At DVRC we believe relationships should be safe. No one should be controlled by or afraid of someone they love.

To that end, we work with communities to become intolerant of relationship and sexual abuse.

To that end, we can help someone escape relationship abuse and re-start their life.

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What would our county look like if we, as a community, could eradicate intimate partner violence and sexual assault? This is an unprecedented goal and yet it is the vision of Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County (DVRC). As members of this community, the Board of Directors and staff take seriously the mission of this organization so that some day we will see this vision come to fruition. Creating a strategic plan in 2010 took the agency one step closer to that end. Implementation of the plan has set us into uncharted territory.

As you will see from the annual report, this past year has been very successful for DVRC yet there is plenty of exciting work ahead. The agency will see its 30th anniversary and with that, many plans for the future. While we will never lose sight of helping families and individuals in crisis (providing shelter, legal advocacy, counseling and a safe haven), we also turn our sights to reaching more people within the growing population of Saratoga County. DVRC’s prevention, education, awareness and mobilization programs will continue to foster a community that understands that violence does exist here in our county, and we will work strategically to provide the support and tools to help end such violence.

As the newly appointed President of DVRC, I look forward to partnering with the leadership of the agency and involved community members to attain the goals and vision for a violence-free future.

Sincerely Yours,

Kristine Reynolds
President, Board of Directors

“To everyone at DVRC dealing with the unthinkable and doing the impossible on behalf of everyone who has walked through your doors – you bring hope, the awakening of dreams and the ability to understand that everyone deserves to be and feel safe. Thank you.”
Theresa Skaine, Past President

In some ways, an organization’s strength can be measured by its capacity to respond effectively and adapt well to change. 2011 was a transformative year for DVRC of Saratoga County and I had the privilege to witness, from the vantage point of board president, how the agency has responded with flexibility, creativity, and resourcefulness. Faced with additional governmental funding cuts, the staff, partners and supporters of DVRC were once again crucial to the survival of both the traditionally offered services and the newer, more proactive programs intended to educate and motivate our communities.

In my 2011 letter, I promised that the seeds of our Strategic Plan would be in place and I am proud to announce that we have successfully commenced implementation of the Plan. Our strategic initiatives are pointing us in the direction of enhanced community awareness and education to all age groups, highlighted last year by the Ballston Spa downtown area Community Alliance and the Pooch Parade held in October in Congress Park. As a board, we have sought and recruited several new members who continue to strengthen our effectiveness by enhancing the overall skill set of the board. And we successfully completed the framework necessary to implement a fund development plan, which will assist us with facing the economic challenges that will continue throughout the coming year. Through all of this change, our staff and volunteers have continued their high quality service to clients in shelter and other housing programs, in providing legal advocacy through our court systems and in providing financial literacy programs and counseling.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I extend our deepest appreciation to the volunteers, partners and champions of DVRC of Saratoga County for their dedication, creativity and support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Theresa Skaine

“You helped me realize that my past doesn’t have to be my future.”

Theresa Skaine

Financials

2011 Budget $948,746
Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County (DVRC) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through intervention, safety, healing and justice. The agency provides free, confidential, and non-judgmental services to victims of domestic and sexual abuse; it is the sole licensed domestic violence support provider in the County.

Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County has been working to improve the lives of individuals in this community for over a quarter of a century. The agency began in the late 1970s as two separate entities providing hotline services to victims. The two organizations joined forces in 1992 to become DVRC and have been adding services ever since to meet the growing needs of Saratoga County. The staff of 14 full-time and 4 part-time employees offers:

- **24-hour Hotlines** – domestic violence and rape crisis hotlines available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- **Shelter** – a comfortable and safe home for women and their children with immediate safety concerns
- **Safe Pet Partnership** – care for pets who need to be temporarily housed while a family is in transition
- **Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program** – performed by specially trained nurses to gather evidence which may be used in prosecution
- **Individual Case Management** – links with community services and resources; accompaniment to important meetings/appearances; assistance with establishing financial independence
- **Counseling and Crisis Intervention** – issue oriented, individual counseling for victims of domestic and sexual violence
- **Support Groups for Adults and Youth** – support and education groups for adults and children
- **Children's Services** – individual and group counseling for children
- **Legal Advocacy** – assistance through the legal system - with family court petitions, criminal court, and police agencies
- **Legal Clinic** – free and private consultation with an attorney
- **Crime Victims Compensation Claims** – assistance with NYS Office of Victim Services, Crime Victims Board compensation claims
- **Project Hope and Power Financial Literacy Program for Women** – an 8 week education and mentoring program designed to give women the skills they need to become financially secure and independent
- **New View Housing Program** – permanent supportive and transitional housing to healing families who would otherwise be homeless
- **Prevention and Education Programs** – education and outreach to schools, community, and professional organizations; community mobilization activities and campaigns

“I was afraid, directionless, lost. With the help of DVRC I am now making my way with my head held high.”

Clothesline Project
DVRC BECAUSE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County operations and client service. In 2011, seventy-five volunteers provided 3,500 hours of service, saving the agency over $28,000. But it’s not just a financial benefit. Without volunteers Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County could not possibly provide the 24/7 x 365 services it does today.

DVRC is grateful for the abundant support it receives from its many volunteers: 10 provide legal counsel, 25 staff the hotline, and another 5 help with events, outreach, and office work. Thirty-five Soroptimist members work with DVRC staff to facilitate and provide child care for the Hope and Power workshops. Another 30 households renewed their volunteer commitment to foster a pet for a family in shelter.

“I volunteer for DVRC because I want to provide emotional support to victims; I want victims to know that there are people in the community to support them in reclaiming their lives.”

Donors, Partners and Funders

The agency is fortunate to enjoy many local business, state and federal agency partners, and donors helping us in our mission to end domestic and sexual violence. In 2011 the agency received almost 500 financial and in-kind grants and gifts. As well, many organizations hosted events in support of the mission and those served by DVRC.

From recycled cell phones to beautifully handmade quilts and blankets, from winter-wear to food, from bus passes to department store gift cards and hundreds of Baskets (and Backpacks) of Hope, DVRC and those it serves are enveloped in community support. The Board and staff are tremendously grateful for the abundant outpouring of financial and in-kind support of the community.
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Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
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Bill and Pat Edwards
Eighty Twenty Consignment Boutique

"I’m not sure there are words to express exactly how thankful I am for DVRC’s services and the very generous people who give donations to help others in need. I can honestly say that without this help I would not be where I am today."

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Ms. Michele Riggi
Saratoga Springs Rotary Club
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Skidmore Cares

"We are so blessed by you and all the people who donated toys, clothes, and gifts – you’ve given us a Christmas we couldn’t possibly have had on our own."
“I didn’t know I belonged here – but I do. DVRC gave definition and clarity to what I was experiencing; it was an amazing revelation. And now - seeing my experience as it is has given me the understanding and skills to have a mutually respectful and fulfilling relationship.”

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The Bright Red Bookshelf Project
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Ms. Susan Axelrod
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Ms. Pearl Baker
“My daughter (11), although she doesn’t know it yet, will have a wonderful birthday solely because of DVRC’s very generous donors. Thanks for making her day so special!”

Banana Republic Wilton Mall
Bath and Body Works Wilton Mall
Ms. Joan Beaudoin
Ms. Beverly Benfer
Ms. Debora Berger
Binx Baby
Ms. Kerri Bishop
Ms. Joan Bleikamp
Paul and Jane Bouchard
The Bread Basket Bakery
Bridging People and Places
Broadway Kettle Korn
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Girl Scout Troop 3112
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Ms. Nancy Hess
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Victoria’s Secret Aviation Mall
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The Williams Center
Wilton Kiwanis
Ms. Jeanne Winters
Ms. Kathleen Woelfersheim
Women’s Republican Club of Saratoga County
Ms. Barbara Wood

Teddy Bears from Bridging People and Places

“Not only did you provide me with a comfortable, safe place to stay, you gave me the courage and validation I needed to make the next step, to transition to a better life. I feel so much joy everyday knowing that I have my life back.”
DVRC CHANGING LIVES

Crisis Intervention

Crisis intervention services are those that help victims escape an abusive situation; they are the first step toward healing. Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services invites and provides immediate services to walk-in clients, provides hotlines for both domestic violence and sexual assault, a safe and confidential shelter for those fleeing abusive homes, and a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) program supporting victims of rape and sexual assault. As well, DVRC has a network of volunteer pet foster homes who provide safe environments for family pets while their owners are in shelter.

Continued poor economic conditions in 2011 impacted the level of services requested of domestic violence agencies. Calls to the Saratoga County domestic violence and sexual assault hotlines remained constant at 5-6 calls every day of the year. Requests for shelter again increased by 10%, to 593 (11-12 requests per week); since 2009 requests for shelter have increased by almost 25%. In response, DVRC provided over 2,000 bed-nights in the shelter in 2011, to 76 women and children escaping abusive homes.

While impossible to estimate the number of sexual assault incidents in 2011, DVRC provided advocacy and support to 103 victims and their loved ones. Fourteen specially trained Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiners at Saratoga Hospital provide 24/7 support to victims of sexual assault and rape. In 2011 they conducted 29 sexual assault exams.

We know pets are family too. In 2011 DVRC foster homes provided 83 bed-nights of safe shelter and loving care to 4 pets while their families were healing. While this may not seem like many, having peace of mind that their pet is safe and comfortable enables victims to focus on their own healing and is a significant contributor to client success.

“At 61 years old, a DV shelter was the last place I expected to find myself. But it’s just what I needed – the camaraderie of other guests and the support of the staff provided all that I needed to recover and start my new life. This is a very important house – it gives the community back productive families.”

Thanksgiving with the Wilton Kiwanis

24/7 HOTLINES

Domestic Violence
(518) 584-8188
Sexual Assault
(518) 587-2336

“Thank you for giving me the peace of mind that my puppy is in a loving home while I am in transition. You really allowed me to focus on my own success. And my puppy is still great – I am so relieved to see how healthy and happy he is!”
Support Services

Support Services are those that assist clients’ return to independence. At Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County these include individual case management, counseling, legal advocacy, financial literacy training, and specialized youth services.

Case Management

The case management department had a busy year, providing services to 735 guests of our safe house and non-residential clients. Case management services include employment, housing, child care, and public assistance advocacy.

In 2010 forty-six unemployed clients received job offers and went to work to support their families, 14 were promoted at their current place of employment, further increasing their financial independence.

Case management assisted 37 non-resident families to find new, permanent, violence-free homes, a 16% increase over 2010. Of our 93 shelter residents, 73 transitioned to independent, violence-free homes, a 4% increase over 2009.

New View Housing Program

New View, a DVRC program providing permanent supportive and transitional housing to families who would otherwise be homeless, housed an additional 20 adults and 27 children in 2010. This initiative not only saves Saratoga County significant funds in the effort to reduce homelessness, it also provides support services enabling families to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness and become productive contributors to their communities.

Counseling

People often need a confidential and supportive environment to discuss their situation and explore their options. In 2011 five hundred victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault received issue oriented individual counseling enabling them to heal and transition to a life free from fear and violence.

“I have learned to be independent as an individual and comfortable in my own skin. DVRC is a safe place for me to learn and grow confidence in myself. Today I can be a much better role model for my son and daughter.”

“I feel refreshed and new again. I just needed to start over and that’s exactly what you helped me do. I am looking forward to my future – this time with hope and confidence.”

“I had nothing before I came here. Now I know that I count…. I matter.”

Saratoga Rowing Association don their purple

BH-BL Women’s Club Gifts
Legal Advocacy

Legal advocates educate victims and families about the criminal justice processes, provide support and advocacy to clients, and assist victims navigating the legal system. They help prepare family court petitions and accompany clients to court, police agencies, and the district attorney’s offices. They also provide education to clients who are considering obtaining, modifying, or dropping an Order of Protection.

In 2011, DVRC legal advocates helped 136 clients. As part of their support, they assisted clients with 116 petitions for orders of protection, temporary custody or temporary support, a 31% increase over 2010.

In addition to the services provided by staff legal advocates, DVRC offers monthly legal clinics at which attorneys from the community are available for questions free of charge to clients. Fifty-three clients received professional legal counsel in 2011.

Project Hope & Power Financial Literacy Program for Women

2011 was a tremendous year for Project Hope and Power, an education and mentoring program designed to give women the skills they need to increase their independence through financial empowerment. The program is offered out of a partnership between Soroptimist International of Saratoga County and Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services, and has been helping women reach financial independence since the fall of 2005. The eight week training program is offered 3 times each year. To date 238 students have enrolled; 191 have completed the program. The bottom line - these 191 women and their families have acquired and practiced the skills and knowledge needed for them to become financially independent and stable.

“We want a hands-on project where we are providing direct help to real people. Hope and Power is that project. It is thrilling to see the change that takes place among the class members from the first to last session, from feeling helpless and alone to understanding that they are not alone and are empowered to change their lives. It may be a small change, such as developing a budget, or it can be huge, like starting the path to a professional career. There is even a physical visual change that occurs – from slumped shoulders and hanging head to a facial vibrancy that says ‘I can do it.’ It is this transformation that keeps me engaged, and I am grateful to the Hope and Power women who inspire me with their fortitude and grit.” Soroptimist member

“I finally left in 2008. I went to the shelter, then into the housing program, and am proud to say that today I am successfully maintaining my own apartment. I even purchased a car! In the Hope and Power program I learned how to stay out of debt and pay my bills; I learned how to get and keep a job. I am independent today because of DVRC and Hope and Power.”

“I thought I was doing well enough on my own, but I really needed that one extra step to get ahead. I learned how to budget my money, keep a job, and did it all. I have saved up enough money that I feel confident about moving on. I’m finally free.”

“Saratoga DV staff and services have been there in the most difficult times throughout my ordeal, in every way imaginable. Their expertise and caring support is wonderful.”

Color Me Purple Yoga in Congress Park
Prevention Education, Community Mobilization, and Outreach

2011 will be remembered as the year the Community Allies program really took off. With the goal of helping all members of the Ballston Spa community understand, identify, and address abusive behaviors, the group surveyed the community and put programs and events into place addressing the most pressing concerns. They started an outreach program for children in grades K-7 to learn about self-esteem, promote positive character development end encourage ‘ally’ behaviors. The Allies, including over 70 students, ran a poster campaign and marched through Ballston Spa protesting bullying. At their concluding rally they addressed community leaders including the Saratoga County District Attorney, the Superintendent of the Ballston Spa School District and the Mayor of Ballston Spa. It was a tremendous (and well-publicized) event for the whole community.

Once again, Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County was a leader in the NY State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence campaign to raise awareness of domestic violence through its Color Me Purple initiative. Ninety-five businesses and local organizations donned their purple, distributed information, hosted events (Zumba anyone?), and displayed the “Help Bring DV out of the Shadows” silhouettes, all to raise issue awareness and awareness of services to assist victims.

In 2011 DVRC led hundreds of workshops with over 2,500 elementary, middle and high school students in several school districts throughout Saratoga County. For students in grades 3-12, DVRC led workshops on bullying, sexual harassment, date rape, and healthy relationships. In addition, D3, a series of workshops teaching financial basics was given to kids at the Captain Youth Shelter, Saratoga Springs High School and South Glens Falls High School. As well, elementary school students at Division Street School in Saratoga Springs met with the DVRC youth counselor (the Lunch Bunch!) to develop their social skills, especially around topics including bullying, self-image, gossiping, and healthy relationships.

“Bullying is anything that hurts somebody’s feelings either mentally or physically... I try to intervene but there are people that are called bystanders that just sit there because they are not sure what to do.” 11-year-old activist

“Prevention education conducted by groups such as DVRC help teenagers build confidence in themselves. Through programs such as Dimes, Dollars, and Dreams (D3), students learn to set individual goals, construct resumes and approach job applications and interviews in a confident manner. They also learn about budgeting and money management. As adults, these skills will help them avoid relationships with controlling and abusive partners.”  

Lyn Whaley, Principal SSHS
As I was pondering how to describe DVRC’s impact, I came across a note from a former client (below). I realized her words were far more eloquent in describing our mission than I could ever be. While I would say that DVRC’s purpose is to provide the support needed to transform lives, she paints the picture of why this is so important. My words wither in comparison to hers.

But I do have one thing to add... the vision for tomorrow. For over a quarter of a century, we’ve helped victims; our dream for tomorrow is a community where no one lives with such fear and desperation as she describes. So that is our new focus; creating community level change to end domestic abuse and sexual violence. It’s an attainable goal, but we need your help. You ask, “How can I help?”

- Your donations can help us launch new programs to involve communities in creating change, and
- Take a stand. Talk to your friends, family and co-workers about these issues. Help us bring domestic abuse and sexual violence out of the shadows.

“For many years I hid in my own home – isolated and depressed. I lived in a secluded area of the County, hundreds of miles from friends and relatives. To avoid my husband’s outrages I hid in the back bedroom of my house. I was lost and alone. Today I am able to function as a valued member of society, manage my finances, mentally focus on my job, better understand the legal system and live safely on my own. I remain forever grateful and owe my life to the support of the DVRC team.”

You can help!

- $10,000 makes available 24/7 crisis intervention including hotline, shelter, and hospital response for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- $5,000 provides financial literacy and employment assistance through Project Hope and Power. We ‘graduate’ over 45 women each year.
- $2,500 teaches skills for internet safety, healthy relationships, and dealing with bullying to 100 youth. In 2011 we reached 2,300 teens.
- $1,000 funds a campaign to make people aware of our services so victims can get help.
- $750 pays for a security deposit so a family can restart their lives free from fear. We help 50 families find new homes each year.
- $500 keeps pets from being abused and allows their families to get to safety through our Safe Pet Partnership.
- $200 provides childcare until a domestic violence victim gets their first paycheck.
- $50 pays for a prescription medication the victim had to leave behind.
- $25 helps a family that has just left abuse with basic needs: food, diapers, and clothing.

You can give a gift to Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County by cash, check, or charge, or set up a one-time or recurring donation online through NYCharities. Thank you very much for your support.

Leave a Legacy of Safety

One of the simplest ways to provide an enduring gift of support to Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County is through your estate plan. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate. For more information, call Maggie Fronk, Executive Director.