



Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center | 2015

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DAWSON PLACE
Child Advocacy Center
transforming hurt...to hope

FY 2015 ANNUAL REPORT
(July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)
<http://www.dawsonplace.org>

Message from the Director

Dear Friends,

Dawson Place is fortunate to be part of a strong and committed community. Your unwavering support was apparent over the last year. Because of you, we were able to protect and heal more child abuse victims and their families than ever before! Because of you, children in our community see themselves as survivors instead of victims; families have bonded closer together instead of crumbling apart. Because of you, our community is a safer, healthier, and happier place to live.



Lori Vanderburg,
Executive Director

The community is learning about Dawson Place, and I extend my appreciation to you for your part in that awareness. Knowledge of the great work done at Dawson Place has spread from person to person, colleague to colleague, and friend to friend. Schools, churches, businesses, clubs, and families are learning about us too. Our work in the community will not be complete until every child and family that needs the services of Dawson Place knows how to find us, and with your help we will meet that goal.

This past year more children and families who needed protection, compassion, direction, and healing found it at Dawson Place. Thank you again for supporting Dawson Place. Please continue sharing our mission, and know deep down that you made a difference in the life of a child.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Vanderburg". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lori Vanderburg MS LMFT CMHS
Executive Director





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Our Mission

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Our Vision

Dawson Place seeks to restore health and obtain justice for child victims of sexual assault and physical abuse. We achieve our vision through a multidisciplinary network of services that are housed at Dawson Place. We are committed to the prevention of assault and abuse through education and intervention.

Your Contributions at Work

When you give to Dawson Place, you forever improve the life of a child who needs your help. Your generous contributions made it possible to serve **1,258** sexually or physically abused children in FY2015: 33% boys and 67% girls. Many of these children were also drug endangered, witness to violence and/or neglected.

Your support helped provide:

- **656** medical exams
- **379** forensic child interviews
- **162** mental health assessments
- **1,802** ongoing therapy sessions

Law Enforcement Services investigated **301** cases.

Prosecution Services accepted **502** cases:

- **123** were convictions
- **85** were pleas
- Only **5** were acquittals



Dawson Place helps kids get back to being kids!



Dawson Place helps abused kids learn to smile again.

Community Support



Dawson Place was selected by the South Everett-Mukilteo Rotary as the "Fund-A-Need" nonprofit for their annual spring auction. In just seven minutes, over \$64,000 was raised! Those funds will increase operational capacity so that we can protect and heal more child abuse victims and their families. (Left: Rotary President Martin Cross presents check to Dawson Place)



The Future is Bright

Cindy, 17, was struggling at school. She missed classes, fell behind in her studies, and was unable to maintain meaningful friendships with her peers. Recently, she went through the ordeals of a trial where her father had been sentenced to 26 years in prison for child sexual abuse. Her testimony was pivotal to the conviction. Though the trial was over, the effects of the traumatic experiences of her past were keeping her from living a healthy life. Her school counselor recommended her to Dawson Place for therapy.

Prior to arriving at Dawson Place for help, she had been treated for an attempted suicide at a local hospital. One of our therapists performed a mental health assessment, and found clear symptoms of post-traumatic stress and depression. Cindy was accepted into the Children's Advocacy Program for ongoing therapy. This evidence based practice is offered at Dawson Place regardless of one's ability to pay.



Now she looks with hope upon her horizon.

Today, Cindy is in a healthy relationship with a significant other. She graduated from high school on time and holds a successful job. She owns her own car, and commutes to work every day. Nearly two years of therapy helped her to find her own inner-strength to take control of her life's trajectory. In addition to talking about her story, she was taught coping skills, relaxation techniques, and given the knowledge to return to a healthy and happy life. She has graduated out of the Child Advocacy Program at Dawson Place, and knows that her therapist is a phone call away should she ever need reassurance or additional help.

Staff Spotlight

Child Sexual abuse is an adult issue; adults are responsible for the safety of children. Children can't always protect themselves, but we can protect them by creating prevention policies, recognizing signs of sexual abuse, and stopping abuse when it occurs. That is the basis of a national movement called *Darkness to Light*. In 2015 our own Gina Coslett completed the required training to become an official *Darkness to Light* program presenter.



Gina is one of two Child Interview Specialists at Dawson Place; she hears stories of abuse from the mouths of innocent victims. Her role is vitally important to keep children safe from further abuse, and for successful investigation and prosecution of perpetrators. The position can also be very upsetting, so Gina decided to become part of the solution.

*Child Interviewer,
Gina Coslett.*

Darkness to Light is all about prevention. When she's not interviewing children, Gina leads public workshops to educate the community on child abuse. She embraces her role as educator with the belief that knowledge fosters empowerment to recognize, react, and respond to child sexual abuse in an effective manner. Participants leave her workshops understanding that child sexual abuse can be prevented, it can be stopped, and it can be overcome.

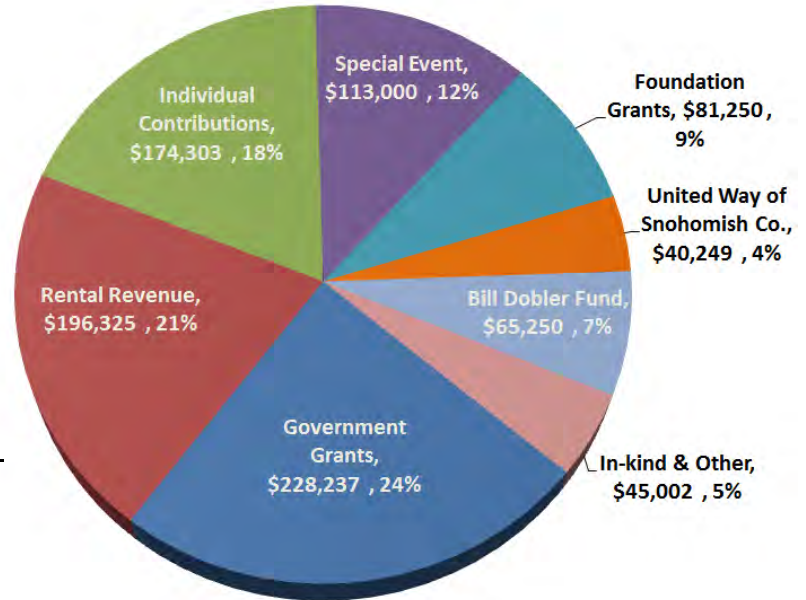


Financials

FY2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

FY2015 Revenue = \$943,616

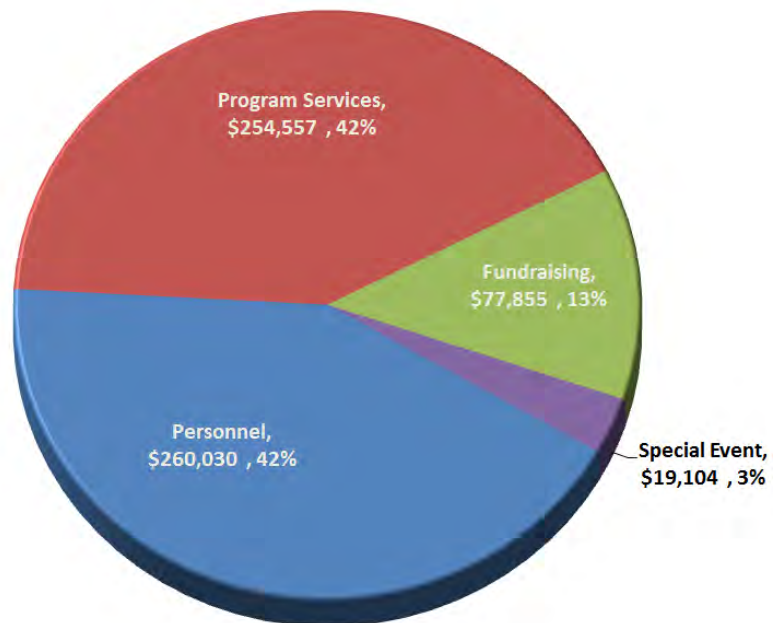
Public Support & Revenue		
	%	Dollar Amount
Government Grants	24%	\$228,237
Rental Revenue	21%	\$196,325
*Individual Contributions	18%	\$174,303
Special Event	12%	\$113,000
Foundation Grants	9%	\$81,250
United Way of Snohomish Co.	4%	\$40,249
Bill Dobler Fund	7%	\$65,250
In-kind & Other	5%	\$45,002
Total		\$943,616



* Individual Contributions include \$64,150 raised by the South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary during their 2015 Spring Auction.

FY2015 Expenses = \$611,546

Expense by Function Area		
	%	Dollar Amount
Program Services	42%	\$254,557
Personnel	42%	\$260,030
*Fundraising	13%	\$77,855
**Special Event	3%	\$19,104
Total		\$611,546



* Fundraising expenses include Communications, Programs, & Outreach: project management, website, & public presentations.

** Special Event is our annual Transforming Hurt to Hope Luncheon; all expenses are paid for by sponsors.

Contributors

Thank you to our generous donors, corporate sponsors, private foundations, volunteers, professional partners and staff who make it possible for Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center to protect and heal abused children in Snohomish County. Your commitment helps child abuse victims learn to become survivors.

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