I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report of The Women’s Center, Inc. of Columbia and Montour counties for fiscal year 2016/2017.

Past versions of the annual report have followed a standard calendar year. This publication marks the first time the annual report has been presented following the July through June fiscal year format.

Fundraising activity, grant periods, and service statistics are all conducted, collected and tracked according to a fiscal year. It is our hope that formatting our annual report this way will help the community identify connections between funding, services and accomplishments in a clear and concise way.

The accomplishments you will find herein are the culmination of the hard work, dedication and tireless determination of our staff, volunteers, and you, our friends in the community.

As always, we are heartened and encouraged by your continued support of the mission of The Women’s Center and the well-being of victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Zabrina Finn
Executive Director

Hosted our interactive #Selfies4SaferTeens photo booth that was scheduled at six school districts and reached over 350 students throughout Columbia and Montour Counties for Teen Dating Awareness and Prevention Month.

Hosted our 42nd anniversary luncheon recognizing 38 professionals and community members for their outstanding contributions in response to domestic and sexual violence in Columbia and Montour counties.

Continued our role as a pilot program for the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP) that in its first year cleared or deferred $58,000 of utility debt, handled 124 cases for 72 individuals, and restored or preserved 58 utility accounts.

Hosted our Annual Participant Party with staff and 22 volunteers serving 26 participants and their children. Every child was also presented with a gift and a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Hosted summer Gateways program with 10 children enrolled. The children enjoyed field trips to the Town Pool and Park, Knoebels Grove Amusement Park, Rohrbach’s, Bloomsburg Police Department, Children’s Museum, Bloomsburg Library and Box of Light Studios. The children learned about Safety, Making Healthy Choices, Emotions, Language, Communication, and Expressing Yourself.

Raised $226.34 through our 2016 Annual Giving Campaign.

Purchase of grocery gift cards available on website at www.thewomenscenterinc.org. Weis and Giant gift card fundraiser raising nearly $295 in donations.

Raised $5,872.99 through e-bay store selling under the name “peaceineveryhome.”

Raised nearly $25,540.48 in total donations.

Partnered with Columbia County Housing Authority to provide transitional housing to 1 woman and 2 children though our Bridge Housing program.

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Launched a Father’s Day Campaign billboard and social media campaign that discussed the importance of healthy masculinity and 16 fathers throughout Columbia and Montour Counties.

Clean audit with absolutely no findings for the 15th consecutive year.

Volunteers donated 2,822.03 volunteer hours to the mission of The Women’s Center, Inc. Valued at the volunteer minimum wage of $8.65 per hour this represents nearly $24,410.56 of salary donation!

Hosted several successful events at Shelter including: Mani’s and Mimosas, which was a pampering event that included mocktails for mothers. A free Holiday photo shoot for parents and children along with free prints of the photos. A free cooking class offered by Pampered Chef consultant, Shelly Tyson and yoga and meditation workshops offered by Vanessa Whitfield and Taylor Teichman.

Participated in the Allstate Foundation’s Purple Purse Campaign that raised over $2,500!

Held an Open House at our Administration building for community members and volunteers to celebrate the close of the Purple Purse Campaign.

Participated in numerous Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign’s including: collaborating with the Bloomsburg University’s Women’s Resource Center and participating in their Clothesline Project, hosting a gallery exhibit along with the Moose Exchange in Bloomsburg, which featured client artwork, organizing a Change the Culture Open House at Grove Presbyterian Church in Danville where a Rose Bush was planted in honor of Will Russell, an advocate in the fight to end sexual assault.

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1,619 participants
- Domestic Violence
  - Adults: 783
  - Children: 255
  - Significant Others: 134
- Sexual Assault
  - Adults: 182
  - Children: 156
  - Significant Others: 109

5,757.65 counseling hours
- Domestic Violence: 4,335.16
- Sexual Assault: 1,422.49

2,185 shelter days
- Adults: 1,148
- Children: 1,037

121 protection from abuse petitions
- Columbia: 89
- Montour: 32

2,822.03 volunteer hours
- Direct Service Hrs: 471.84
- Indirect Service Hrs: 2350.19

1,732 hotline calls
- Domestic Violence: 1,534
- Sexual Assault: 198

28,989 served by community outreach
- Columbia County
  - Community Programs: 205
  - Professionals: 202
  - Schools: 411
- Montour County
  - Community Programs: 49
  - Professionals: 119
  - Schools: 123

$ 938,137 expenses
- Program Service: $ 747,193
- Management and General: $ 188,097
- Fundraising: $ 2,847

$ 921,241 revenue
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence: $ 473,464
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape: $ 151,882
- Other Government Funding: $ 204,510
- Local Support: $ 85,469
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