

Report to our Community

KEEPING THE PROMISE

2007 – 2008



CENTER FOR
WOMEN IN
TRANSITION

Our Programs

Crisis Intervention

- 24-Hour Crisis Line
- Emergency Shelter
- Legal Advocacy
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Supportive Services

- Child & Family Services
- Domestic Violence Advocacy
- Sexual Assault Therapy
- Women's Supportive Services
- Adult, Teen, & Children's Support Groups

Transitional Services

- Housing Program
- Vocational Advocacy
- Wardrobe for Work

Prevention & Community Engagement

- Outreach Committee
- The Clothesline Project
- Silent Witness Project

DELTA Project

Girls on the Run®



Center For Women In Transition Mission & Vision

Our mission is to create and sustain an environment that enhances the voice, opportunities, and strength of women and girls in Allegan and Ottawa Counties.

We believe an important part of our community's strength lies in the recognition of our interdependence. This interdependence creates a shared accountability among individuals, families, schools, businesses, and community organizations to facilitate responsible decision-making, and to hold individuals accountable for their actions.

We believe women and girls in our community can and will make the most responsible decisions for their lives when they:

- are treated with dignity and valued as unique individuals
- know their diversity is respected
- live in a healthy, secure environment, free from the threat of violence
- are provided educational opportunities which promote a healthy lifestyle and build a healthy sense of self
- have access to the information and resources necessary to make and act upon their decisions
- believe in themselves and recognize their value as an integral part of society

We believe that the most effective results for today's women and future generations are achieved when our services are both reactive and proactive.

2007 – 2008

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“**Every adversity has the seed of an equivalent or greater benefit.**”

W. Clement Stone

**Center For Women In Transition
From the Executive
Director**



A generation ago, people throughout this nation embarked on a grassroots movement to confront and prevent domestic and sexual violence. More than just a movement, the message of safety and respect for all is now embedded in the fabric of our community. We now live in an environment that aspires to value every person, to honor the unique gifts each person has to offer this world, and to treat everyone with dignity and compassion.

We at the Center for Women in Transition are proud to be a part of this community that chooses to replace violence and abuse with cooperation, equality, safety, and justice. In 1977 the Center committed to being a place of safety and healing for vulnerable people and their families. Individuals and organizations throughout this community have made substantial investments in this vision. Today we continue to honor our promise to help people find new strength, new hope, and new beginnings through our programs and services.

Thanks to the leadership and dedication of our exceptional staff and Board of Directors, we are poised to renew our promise to the community. The Center will continue to serve as a catalyst for change and support in Ottawa and Allegan counties.

Thank you all for supporting the Center for Women in Transition. Together, we can all move closer to our vision of a society free of violence and full of opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charisse Smith Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charisse Smith Mitchell
Executive Director

**Center For Women In Transition
From the President of
the Board of Directors**



Successful transition of leadership was our focus in 2007–08. Under the outstanding leadership of Maria Hoekstra and with the assistance of Dale Dykema and the other board members listed in this report, the Board of Directors took on the year's challenges of change. Our proudest achievement was securing Charisse Mitchell as our Executive Director in June 2008.

Charisse came to Center for Women in Transition with solid non-profit leadership experience and a true compassion for the clients we serve. With each and every new day at the Center, she demonstrates a growing enthusiasm and talent for linking people to our mission. The board is pleased with the warmth, respect, and welcoming our community has extended to her.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for your continued dedication to our clients and their families. Our successes in this transitional year were possible because of your efforts. Now all of us, board, leadership, and staff, stand together poised to **Keep the Promise** and conquer the challenges of our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Harvey
President

My name is Linda...



“I’ve been given a second life to live...a second chance to share and be an example to other people.”

Linda, a survivor of abuse

Photo by Andrea Yoas

I am a survivor.

I'm confident and living a normal life. I'm a proud mother of three, a recent graduate of Empire Cosmetology School, and a survivor of domestic violence.

My kids would say that I am different now... happier, more open. My situation became very public when newspapers and television described the arrest and conviction of the father of my third child for trying to hire someone to kill me.

Before the community became aware of my private pain and crisis, I turned to the Center for Women in Transition and began seeing Anna, a client advocate.

Anna helped me when I lived in fear from harassment. I believed this man was so powerful that no one could touch him. Anna's message helped me stay strong and not give up, "We have the resources, people and experience to help you."

Because of her, and for the first time in years, I had someone to trust. I became comfortable as Anna helped me with transportation, medical needs, food, living accommodations for my family and through all the legal challenges.

Every woman in this situation needs to get help – you cannot do it alone.

I want to help other women and have the strength and courage to say, "Stay focused. There are people you can trust. You can't give up. There are people at the Center to help you become a survivor, too."

KEEPING OUR PROMISE to the clients we serve...

	<u>total</u>	<u>% of total</u>
Non-residential Domestic Violence	245	15.67%
Domestic Violence Shelter		
Adults	65	4.16%
Children	80	5.12%
Transitional Housing		
Adults	57	3.65%
Children	95	6.08%
Sexual Assault	49	3.13%
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner	40	2.56%
Women's Supportive Services	30	1.92%
Crisis Intervention Outreach	135	8.64%
Children's Therapy	38	2.43%
Walk Ins	729	46.64%
TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED	1,563	100.00%



Non-client Services

Wardrobe for Work	237
Girls on the Run® (Fall 2007 Spring 2008)	1,482

More Center Statistics

Nights of Emergency Shelter	3,494
Nights of Transitional Housing	31,508
24-hour crisis line	
Total calls	3,519
Total Individuals Served	3,282

Giving Societies – Individuals and Families

Listed here are supporters of our services through their thoughtful charitable giving and financial support. Giving societies reflect both restricted and unrestricted gifts and events, which advance our mission with sustaining and compassionate care.

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Anonymous

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 Jane Dickie,
 Board member

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Organizations, Churches, Education, and Other Community Partners

ORGANIZATIONS

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Holland Junior Welfare League
Holland Women's Bowling Association
PEO Sisterhood Chapter DF
Professional Women's Group
Rotary Club of Grand Haven
Snow Babies of West Michigan
Theta Chi Fraternity
Unity Lodge 191 F & AM
VFW - Auxiliary 2144
Warmones Womens Soccer Inc.
Woman's Literary Club
Child and Family Resource Council
Children's Advocacy Center
Community Action House
Hope College Counseling Center
Mediation Services
Active Network, Inc.
Girls on the Run International
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CHURCHES

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
Borculo Christian Reformed Church
Christ Memorial Church
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Congregational United Church of Christ
Fellowship Reformed Church
First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven
First Presbyterian Church of Holland
First Reformed Church of Holland
First United Methodist Church of Holland
Grace Episcopal Church of Holland
Hope Church
Madison Square Christian Reformed Church
North Holland Church RCWM

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Peace Lutheran Church
Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church
Rose Park Reformed Church
St. Francis de Sales Church
Third Reformed Church
United Methodist Church of Fruitport
Zion Lutheran Church

EDUCATION & GOVERNMENT

Black River Public School
City of Grand Haven
Coopersville Area Public Schools
County of Allegan
County of Kent
County of Ottawa, Treasurer
Douglas Elementary
Eagle Crest Charter Academy
Grand Haven Area Public Schools
Grand Valley State University, Women's Center
Griffin School
Holland Christian High School
Hope College
Hudsonville Public Schools
Jenison Public Schools
Lakewood Elementary School
Lincoln Elementary
Spring Lake Public Schools
West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academic
West Ottawa Public Schools

BUSINESSES

AAA Michigan
Alferi Family Chiropractic
Alliance Medical Services, Inc.
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Anonymous
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Grand Haven Bank
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Center for Women in Transition—Statement of Financials (Sept. 30, 2008 with Comparative Totals for 2007)

	Temporarily		2008	2007		Temporarily		2008	2007
	Unrestricted	Restricted				Unrestricted	Restricted		
ASSETS									
CURRENT ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 422,421	203,329	625,750	595,551					
Grants receivable	197,553	31,290	228,843	302,710					
Promises to give		67,549	67,549	65,391					
Interest receivable	1,849		1,849	3,741					
Client rent receivable	1,420		1,420	9,731					
Other receivables	37,796		37,796	7,317					
Prepaid expenses	27,696		27,696	18,657					
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 688,735	302,168	990,903	1,003,098					
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT									
Land	\$ 557,743		557,743	557,743					
Buildings	810,293		810,293	810,293					
Land & building improvements	1,832,146		1,832,146	1,832,146					
Office furniture & equipment	446,038		446,038	448,766					
Transportation equipment	66,352		66,352	66,352					
	3,712,572		3,712,572	3,715,300					
Less accumulated depreciation	(887,723)		(887,723)	(779,810)					
NET PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,824,849		2,824,849	2,935,490					
OTHER ASSETS									
Beneficial interest in assets held at Community Foundations	\$ 23,922		23,922	27,493					
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,537,506	302,168	3,839,674	3,966,081					
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS									
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	\$ 105,383		105,383	82,042					
Accrued wages and vacation pay	73,534		73,534	62,288					
Accrued payroll taxes	10,342		10,342	11,226					
Accrued retirement plan	7,494		7,494	9,106					
Current portion of long-term liabilities	2,778		2,778	1,529					
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 199,531		199,531	166,191					
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES									
Bank mortgage payable	\$ 92,967		92,967	94,200					
MSHDA mortgages payable	111,100		111,100	111,100					
Less current portion shown above	(2,778)		(2,778)	(1,529)					
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$ 201,289		201,289	203,771					
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 400,820		400,820	369,962					

	Temporarily		2008	2007
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted	\$ 3,112,708		3,112,708	3,317,003
Board designated funds	23,978		23,978	
Temporarily restricted		302,168	302,168	279,116
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,136,686	302,168	3,438,854	3,596,119
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
	\$ 3,537,506	302,168	3,839,674	3,966,081
REVENUES, GAINS, AND SUPPORT				
Grants—governmental agencies				
	\$ 1,213,339	12,500	1,225,839	1,300,794
Other grants	93,739	92,732	186,471	169,666
Contributions	342,108	10,000	352,108	289,772
United Way		133,257	133,257	135,784
Donated services, materials, & facilities			78,681	70,574
Transitional Housing Program	12,766		12,766	43,903
Counseling & service fees	2,668	11,321	13,989	21,124
Girls on the Run registrations	122,274		122,274	88,043
Miscellaneous	26,518		26,518	32,165
Special events	122,157		122,157	98,192
Consignment sales		130	130	187
Building rent	23,672		23,672	21,270
Investment income	21,711		21,711	32,385
Capital campaign				1,808
Net assets released from restrictions	236,758	(236,758)		
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, & SUPPORT	\$ 2,296,521	23,052	2,319,573	2,305,667
EXPENSES				
Program	\$ 2,077,896		2,077,896	2,209,829
Management & general	225,375		225,375	144,057
Fundraising	173,567		173,567	94,220
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,476,838		2,476,838	2,448,106
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (180,317)	23,052	(157,265)	(142,439)
NET ASSETS, Oct. 1	\$ 3,317,003	279,116	3,596,119	3,738,558
NET ASSETS, Sept. 30	\$ 3,136,686	302,168	3,438,854	3,596,119

Your Donation Will Help Support Vital Programs and Services

Ways to give

In addition to cash donations, securities, personal property, and real estate, we accept these other forms of donations:

Bequest

A bequest in your will of property and/or assets is a caring way to advance our mission here at Center for Women in Transition. It gives you the ability to make a significant donation to a cause about which you feel passionate. In addition to being a legacy, your bequest can offer potential tax advan-

Life insurance

As you plan for your future, you can help us provide vital support, professional guidance and opportunities for women escaping violence; consider naming Center for Women in Transition as the irrevocable beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Charitable gift annuity

In collaboration with area Community Foundations, we offer income for life and a reduction in taxes from a charitable donation. If you're interested in giving through

For more information about how to pursue making these types of donations contact our charitable giving experts:

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tages of reduced income and capital gains taxes, and charitable estate tax deductions.

Memorials

Honor a loved one by donating \$100, \$250, or \$1,000 for an engraved brick to be placed around the garden at the entrance to our Holland office. We call this program *Brick by Brick to Build a New Life*.

We accept memorial donations in all amounts. On receiving your gift, we will mail acknowledgments to the family members or friends you've chosen to honor.

your Community Foundation, contact the Center to begin a discussion.

Individual retirement account

The IRA you've already established can benefit the Center as well as reducing your and your heirs' estate and income taxes. Designate Center for Women in Transition as the beneficiary of some portion of your IRA or 401K.

Non-profit organization

Center for Women in Transition is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization.



Gifts that give...

- \$25** covers the cost of one hour of counseling
- \$100** provides enough food and shelter to help one family for one day
- \$120** pays for a scholarship for one girl to participate in Girls on the Run® or Girls On Track
- \$250** helps fund 100 hours of crisis line operation
- \$600** provides housing assistance for a family for an entire month

Center for Women in Transition appreciates every donation and every donor, because we know you give in a spirit of compassion and trust.



1 in 4

WOMEN EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC ABUSE
OR VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME

“Domestic violence isn’t an issue of men against women or women against men; It’s about violence versus peace. It’s attempting to control someone instead of respecting and valuing them as a person.”

Holly Seymour
Residential Program Manager

“Volunteering at the Center has been an eye-opening experience. Volunteers and staff are extremely dedicated and project a contagious attitude of truly loving what they do. I’m honored to be involved with this place of healing.”

Katie VanFaasen
Volunteer

“Our volunteers make a significant difference through their commitment to the agency and they are helping to create communities which are safe and violence free.”

Sherry Martens
Volunteer Coordinator





Advocacy Empowerment Wheel

Developed by the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence and distributed by the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Center for Women in Transition employs the *empowerment through advocacy philosophy* to create a safe environment where families can heal. We encourage clients to make their own decisions about their lives. At our emergency shelter, residents choose what to cook for dinner, when to put their kids to bed, and how to structure their day.

“**We continuously hear our clients say that they never thought they would find themselves in a domestic violence relationship. Support groups are crucial to helping domestic and sexual assault survivors understand that they are not alone and more importantly; they are not to blame for the abuse.**”

Beth Larsen
Supportive Services Manager



Our Girls on the Run® program is the fourth largest in the country. The curriculum combines training for a 5K running event with healthy living education, life skills, mentoring relationships and physical training to educate and prepare girls in grades three through eight for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.



DELTA Project of Ottawa County is a collaborative program of the Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (LAASDV) and Center for Women in Transition. The Project is dedicated to working with local communities, schools, faith leaders, parents, youth, men, and boys as allies to prevent domestic violence before it happens. In the fifth year (2007-08) a total of 2,520 participants attended DELTA prevention activities. “Healthy Relationships: Treating Your Partner with Equality and Respect,” one of our prevention programs against dating violence, reached more than 1,400 high school teens.



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