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OF CRIME SINCE 1972

ANNUAL REPORT
2020

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Crime Victim Center,

I am pleased to share the Crime Victim Center's Annual Report with our partners, supporters, and friends. The Annual Report reflects the many changes we have had at the Crime Victim Center in 2020. Our two biggest changes were navigating our services in the world of the COVID-19 pandemic and a change in leadership. In August 2020, I was very happy to accept the position of Executive Director and I have enjoyed re-establishing relationships with our key stakeholders, staff, volunteers, and clients.

Before my arrival, the hard-working staff of the Crime Victim Center had to move quickly in offering our services through a virtual capacity. Our advocates, counselors, and legal staff have made the adjustments needed in order to continue to serve those impacted by crime. In particular, our counseling department has seen great success with virtual counseling and we will continue to allow for this option moving forward.

In 2020, we were able to help more than 7,000 people through counseling, legal assistance, and victim advocacy. We could not have served as many as we did without the assistance of our volunteers and interns.

What has not changed you might ask? Our commitment to the community and to the clients that we serve. At CVC, we look forward to continuing our work with community partners and building more relationships with partners in order to strive for a safer tomorrow for the St. Louis Region. Thank you for your continued support!

Katie Dalton

Executive Director
Crime Victim Center



Our Staff

Katie, Executive Director
Peggy, Director of Clinical Services
Katie, Managing Attorney
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Meghan, Director of Grants & Volunteers
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Erin, Victim Advocate
Sheila, Victim Advocate
Asia, Youth Victim Advocate
Sydney, Gun Violence Response Network Advocate

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Our Volunteers

In 2020, 31 direct service volunteers, contributed over 4,472 hours of time to Crime Victim Center.

Thank you for all the hard work our board, staff, and volunteers put forth this year!

We could not accomplish our mission without you!

Departments

Counseling

Licensed counselors and social workers who provide trauma-specific interventions including person-centered therapy, complex grief counseling, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, and Hypnotherapy. Counseling is available to adult, youth over 10, and families

Community Engagement

Focus areas include special events, community awareness, and educational trainings. Upon request, Crime Victim Center will provide outreach to schools, police departments, court personnel, and other agencies. Training topics include agency assistance, victims' rights, effects of trauma, and effectively working with crime victims.

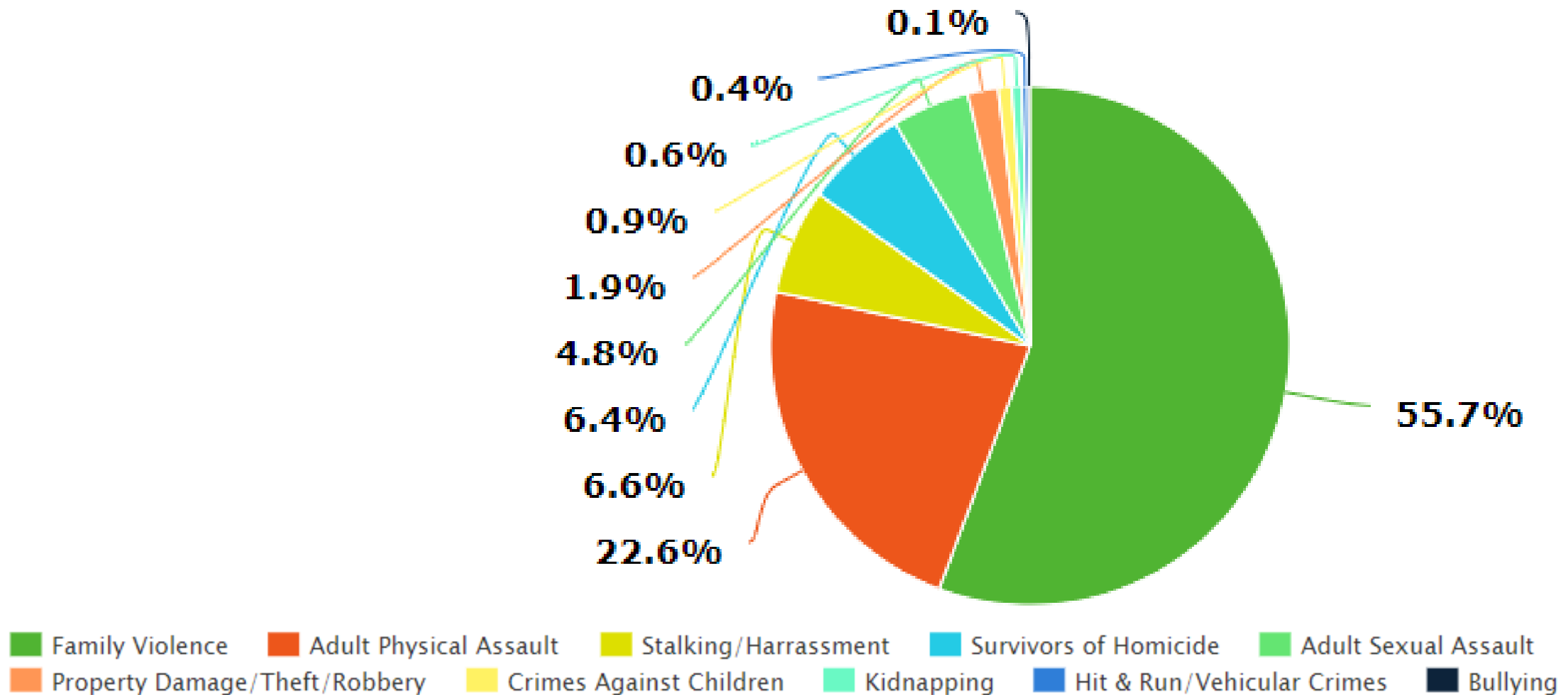
Victim Advocacy

Programs that provide crisis intervention, case management, assistance with filing court orders, help with Missouri Victims' Compensation, education on the civil/criminal justice program, and referrals. Our satellite offices within the St. Louis City and County police departments and courthouses assist victims of intimate partner violence, homicide, non-fatal gun violence, and families in crisis.

Legal Assistance

Program that addresses the needs of victims who are indigent and underserved by providing services that combine expertise in domestic violence issues, including legal advocacy, safety planning, legal referrals, and legal representation for Orders of Protection.

TYPES OF CRIME SERVED



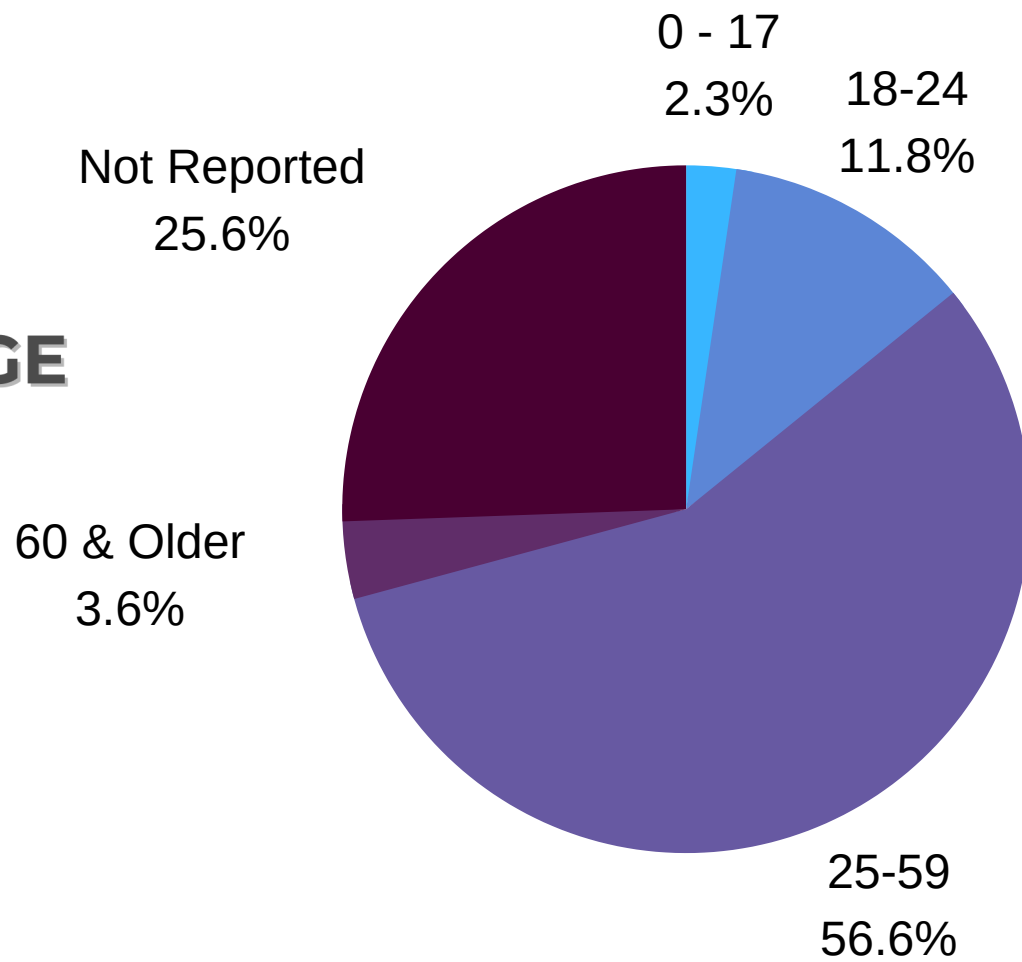
According to the numbers, virtual Counseling works!

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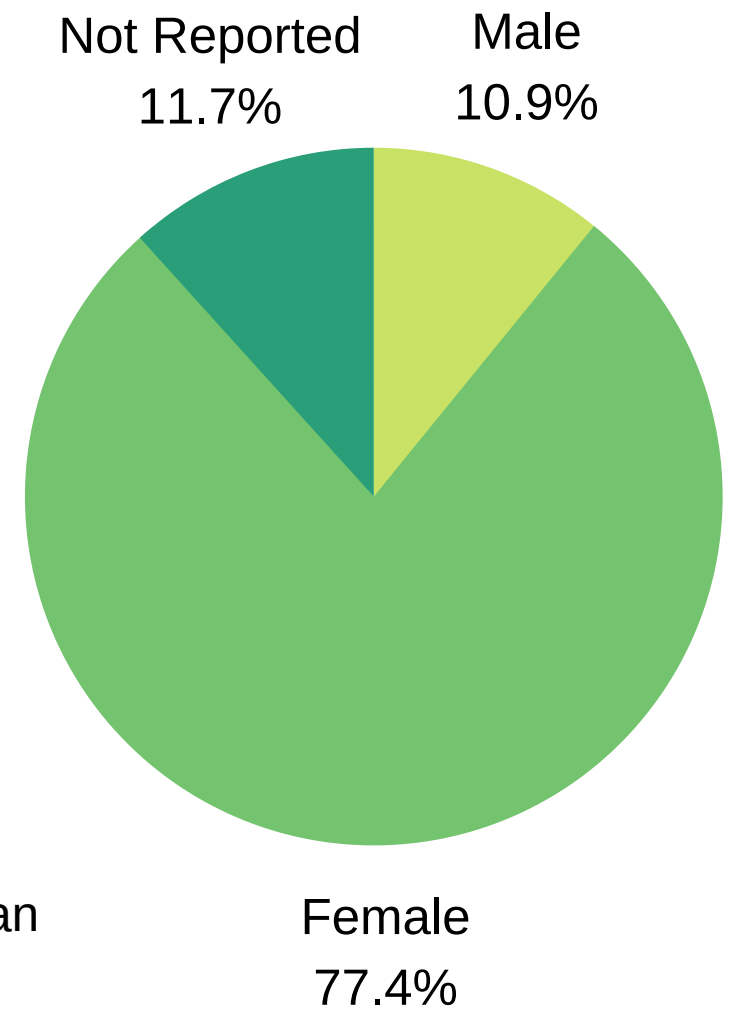
10% increase in attended appointments | 48% decrease in missed appointments | 11% decrease in cancelled appointments

Who We Serve

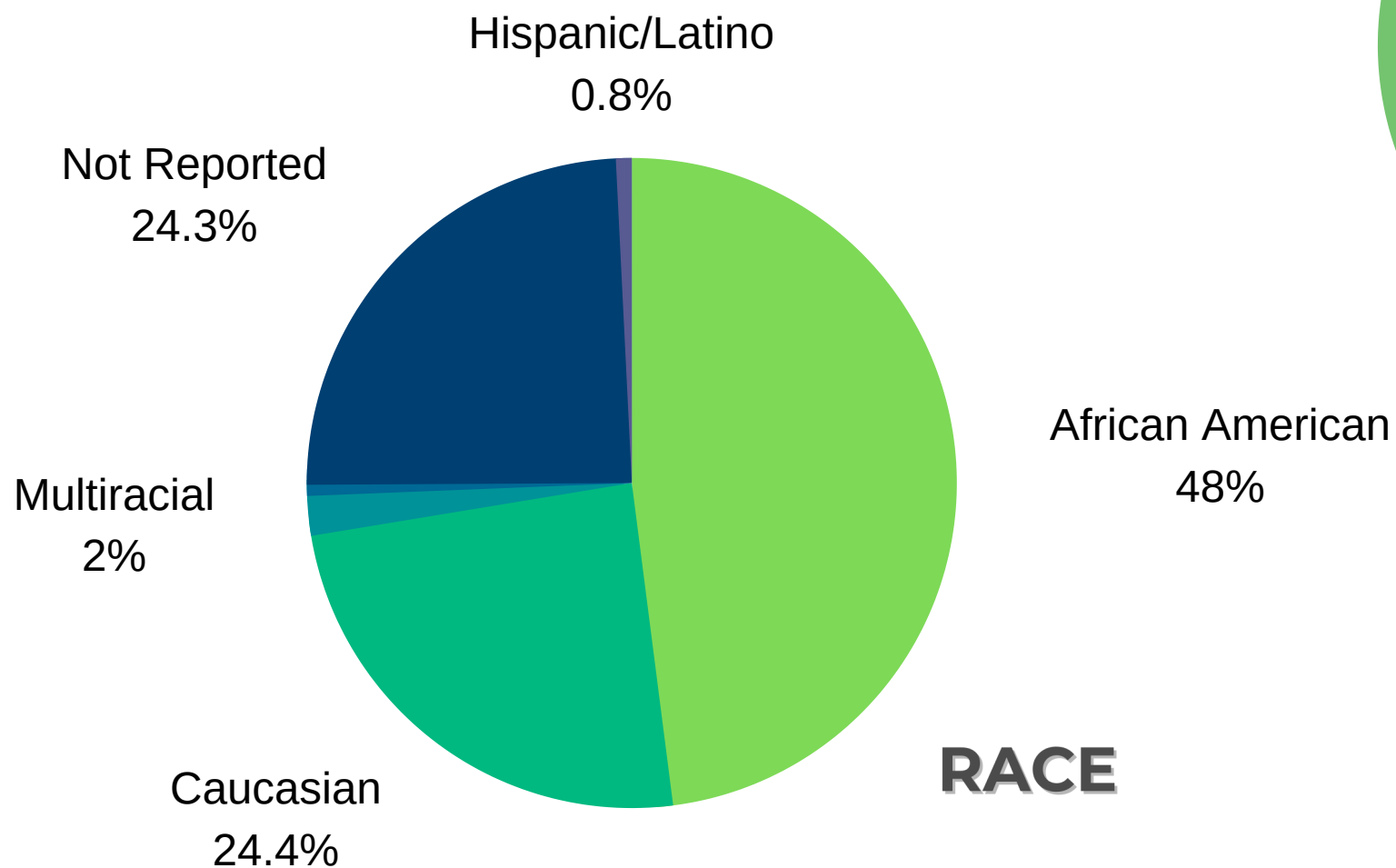
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GENDER



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Our Impact

**8,252 clients
served in
2020**

160
appearances
in court by
our Managing
Attorney

2,144 hours of
therapy
provided

638 clients
received
assistance in filing
for an Order of
Protection

576 clients
helped with
state Victims'
Compensation

1,002 clients
served through
new community
partnerships

Neighborhood
Healing
Network,

Gun
Violence
Response
Network

Bullet
Related
Injury Clinic

76 hours of
youth therapy
provided

Client Stories

Amy called the COPA City office on a Monday afternoon in a state of panic and crisis, as she was at the hospital for the third time dealing with complications from her sexual assault by her child's father earlier that month. Amy said she got our phone number from the Victim Services at the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's office with whom she was working with for the criminal charges that came as a result of the sexual assault.

Amy was disheartened, sad, and feeling frustrated because when she tried to enforce the Order of Protection she had filed after the assault, the police informed her she was not granted any temporary protections prior to her upcoming hearing. Amy expressed feelings of helplessness and suicide.

Amy gave Erin permission to talk to the social worker at the hospital about her suicidal ideations in order to ensure Amy was safe and getting the best help possible. In addition, Erin was able to get Amy connected to the Crime Victim Center Legal Help Line to discuss securing representation on her Order of Protection case, as well as a private attorney who represents victims of crime in the Criminal Justice System. Lastly, Erin connected Amy with ALIVE, a local non-profit, who was able to assist Amy with confidential shelter services.

Amy said she was feeling better and was finally discharged from the hospital three days later. Amy was also able to secure representation for her Order of Protection case and stated she was feeling more hopeful after being connected to these supports.

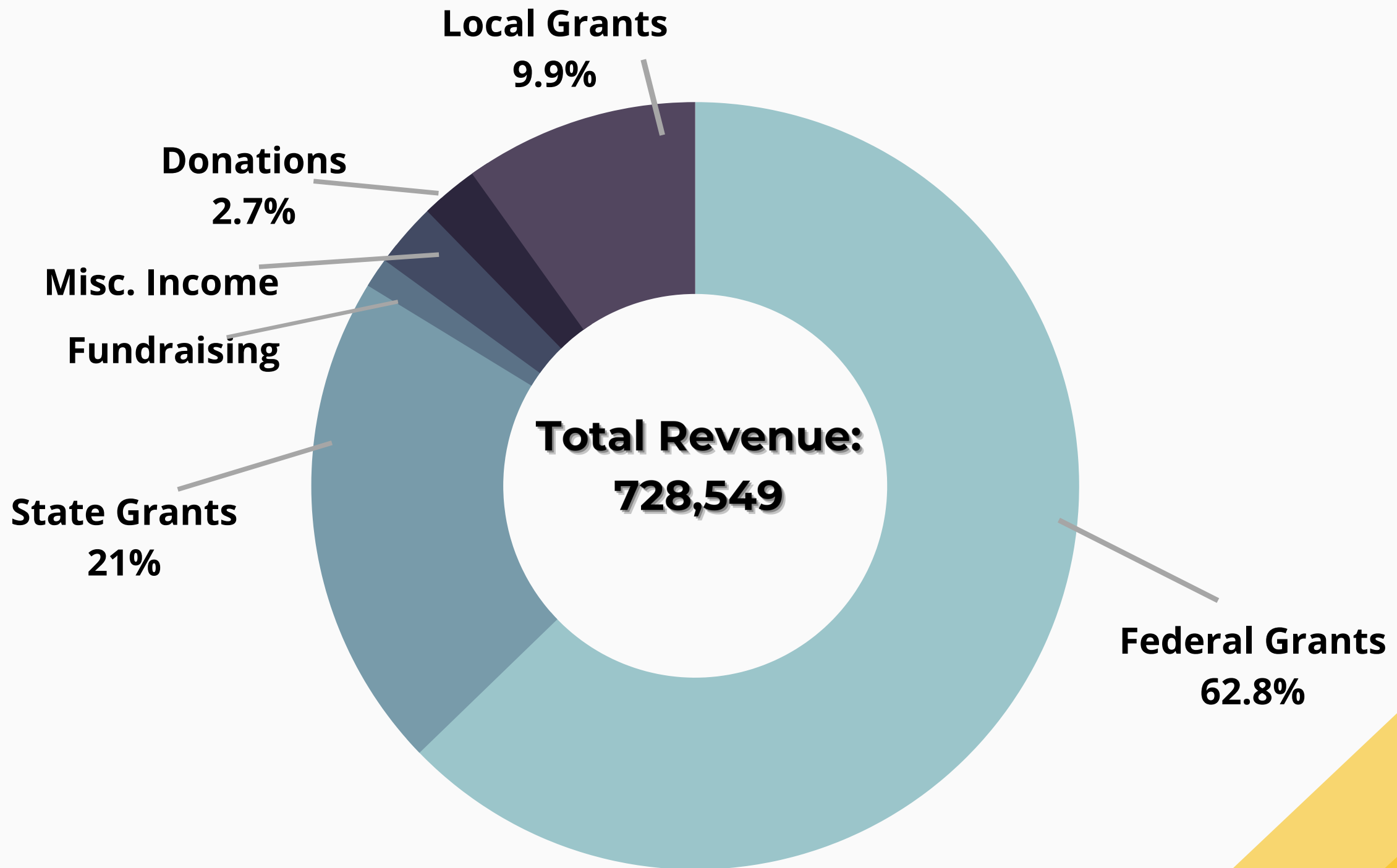
Victoria called in August of 2020 asking about the Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Program because her child was a victim of gun violence and was unfortunately murdered within one of our service areas.

Victoria had heard about our services through a friend. Our Special Victims' Advocate, Rashma, explained to Victoria that she needed the police report number from the incident in order to apply for state compensation. Victoria had no idea how to do this and was clearly in the middle of a crisis and much distress, so Rashma reached out to the respective police department and obtained the police report number for Victoria.

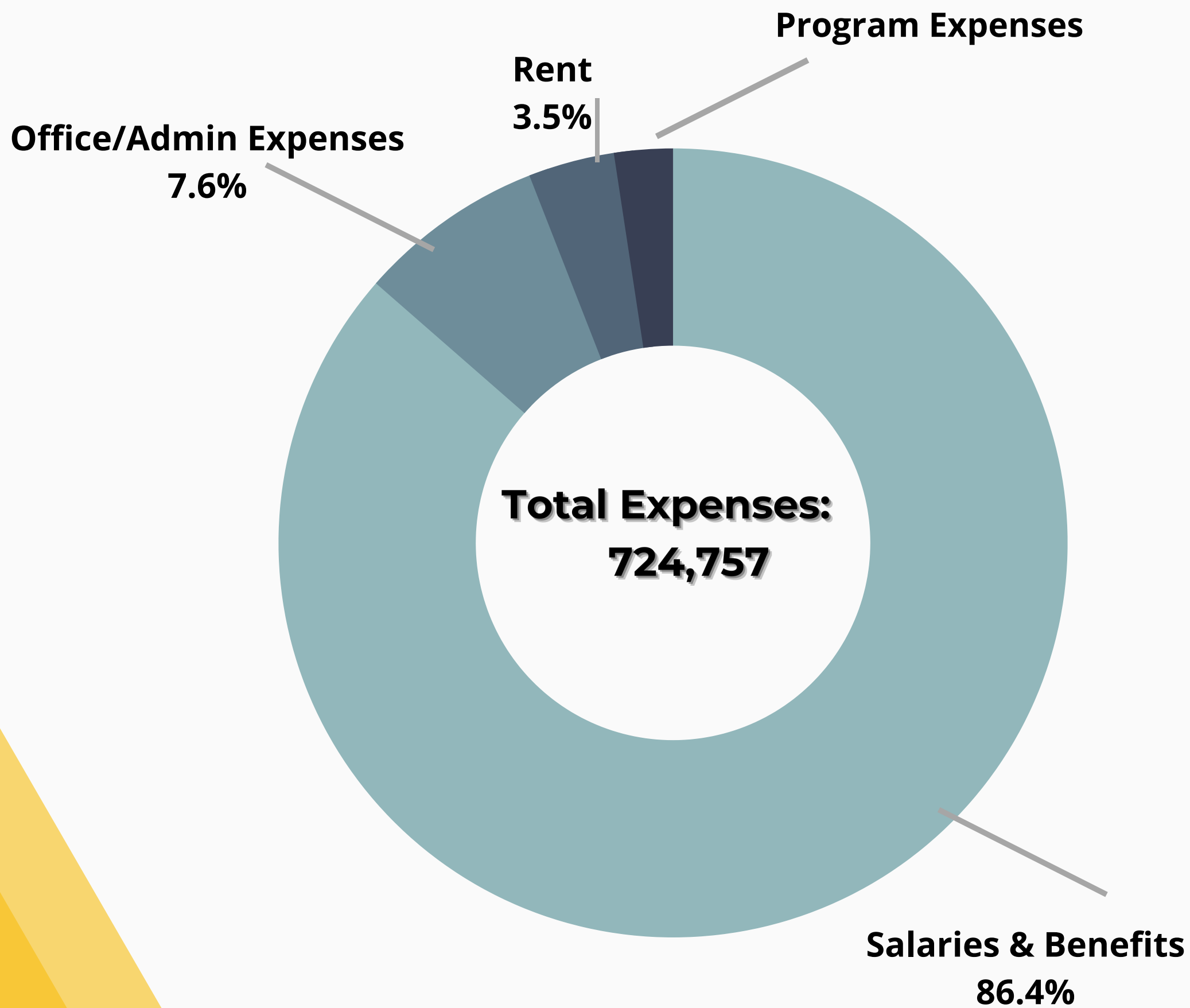
Rashma then walked Victoria through the entire Missouri Victims' Compensation application, as well as what additional documents needed to be gathered and submitted. Victoria was able to successfully file her application and three months later received compensation to assist with the funeral costs of her child.

When the final follow-up call was made, Victoria stated that her services were well met. She informed us that all follow-up calls were very much appreciated and assisted her in her journey to healing, and she confirmed that she would call if she ever needed victim advocacy assistance again. During that same final follow-up call, Victoria inquired about CVC's counseling program - Rashma informed her that she qualified for our counseling services due to being a secondary victim of crime, and then connected her with our Director of Clinical Services to schedule a counseling appointment.

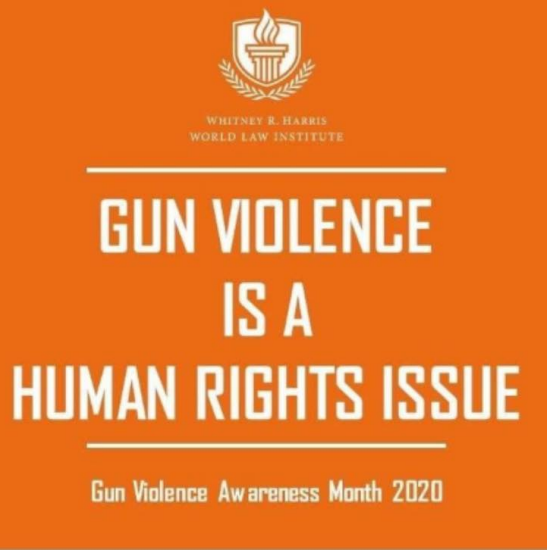
Revenue Report

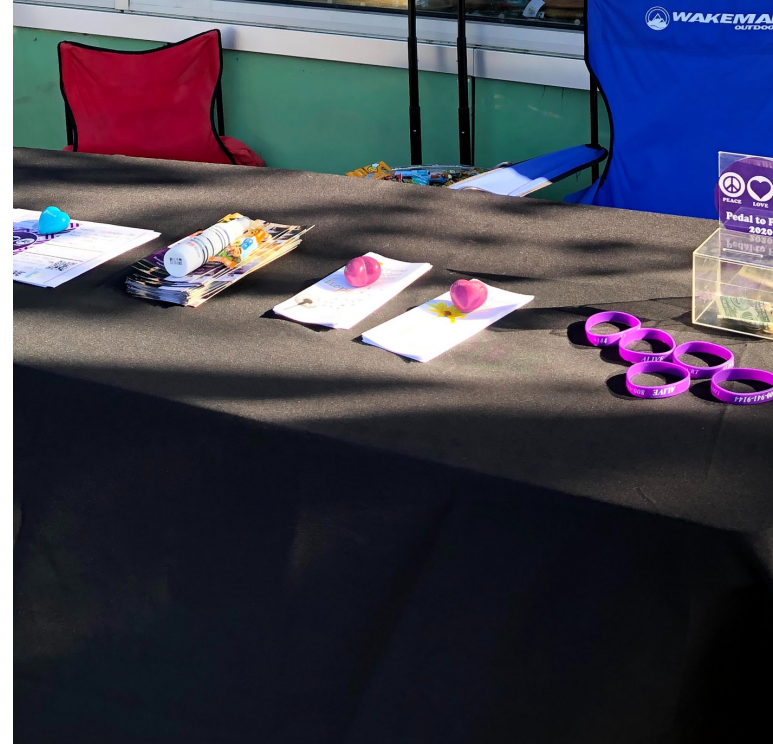


Expense Report











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Emily Anderson	Margaret Murphy	Theresa Bible
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	Meghan Miller	

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Bullet Related Injury Clinic
City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney- Victim Services Unit
City of St Louis - Department of Public Safety
City of St. Louis Department of Health Homicide, Ministers, and Community Alliance
St. Louis Court Watch Leadership
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Program
Missouri Department of Corrections Board of Probation & Parole
Missouri Department of Social Services
Missouri Victim Assistance Network
St. Louis Field Education Collaborative
National Custody Strategy Network
UMSL Campus Coordinated Response Team

Missouri Bar Family Law Remote Access Committee--Order of Protection Subgroup
Missouri Bar Association
National Alliance of Grieving Children
National Organization for Victim Assistance
Neighborhood Healing Network
St. Louis Anti-Violence Project
St. Louis City Family Violence Council
St. Louis County Family Violence Council
St. Louis Community Foundation
St. Louis County Police Department
Family Court of St. Louis County
St. Louis City Juvenile Court
St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney- Victim Services Division
St. Louis Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence Network
St. Louis Queer+ Support Helpline (SQSH)
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
St. Louis Violence Prevention Collaborative

The Crime Victim Center empowers people impacted by crime to move from crisis to resiliency, and reduces the negative impact of crime on individuals and the community.

Proud member of

**United Way
of Greater St. Louis**



The Crime Victim Center has been a proud member agency of the United Way since 1998. During this time their support has helped provide services to more than 20,000 victims. Please support the United Way so they can continue to make a difference in our community.