

#### Dear Network:

2020 was a challenging year for all of us. COVID-19 reared its ugly head in March, quickly followed by shutdowns, isolations and quarantining. While the future looked uncertain in early spring, DVN quickly pivoted to online trainings and meetings, thus continuing the much needed work for domestic violence intervention and prevention. DVN was able to train 1.894 adults in the virtual format in 2020.

When Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) saw an increase of 125% of domestic violence related calls and shelters were full and at half capacity due to social distancing, DVN quickly stepped up and created the emergency hotel response. Partnering with Families First and Silent No More, DVN was able to provide funds to place over 50 families into emergency hotels while Families First and Silent No More provided crisis intervention and wrap around services to the families, proving that it takes an entire community to help domestic violence victims safely flee a relationship.

Schools were particularly uncertain in 2020, moving to e-learning in March and flipping back and forth between e-learning and hybrid learning for the fall semester of 2020. DVN worked with the schools as they did their best to accommodate our teen dating violence curriculum, recognizing that it was needed now more than ever. DVN was able to provide healthy relationship education to 777 students during 2020. Additionally, DVN launched a public awareness campaign that was created by student ambassadors from Indianapolis Public Schools. The campaign included 10 billboards in downtown Indy, the back of busses, bus interiors, social media and posters at 40 IPS schools.

In January 2020, DVN launched the 5th community wide plan: Equity. Equity explores why Black and African American Women and the LGBTQ+ communities are disproportionately affected by domestic violence and how to combat this epidemic. Despite COVID-19, task forces continued to meet, moving along goals and objectives set forth, including conversations from book clubs, social media campaigns and trainings.

In December, DVN published the State of Domestic Violence report, the first report published since 2016. The report compiled data from Central Indiana service providers and made recommendations to the community.

While the world patiently awaits the COVID-19 vaccination in 2021, DVN will continue to provide prevention and intervention trainings, task force meetings and collaboration to the community. Follow our journey on social media and through our newsletter.

Stay safe, social distance, wash your hands and wear a mask,

**Executive Director** 

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1894

Adults trained in 2020 through 88 trainings in our adult training program. We were able to reach new audiences by implementing virtual community training.



777

Youth trained in 118 days of training. With an extremely challenging year in the education space, we were able to channel our strong partnerships to make The Change Project virtual.



354

Individuals engaged in our community-wide plan, EQUITY, events. We formed new partnerships across the city as well.



**OVER 150** 

New Instagram followers after taking time to revamp our marketing and awareness plans.



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New trainings developed and added to our training menu. One covers healthy boundaries and the other covers EQUITY.



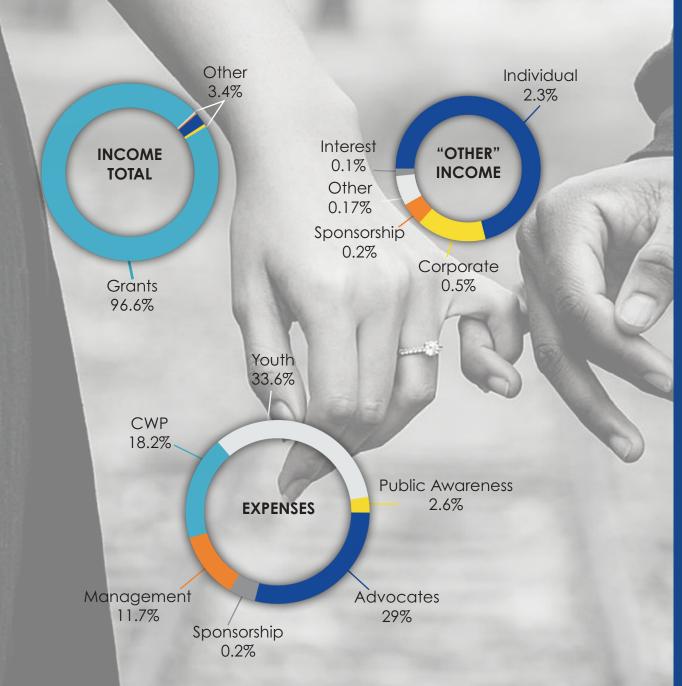
### **Hotel Fund**

In 2020, DVN responded to one of the many side effects of COVID-19. Shelters adhered to COVID-19 guidelines to keep residents safe, but this also meant they were not able to serve their normal numbers of people in need. This, combined with a 125% increase in calls to IMPD, created a need for housing for victims fleeing domestic violence. DVN created a hotel fund. With help from our partners, we used \$80,000 and were able to help 50 families, which included a food stipend.

# State of Domestic Violence Report for 2018 & 2019

DVN also released the State of Domestic Violence Report for 2018 & 2019. DVN had published this report annually in the past. This is the first iteration of the report in four years. This is the first time the report has detailed prevention in central Indiana. With DVN's work being rooted in prevention, highlighting the work being done within the organization as well as in our partnering organizations was incredibly important. It is also the first time DVN has given detailed recommendations based on the data provided in the report findings.

## **FINANCIALS 2020**



### Income:

Individual: \$21,155 Corporate: \$4,585 Grants: \$853,176 Other: \$1,507

Sponsorship: \$2,000

Interest: \$453

Total: \$882,876

### **Expenses:**

Advocates: \$254,797 Fundraising: \$41,729 Management: \$102,703 Community Wide Plan

(CWP): \$159,165 Youth: \$294,786

Public Awareness: \$23,179

Total: \$876,359

**NET PROFIT:** \$6,517

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