

# Sexual Assault Crisis Team

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Town Clerk

Town of Waitsfield

9 Bridge Street

Waitsfield, VT 05673

Re: Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2013

To Jennifer Peterson,

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team would like to be placed on the town of Waitsfield's ballot at the Town Meeting. This year, we have received 1,978 service calls, a number of them from your town.

Federal funding has decreased by 10% across the board for all non-profits, so we are turning to the communities we serve to recover some of the funding that was lost, we are requesting \$250.00, the same amount as last year. I have enclosed some information such as our yearly budget, mission statement, the number of hotline calls we have taken, and how many individuals, both men, women, and children we have provided a 24 Hour Shelter.

We provide our annual report because we are unable to provide exact numbers of how many residents of your area utilized our services due to federal funder's guidelines imposed on our advocates, and the promise we give to the victims who have been sexually violated that we will not give out information without their permission. We do not want to re-traumatize victim/victims if he/she or they are the only victim/victims in your community and there is a possibility that others might identify him/her or them.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 802-476-1388, or email me at allymanousos@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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## 2012-2013 Annual Report

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT) is a private, non-profit organization that offers free of charge advocacy for male and female victims of sexual violence. This advocacy includes emotional support both one on one and groups, 24/7 emergency hotline, legal support, medical and hospital support, emergency overnight shelter support and shelter use for victims/survivors, their non-offending family members during the legal process including court, depositions, rape exam recovery, time before or after individual counseling sessions through private therapist, other times when victims/survivors need a private space or bed for an hour or a day. SACT also provides education around all sexual violence issues for Washington County Schools K-12 and colleges, service groups and other public organizations.

This year SACT is facing additional demands on our resources as we attempt to provide the services needed for male and female shelter residents who are leaving behind their homes, belongings and financial resources for medical, food and restart up costs. Victims and survivors not only look to us to provide food, emergency dental and or medical assistance but also look to us for transportation funds and relocation funds including rent deposits etc.. We have also found our shelter staff are having to provide assistance to people using our shelter to apply for or change location information for SSI and other resource needs. We are working closely with Norwich University and the Vermont National Guard Sexual Violence Response Coordinator to ensure returning soldiers and their family members, who are struggling with sexual violence issues, are offered all of our services to facilitate their transition to civilian life.

SACT operates using paid staff and during 2012-2013 we had five volunteers and five part time stipend paid hotline staff from local communities who trained for twenty hours to provide confidential advocacy to victims by responding to hotline calls. During 2012-2013 SACT received 1978 calls for services including crisis calls for sexual assaults, requests for emotional support, hospital advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, information and referral, and requests for education and training. These calls for services were handled by both paid staff and volunteers. During fiscal year 2012-2013 SACT provided services to 186 new unduplicated and 3 return clients. SACT served survivors who suffered from a variety of abuse, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, stalking, pornography and human trafficking.

SACT provided shelter for male and females survivors of sexual violence. SACT also provided shelter for male victims of domestic violence and for special needs victims, primarily those needing a handicapped accessible facility which allows the non-offending care provider to stay in shelter with the victim/survivor. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, SACT provided shelter for 59 people, including 41 adult females and 9 adult males and 7 female children and 2 male children for a total of 658 bed nights. SACT remains dedicated to providing services to all survivors of sexual violence and remains committed to identifying new needs and meeting that challenge.