

Services:

YWCA has settled into the new space that provides comfort for Safehouse Residents who are able to have privacy and family time with their children. Enough meeting space now allows for multiple community partners to be a part of the empowerment needed for survivors to be reconnected in their community.

The YWCA staff has reached over 4500 individuals either providing services to survivors or empowering the community to minimize victim blaming.

- **Victim Advocacy:** The legal system can be difficult to understand and can feel threatening and unfriendly at times. Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault are often involved with the criminal justice system, or with family law court in divorce/custody matters, child protection proceedings, or personal protection order (PPO) cases. The YWCA's Victim Advocates work hard at building relationships with prosecutors, judges and law enforcement to effectively advocate survivors. The following services are offered by Victim Advocates:
 - Advocacy and communication on behalf of survivors
 - Accompaniment and support during court proceedings
 - Assistance with applying for Crime Victim Compensation
 - Assistance with preparing, filing, serving and maintaining PPOs
 - Do-it-yourself divorce workshops for survivors
 - Referrals to attorneys for direct legal representation

 - Survivors provided with PPO assistance- 632
 - Survivors provided criminal justice advocacy- 768
 - Survivors provided civil justice advocacy- 377

- **Counseling Services:** The YWCA's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program delivers all services with an empowerment-based philosophy focusing on a survivor's strengths and choices. Crisis counseling and support groups are designed to provide survivors with the tools to empower themselves, to increase their safety and lead lives free from violence. Counselors assist with safety planning, connecting survivors to resources, and other individual support-based needs. Support groups provide a safe space for survivors to learn and grow with others who have gone through similar situations.
 - Survivors provided with individual counseling- 2313
 - Survivors provided with domestic violence & sexual assault support groups- 533
 - Survivors provided with victim notification- 587

- **Safehouse:** The YWCA Safe House is a 32-bed facility that provides safe, temporary shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their minor children. Safe House is located in a secure site, with easy access to public transportation and community resources. In addition to emergency housing, clothing and food, services available while at Safe House include:
 - Victim advocacy
 - Crisis counseling and support groups
 - Referrals to community resources
 - Personal advocacy and positive support
 - Children's activities
 - Educational classes

- Adult Survivors Sheltered- 265
- Children Sheltered- 234
- Shelter Nights: Women- 5,191
- Shelter Nights: Children- 5,037
- Crisis Line Calls- 1,140
- SAFE Center
 - Opened January 2017
 - Our sexual assault therapist has counseled nearly 70 survivors of sexual assault with over 425 hours spent in the therapeutic healing process for these survivors.
 - There were over 300 sexual assault kits sent in for testing from the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant; two convictions and 20 cases await trial.
- Emergency Response Team: The Emergency Response Team (ERT) provides 24-hour immediate crisis response to area hospitals and local law enforcement. Services include support during sexual assault examinations, explanation of evidence collection, support to family and friends, and assisting the survivor in accessing services after an assault has taken place.
 - Emergency response to violent incidences- 170
- Prevention Education: Knowledge is power! The YWCA actively works to inform and educate the community about domestic violence and sexual assault – the more awareness and education we spread, the closer we get to eliminate it. Trained staff facilitates informational sessions/discussions with community partners including law enforcement, hospital staff, other services providers, local colleges and community schools.
 - Community education presentations- 70
 - Individuals attended presentations- 984

Events:

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Open House/New Building Move
- Golf: The annual Golf Outing brings together people who may not otherwise be linked to the YWCA. Each year, corporations and individuals from across the community come together for an enjoyable day of golf in support of the YWCA's mission and programs. The 2017 Annual Golf Outing hosted over 100 women and men and 50 organizations at Atlas Valley Country Club in Grand Blanc, Michigan.
- Circle Luncheon: This inspiring annual gathering is designed to expand the circle of YWCA supporters, demonstrate the impact of the YWCA in Genesee County and promote local philanthropy. In furtherance of our mission to empower women through education and awareness, this year's keynote speaker was **Leslie Morgan Steiner**. Leslie is an author, speaker, and survivor. She is a Harvard graduate whose book, Crazy Love, takes a look at the violent, devastating world of abusive love.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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