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**ANNUAL
REPORT
2018**

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Crime Victim Center:

I am pleased to share the Crime Victim Center's Annual Report with our partners, supporters and friends. The Annual Report reflects the many changes we have had at the Crime Victim Center in 2018 including, including my joining as the new Executive Director! I started the position in May 2018 and have enjoyed getting to know our key stakeholders, staff, volunteers, and clients.

Before my arrival, the board voted on a change in the name, from Crime Victim Advocacy Center to the Crime Victim Center, which also included a new logo designed by volunteer staff at FleishmanHillard. The new logo of an open door and warm yellow in the doorway symbolizes that clients have arrived at a caring and supportive safe haven.

Our staff of licensed counselors, attorneys, victim advocates and administrators help victims in the St. Louis region cope with the impact of violence and move from crisis to resilience. In 2018, we were able to help more than 7,000 people through counseling, legal assistance, court advocacy, and assistance in applying for Missouri Victims' Compensation.

What has not changed you might ask? Our commitment to the community and to the victims that we serve. At CVC, we look forward to working with our community partners to assist even more clients this year. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to help those in need in the St. Louis region.

Marti Kelly
Executive Director



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Our Volunteers

Thirty-nine direct service volunteers, including six volunteer attorneys, contributed over 5,000 hours of time in 2018. Thank you for your time, generosity and dedication to helping victims. We could not accomplish our mission without you!

Counseling Program

Licensed counselors and social workers who provide trauma-specific interventions including person-centered therapy, complex grief counseling, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, and Hypnotherapy.

Community Engagement

Special events, education, awareness, and trainings are provided to the community. Upon request, Crime Victim Center will provide outreach to schools, police departments, court personnel, and other agencies. Training topics include agency assistance, victims' rights, effects of trauma, and working with victims.

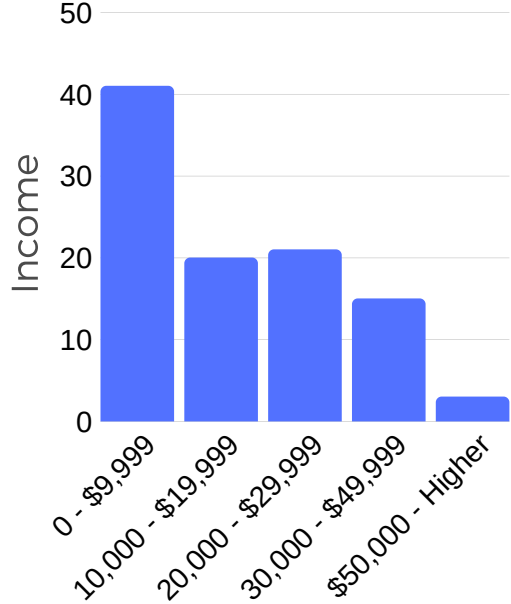
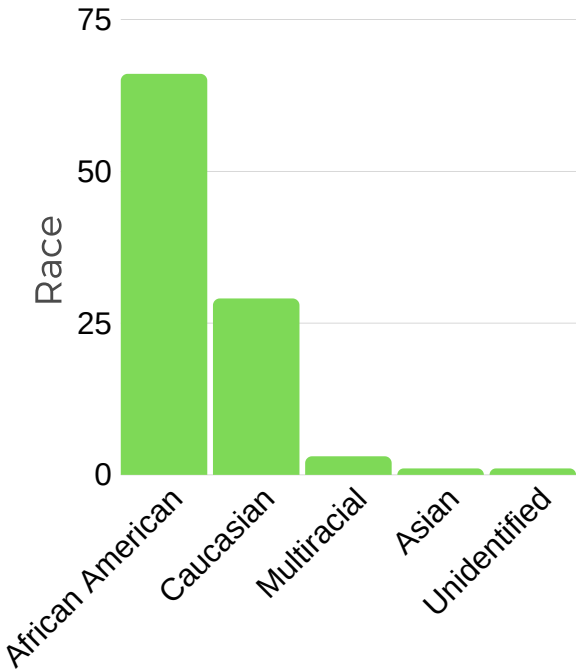
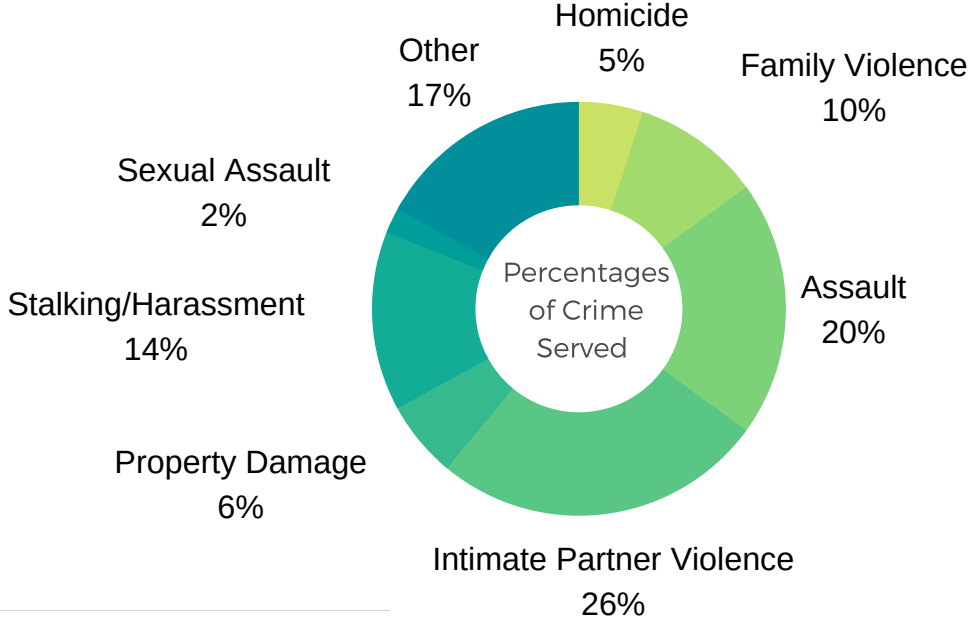
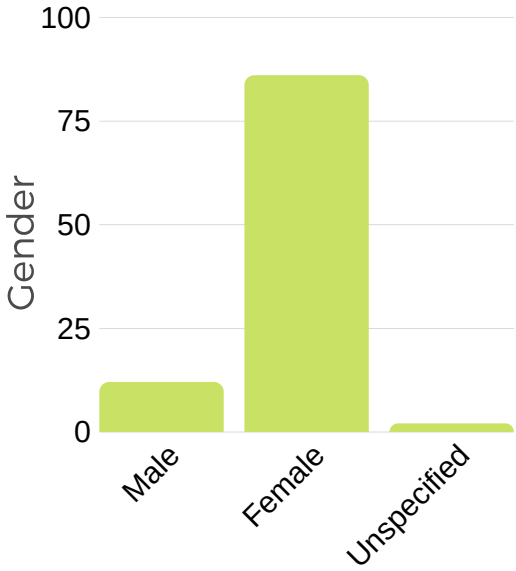
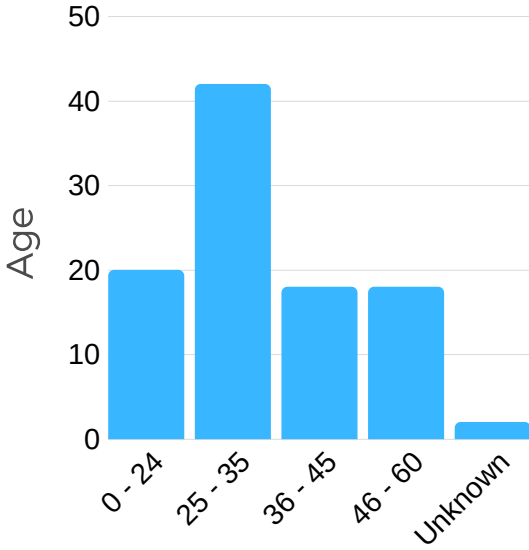
Victim Advocacy Programs

Programs that provide crisis intervention, case management, assistance with filing court orders, help with Missouri Victims' Compensation, education on the civil/criminal justice program, and referrals. Our satellite offices within the St. Louis City and County police departments and courthouses assist victims of intimate partner violence, homicide, nonfatal gun violence, and families in crisis.

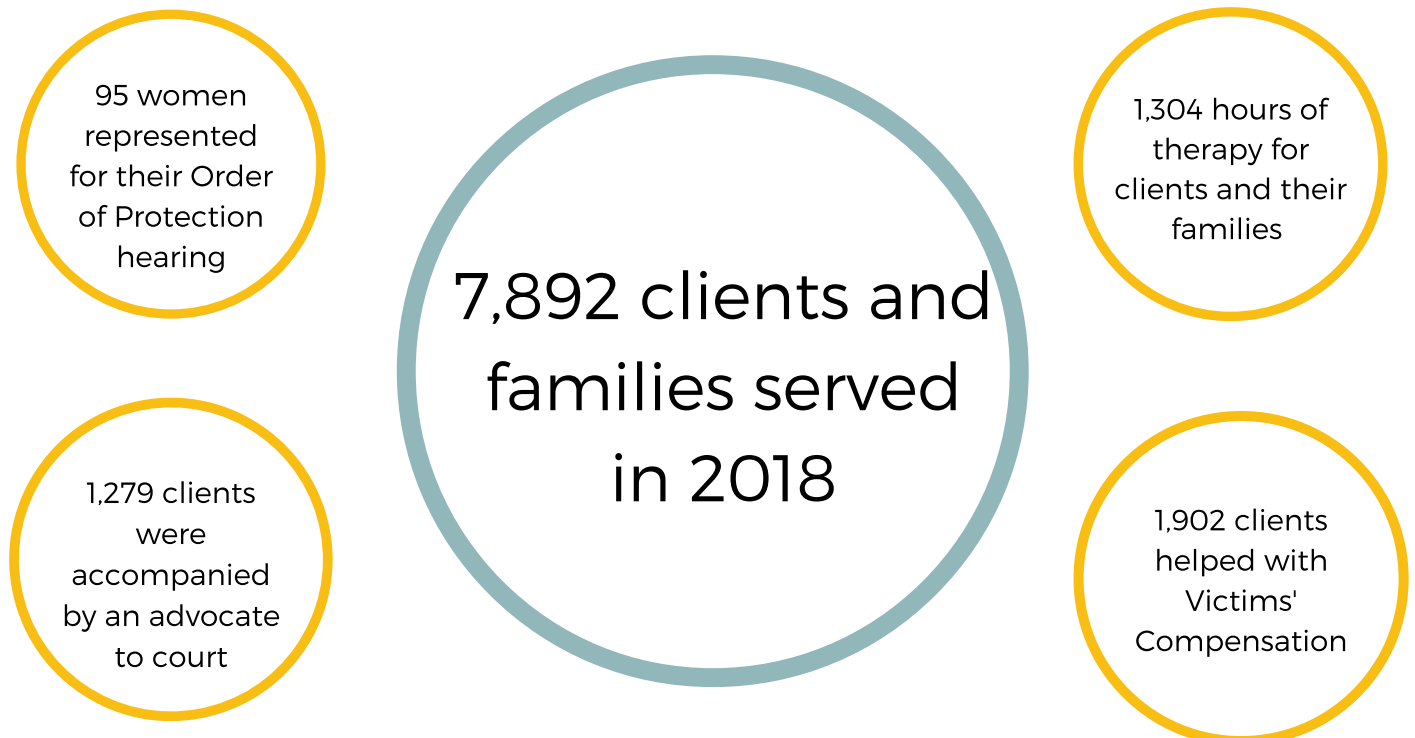
Legal Assistance Program

Program that addresses the needs of victims who are indigent and underserved by providing services that combine expertise in domestic violence issues, including legal advocacy, safety planning, legal referrals, and legal representation for Orders of Protection.

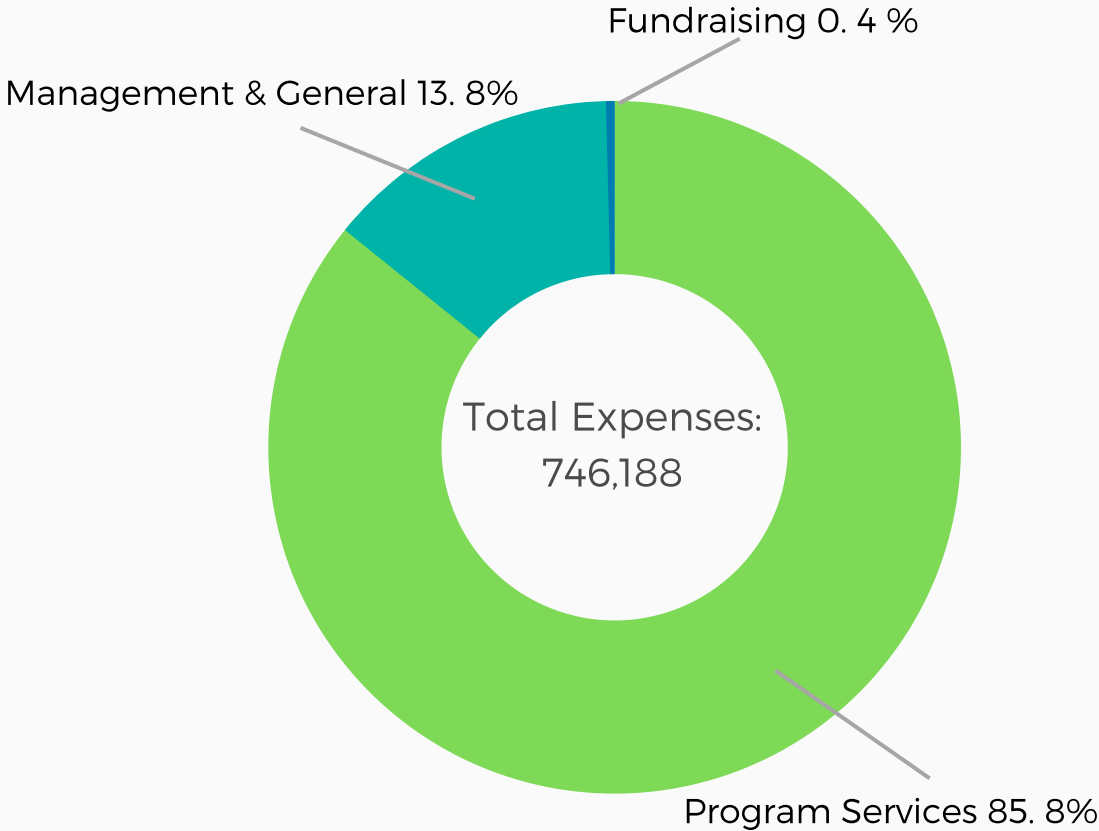
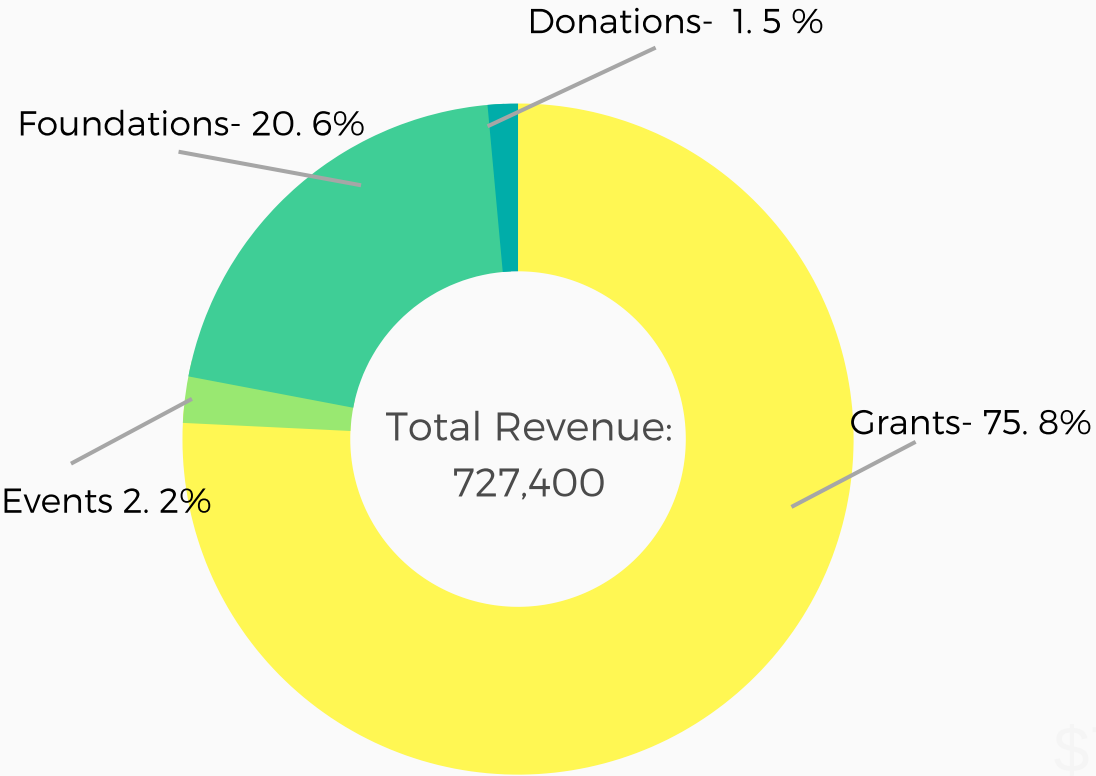
Who We Serve



James, was experiencing trauma reactions from being caught and injured in the cross fire of gunplay while he was driving home. The streets he used to take home became a trigger for him, so he and the counselor worked on processing the memories of the trauma. James also had to learn how to handle questions from friends and family, wondering what he was doing in his life to be the target of a shooting. The counselor and James worked on the nature of victim-blaming and coping strategies regarding what to say. James also had issues with survivor's guilt, since some people were killed in the shooting. In addition to counseling, an advocate assisted James with filing for Victims' Compensation for medical bills and lost wages, since James was employed at the time of the crime.



Kenya was in a violent relationship with her children's father, Chaz for 3 years. Chaz had been arrested for threatening to kill Kenya with a gun and for hitting her with a steel chair that resulted in breaking her arm while she was holding their infant child. Crime Victim Center's domestic violence advocate in the police department contacted Kenya. Kenya was being evicted from her home and needed assistance with getting a storage unit for her household items. The advocate met Kenya at a local storage facility and the agency provided emergency funding for her to sign up for the storage unit. Kenya also filed an Order of Protection and CVC's courthouse advocate assisted her and she was able to obtain a full Order of Protection. During the Order of Protection process, Kenya mentioned that she had found a gun in her house. The victim advocate let the Detective know and they sent a police officer to seize the firearm. Chaz pled guilty to the charges and was ordered to probation. Since being in contact with our agency, Kenya has been able to find a new safe living space for herself and her children.



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The Crime Victim Center empowers people impacted by crime to move from crisis to resiliency, and reduces the negative impact of crime on individuals and the community.

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The Crime Victim Center has been a proud member agency of the United Way since 1998. During this time their support has helped provide services to more than 20,000 victims. Please support the United Way so they can continue to make a difference in our community.