



Leaving an abusive situation is a process and victims like "Sara" need support and assistance through unfamiliar systems. The Center's Hotline (1-888-311-7755) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Crisis advocates provide crisis intervention services and travel throughout the four-county area.

A few days later, an advocate accompanied "Sara" to the Police Department to file charges and assisted her through the two-week protective order process. Advocates continued to provide support for "Sara" while her case was within the criminal justice system.

"Sara" did not feel safe returning home. During her exam an advocate sat with "Sara" to provide comfort and support. Along with the injuries of the sexual assault, "Sara" suffered a broken arm, two cracked ribs, and was seriously bruised. When "Sara" was discharged from the emergency room, an advocate transported her to the Center's emergency shelter because

at the Police Department and transported her to the hospital for medical attention and a sexual assault exam. After the latest incident, "Sara" called the hotline when her husband left for work. "Sara" had just been beaten and sexually assaulted a few hours earlier. She was hit several times with a broomstick and had bruises on most of her body. Her face was swollen and she thought her arm might be broken. An advocate met "Sara"

"Sara" suffered physical, verbal, and sexual abuse by her husband throughout their 5-year marriage. She previously left her husband on three different occasions but would always return because she feared the consequences of his threats.

Sara's story



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Can you believe it? Another year has passed at what seemed an astronomical speed. We ended the Center's Fiscal Year '03 on September 30th and just recently closed the door on my first year as the director of this outstanding agency. As 2004 begins I can not help but take a moment to reflect on the past year.

It was an overwhelming year, packed full of both celebration and apprehension. Last year was filled with clients receiving the services they so desperately needed. A year in which we provided 1,258 more nights of shelter than in the prior year and provided at least the same level in all our other services despite a decrease of 1.5 staff. It was a year full of success stories, thriving fundraising events, joyous moments and moments of desperation and complex cases. The neverending legislative session brought budget cuts, caused many programs to struggle and some agencies to close their doors. It was a year of funding challenges on a federal level and a strained economic climate for all. Family Crisis Center persevered, met the challenges and enjoyed the successes. We are truly encouraged by the difference we make in the lives of so many individuals.

As an agency we are blessed with incredible staff that put their heart and soul into providing quality services to individuals whose lives have been devastated by the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. We have an outstanding and dedicated board of directors that have been vital in forward governance of this agency, and superior volunteers that are critical to the work of the Center. Our relationships with law enforcement agencies, criminal justice entities, the medical community, other social service agencies and our community are constantly enhanced. We continue to improve our collaborations to further our ability to meet the needs of victims and our community.



Thanks to everyone who has been part of our efforts. Together we are making a difference. We are all helping reach the goal of a community that is safe for all families and free of violence.

Sherry Murphy
Executive Director



These critical programs save lives, reduce the level of trauma for individuals who have experienced violence, and help adults and children identify and reduce violence in their lives and in our community.



Prevention Education Team: Provides school based child assault prevention programs and education to youth to prevent child abuse, dating violence, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

- 5,798 elementary students received the tools necessary to remain safe
- 5,689 middle & high school students learned how to be free from abuse & harassment in schools & in their personal relationships.

Violence Intervention Team: Provides educational groups designed to help individuals end their violence to their loved ones and others in the community.

- 237 adults received information to end their violence
- 73 youth gained information to help them make better decisions as they begin to build their future.
- 485 domestic violence incidents were reported to the FVIS system by law enforcement agencies throughout the four county area.

Shelter & Housing Team: Provides emergency shelter and long term housing for families as they strive for sufficiency.

- 7,296 nights of shelter were provided to 126 adults and 260 children
- 24 of the 25 residents living in Supportive Housing moved to permanent homes

Crisis Intervention Team: Provides crisis intervention 24 hours a day 7 days a week throughout the communities we serve.

- 7,973 hotline calls received
- 1,338 requests for basic needs were filled

Counseling Team: Provides counseling to adults and therapeutic help using art and play therapy to reduce trauma for children.

- 119 adults & teens were able to continue the healing process
- 216 children received art/play therapy through the Self-Help Awareness Positive Esteem (SHAPE) program.
- 3,358 face-to-face counseling hours were provided

Volunteer Team: Provides opportunities for community members to help create a safe community for their friends and neighbors.

- 216 volunteers provided over 18,258 hours of support.
- 330 children received school supplies
- 334 children and adults received holiday gifts



April is Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month. The Center is currently working on a number of activities and projects to raise awareness on these issues. Further details on the Awareness activities will be printed in local newspapers.

The mission of the Center is to partner with the community by providing safe refuge and comprehensive services responsive to the individual needs of women, children and men experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse in Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties

Services Provided to Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties in 2002-2003

- 532 prevention education presentations to students (kindergarten through high school)
- 10,411 units of crisis services (including hotline)
- 407 units of counseling services (individual & group)
- 146 units of violence intervention services
- 7,296 nights of shelter
- 2,566 individuals received 934 vouchers through the Thrift Store worth over \$35,743

