

OUR APPROACH

With a mission to strengthen and safeguard families in Wexford and Missaukee counties, we take a comprehensive approach to helping survivors. Our approach is:

- trauma informed,
- empowerment based,
- non-judgmental.

Most of the work we do is with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. We work one-on-one with each survivor to help them reclaim their lives and move forward with a plan and with our unwavering support. We walk alongside each person on their journey toward healing, resilience, and self-sufficiency. Our success is with our survivors. We give them a voice. We make them feel safe. We help them find their value to become survivors.

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OUR LOCATIONS

Administrative, Counseling and Advocacy Offices

118 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac
231-775-7299

Second Chance Resale Store

1566 N. Mitchell Street, Cadillac
231-775-8003

The Shelter

231-775-SAFE (7233)

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

STRENGTHEN AND SAFEGUARD
FAMILIES IN WEXFORD AND MISSAUKEE COUNTIES

TO OUR FRIENDS

Like most of you, I was eager to put 2020 in my rearview mirror and speed ahead to 2021. I couldn't do it though without some serious reflection. When life forced us to put the brakes on a bit, I jump into solving mode. It was a challenge our team and I were ready for. We know that life is all about change, but this one was a whopper! Our job is to put an arm around a survivors shoulder and help through through difficult situations. Our job is to embrace the family, go into their home and help guide them with the tools they need to help everyone thrive. Yet, together with our team, we figured out how to still serve but with new protocols. It challenged us to our very core, but together, we did it. Our families never went without our services - they just looked a little different.

Like so many of you, my next step was to figure this all out in my personal life. I think that was a bit harder. Working from home with children at home is interesting to say the least. I did Zoom calls out of bedrooms, the dining room became an office and school desk, but again, together we did it.

2020 was certainly a year to remember in so many ways. This report helps put the year into perspective and please always know my door is open. Looking forward to connecting in 2021.



Amber Herlein
Amber Herlein, MSW
Executive Director

OUR TOP DONORS

We are so grateful for the support of the community. We honestly could not provide our programs and services to survivors and families with you.

EMPOWERING

Peter Eliot

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Gerald Winkle
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OUR ORGANIZATION

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

We use an empowerment based philosophy to work to end domestic and sexual violence. Our advocates work one-on-one with each survivor to give them a voice. Through active listening our trauma trained staff walk alongside each survivor in their journey.

- Shelter
- Advocacy
- Counseling
- Transitional and Residential Housing

Parenting Department

Our mission is to give parents the education, tools, and community resources necessary to promote optimal early childhood development and strengthen families. This is done through:

- Family Links
- Home Visits
- Group Socialization Programs
- Advocacy

Second Chance Resale Store

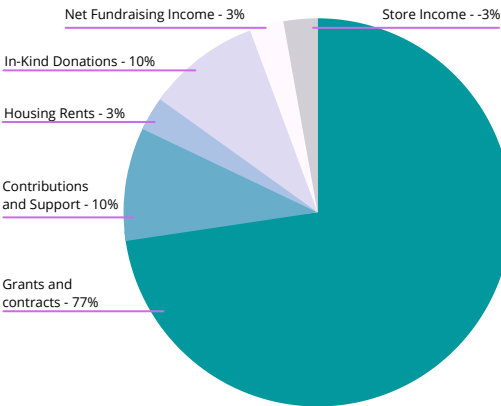
The community donates, we sell at our Second Chance Store and our survivors win. All proceeds help support programs at Oasis Family Resource Center.

- We provide clothing and household goods to survivors and families in our programs, free of charge.
- Partnering with other agencies, we provide individuals in need with items from the store.

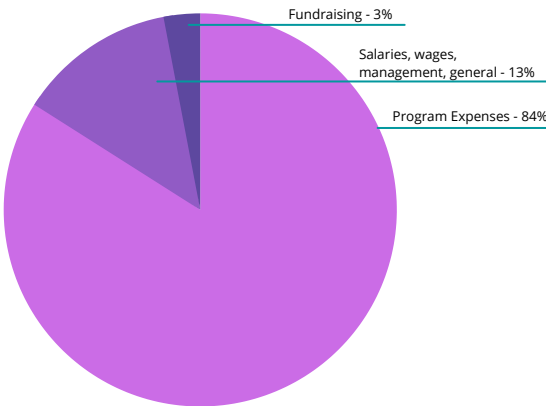
OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Audited for financial year ending September 30, 2020 by third party auditors.

Income



Expenses



Survivors

- SHELTER - 2933 bed nights - 250 clients from Wexford County & 24 from Missaukee
- NON RESIDENTIAL 215 clients
- 1,100 crisis calls
- Parenting served 50 families in Wexford County & 12 from Missaukee
- TRANSITIONAL HOUSING 25 children and 65 women

OUR IMPACT

Aggression, anxiety, poor self-esteem, isolation, impulse control, the list goes on and on and on and one. When Jennifer entered our counseling program, she was almost non functioning. After six months of counseling and she is making major strides by reducing her symptoms, managing her anxiety and is building relationships again. We call that success.



After 20 years of physical and mental abuse, Sally and her four children finally left. They experienced a lot of ups and downs as they tried to get on with their new life. Our advocates got her into our transitional housing program along with support of our advocates. She now is at the point where she doesn't talk about going back. She is open, hopeful and continues to fight for her family with the support of our advocates.