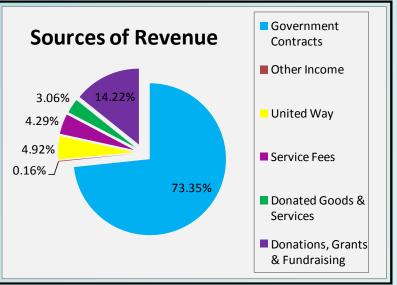


## **FINANCE REVIEW**

### Fiscal 2014 Financial Data\*

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\*This data has been prepared for presentation prior to completion of the annual audit. Copies of the audited financial statements will be available upon request.

## **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR EVENT SPONSORS!**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF HOPE**

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#### **TAUNTON OFFICE**

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#### MILFORD OFFICE

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## **COMMUNITIES WE SERVE**

#### **BRISTOL COUNTY:**

Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Mansfield, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton

#### HAMPDEN COUNTY:

Brimfield, Holland, Wales

#### **NORFOLK COUNTY:**

Bellingham, Foxboro, Franklin, Medway, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Walpole, Wrentham

### Lakeville, Middleboro

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY:** 

#### **WORCESTER COUNTY:**

Auburn, Blackstone, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Grafton, Hopedale, Leicester, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oxford, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Warren, Webster, Westborough, West Brookfield, Worcester

#### **COURT ADVOCATE LOCATIONS:**

Attleboro, Dudley, East Brookfield, Milford, Taunton (District & Probate), Westborough, Uxbridge

Our SAFEPLAN court advocate program is partially supported by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) through the 1984 VOCA grant from OVC, OJP, US D.O.J.

## **CONTACT US**

**WEBSITE:** www.new-hope.org

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24-HOUR Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline V/TTY

1.800.323.HOPE (4673) RESPECT: 1-877-222-0083 Linea directa para sobrevivientes de abuso sexual TTY: 1-888-887-7130





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