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**ANNUAL
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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Crime Victim Center,

Throughout 2019, the Crime Victim Center was able to deliver quality services to almost than 5,000 victims within the St. Louis area. This achievement was made possible because of the support of our many committed donors, volunteers, government funders, corporate supporters and staff, who over the year, never lost sight of our mission:

"The Crime Victim Center's mission is to empower people impacted by crime to move from crisis to resiliency, and reduce the negative impact of crime on individuals and the community".

Our dedicated staff members are fierce in fighting for the rights of victims, offering advocacy, therapy, and legal assistance as long as it is needed and always free of charge. This year we have added to our staff a counselor who specializes in youth, hired a dedicated grant manager to help us diversify our funding sources, and expanded to offering grief support groups to adults and youth who have had a loved one die due to violence.

As we enter 2020, we will continue to work diligently to help all victims of crime within our region. I know you will find great inspiration in our accomplishments outlined in the next few pages, if you would like to help us create change in the lives of victims, please feel free to contact me.

Marti Kelly
Executive Director



Our Staff

Marti, Executive Director
Kat, Counselor
Maggie, Victim Advocate
Beth, Counselor
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Hope, Director of Advocacy Programs & Victim Advocate
Taylor, Victim Advocate
Meghan, Director of Grants & Volunteers
Erin, Victim Advocate
Eldisa, Victim Advocate
Anita, Counselor
Peggy, Director of Clinical Services
Katie, Managing Attorney

Our Volunteers

In 2019, forty direct service volunteers, contributed over 5,084 hours of time to Crime Victim Center. This included a team who helped repaint our Main Office. In addition, we hired a new Director of Grants and Volunteers -- Meghan Miller! Her goals include expanding our reach, building our capacity, and diversifying funding sources.

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

We could not accomplish our mission without you!

Counseling Program

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.

Community Engagement

Special events, community awareness, and educational trainings are provided to the community. 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 working with crime victims.

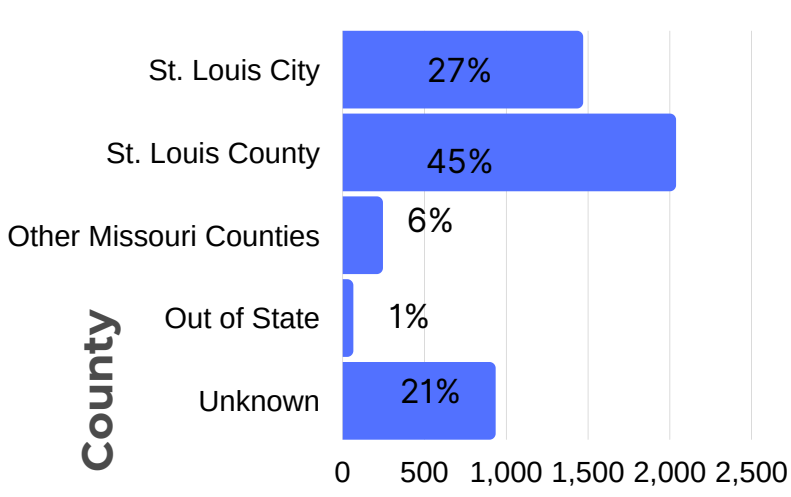
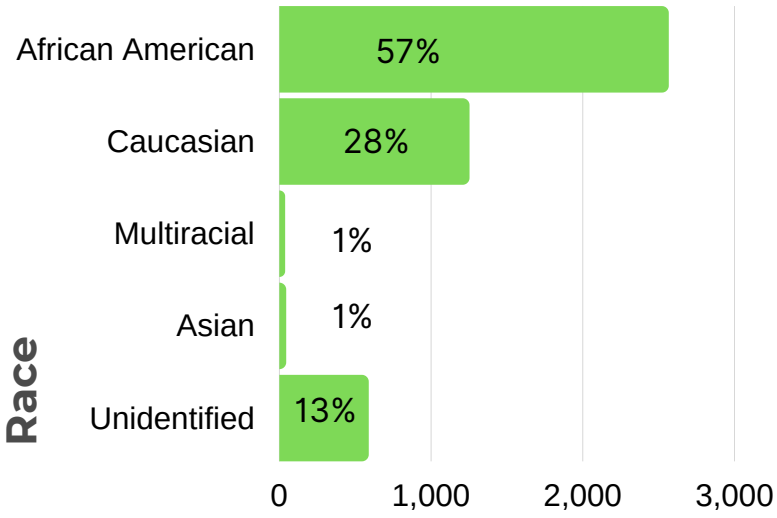
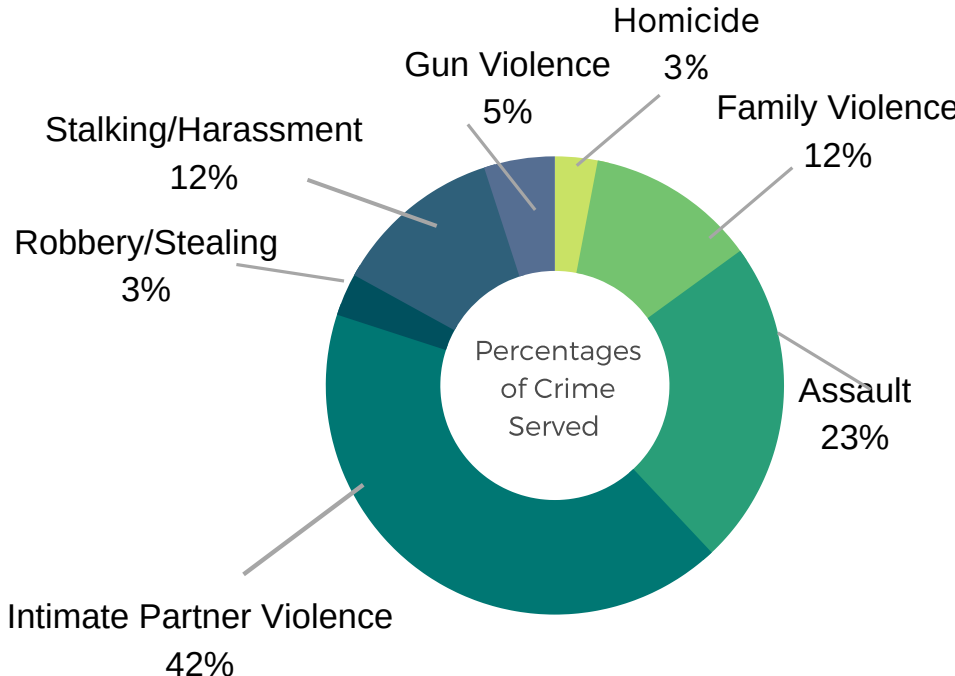
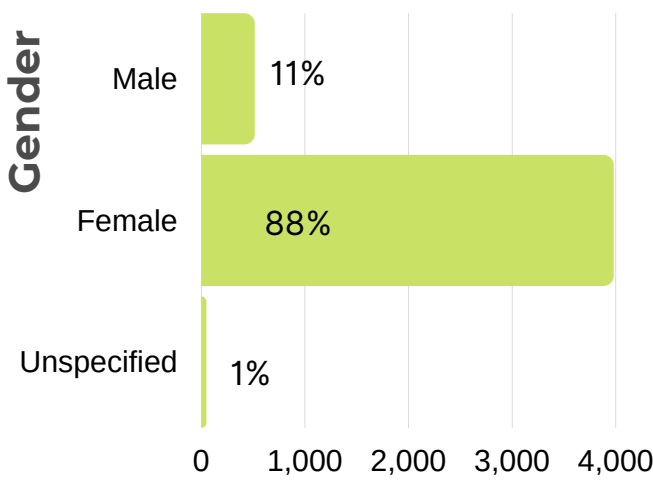
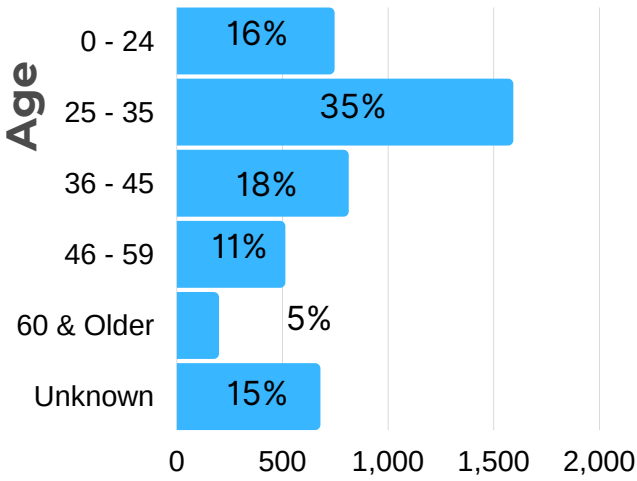
Victim Advocacy Programs

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

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.

Who We Serve

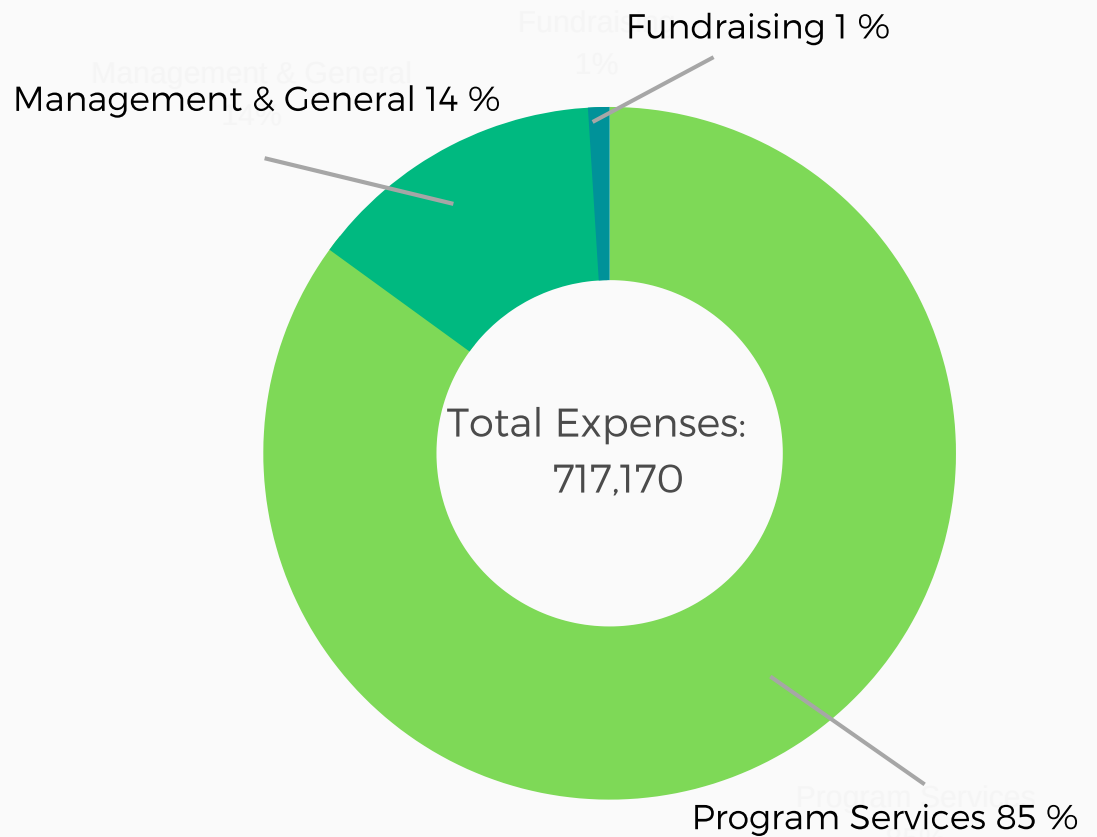
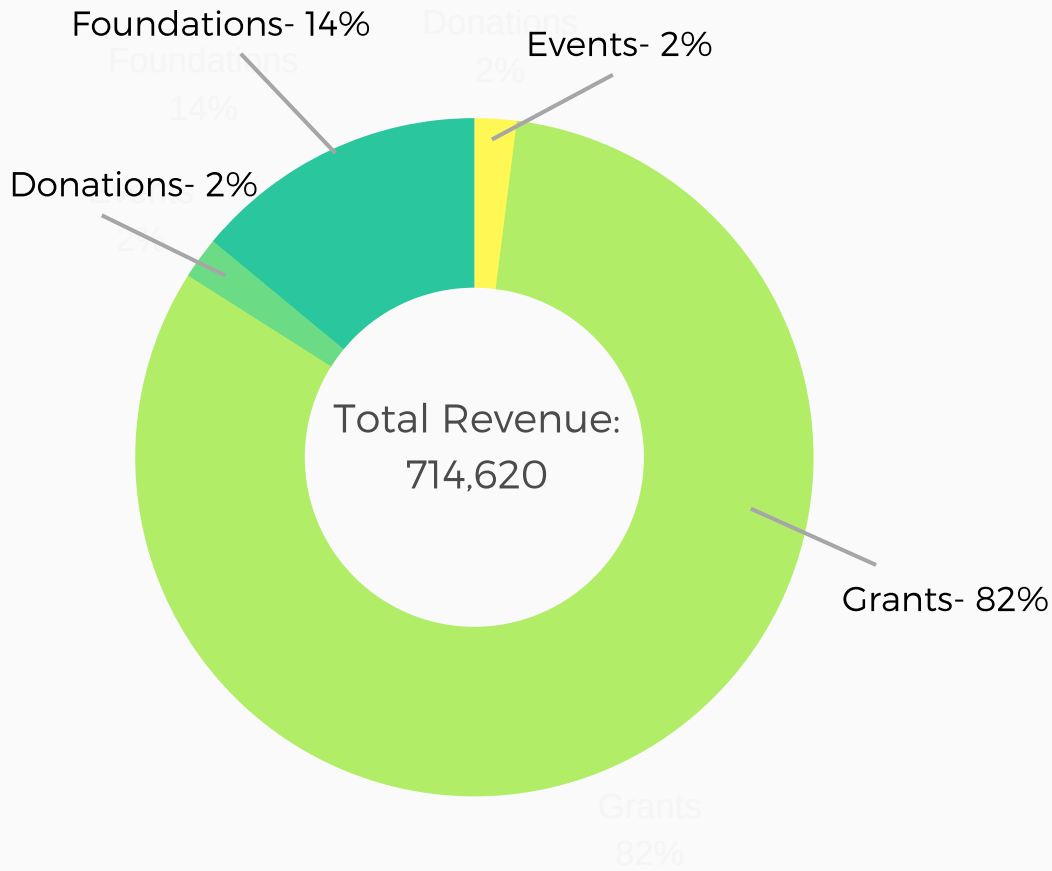


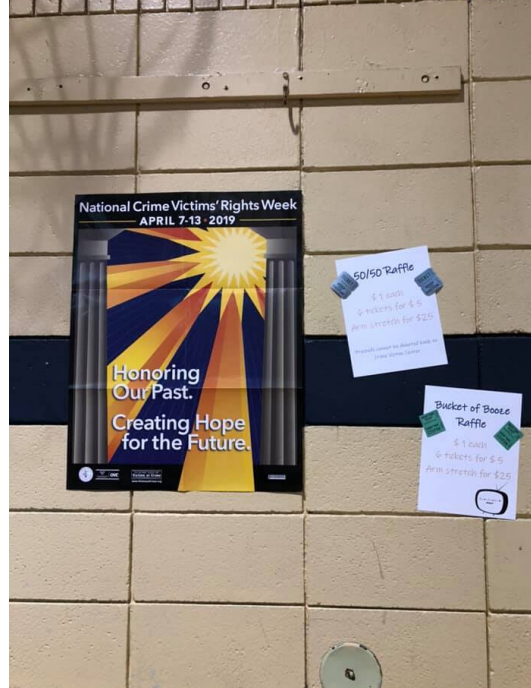
Our Impact

Beatrice lost her son, Lucas, by homicide in the winter. Lucas had four children. Beatrice was referred to the Crime Victim Center by our partnership with the Homicide Ministers Community Alliance (HMCA). The victim advocate assisted Beatrice with filing for crime victim compensation to help pay for the funeral bills and also set her up with free grief counseling. The victim advocate also provided a clothing voucher for Beatrice and provided a referral for the Crisis Nursery for her grandchildren. Each of Lucas' children were eligible to receive \$5,000 each for loss of support. The victim advocate assisted Beatrice and the children's mother in filling out the crime victim compensation form for each child. Beatrice and her family were extremely thankful for the assistance they received at Crime Victim Center.



Emina called the Legal HelpLine after being referred by the Order of Protection Assistance Program. As a Bosnian immigrant, Emina was not completely comfortable using English, and certainly not comfortable enough to use it in a court setting. Her husband was physically violent to her and to the oldest three of her four children. He controlled all the money as she was a stay-at-home mom. When Emina got an Ex Parte, he immediately quit paying the mortgage and the utilities, and she had no money to feed herself and her children. With the help of our Managing Attorney, temporary orders to make Emina's husband pay the mortgage and financial support were entered. Emina's husband obtained an attorney, and without the help from our program Emina would have been faced with presenting her case alone against an experienced lawyer, in a language she was not fluent in. The case went to trial in front of the judge. At the conclusion, Emina was given her Full Order of Protection as well as full custody of her children and financial orders so that the house was paid for and she would have money to take care of herself and her children. Emina is now finding employment for herself, and is feeling safe in her home.









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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.