



Sexual Assault Crisis Team *of Washington County, VT*

December, 2015

To the: Clerk, Treasurer and Selectboard
Waitsfield Town Office
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673
Re: Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team would like to be placed on the Waitsfield ballot at the Town Meeting. We are requesting the same amount as last year of \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars). I have enclosed some information, such as our yearly budget, mission statement, number of hotline calls taken, and how many individuals (including men, women, and children) we have provided emergency shelter and twenty four hour hotline services for.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Alexandria Manousos, or the Executive Director, Bobbi Gagne, at 802-476-1388.

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2014-2015
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.

SACT is continuing to face 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 to apply for RFA's, to fill out victim's compensation forms, aid in communicating with other needed services and using our shelter to apply for or change location information for SSI and other resource needs. SACT is working collaboratively with community partners to provide services to Washington County Communities and the survivors and their families we serve. SACT is also 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 2014-2015 we had eight 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 2014-2015 SACT received 654 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 2014-2015 SACT provided services to 55 new unduplicated and 22 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 female survivors of sexual violence all the services provided by SACT including shelter are inclusive of all non-offending survivors and their non-offending family members. SACT also provided shelter for male victims of domestic/sexual violence (of which two were returning military) and

L #	CASH RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	SOURCE
4010	VOCA Grant	\$9,203.00	
4020	State Grant	\$32,989.00	
4355	RPE	\$55,811.00	
4020	DV/SV Omnibus Grant	\$14,294.00	
4400	Norwich University/ Victims Assis.	\$9,000.00	
4510	Town/City Funding	\$5,000.00	
4555	Emergency Shelter Grant	\$9,000.00	
4050	SASP Grant	\$92,112.00	
4560	Rural Grant	\$4,920.00	
4999	Property Rental Income (Contributec	\$7,800.00	
		<u>\$240,129.00</u>	
VOCA Match		\$2,301.00	
		<u>\$242,430.00</u>	