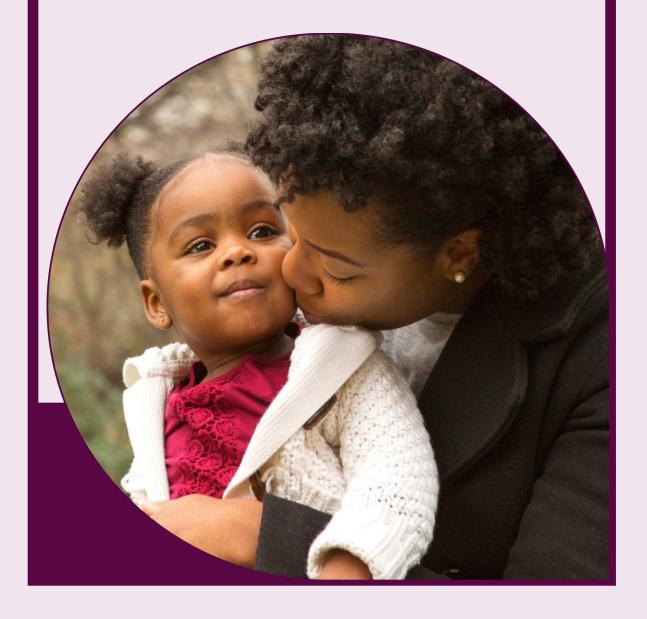


ANNUAL REPORT 2020



CAWC Services

All services offered at CAWC are free and confidential. Our services are based on a self-help, empowerment perspective and are trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive.



- Trauma-Informed individual counseling
- Bilingual in English & Spanish
- Adult and child support groups



EMERGENCY SHELTER

- Interim shelter for survivors & children
- Comprehensive counseling and services
- Case management and housing support



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- Individual counseling with Family Trauma Therapists & Art Therapist
- Education & parenting support



24-Hour Crisis Line

- 24-hour access to a trained advocate
- Crisis intervention, safety planning, and DV education



LEGAL ADVOCACY

- Assistance filing orders of protection and U-Visa applications
- Support throughout criminal and civil court proceedings



SUBSTANCE SUPPORT

- Co-located program at Haymarket Center
- DV education for residential groups
- DV counseling & case management



MEDICAL ADVOCACY

- Located at Stroger & Northwestern Hospitals
- Specialized trainings for health care providers



EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 40-hour domestic violence training
- Free trainings for the community
- Training for professionals

Call 24-hours a day for information or support: 773.278.4566

Our Mission

Connections for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC) is committed to ending domestic violence. Using a self-help, empowerment approach, we provide a shelter for adults and children, counseling, advocacy, and a 24-hour hotline for people affected by domestic violence. We work for social change through education, service collaboration, and institutional advocacy.

Greetings Friends of CAWC,

How do you sum up a year for the organization when the last quarter seemed to be a year in and of itself.....let's see we have Covid-19 wreaking havoc throughout every community, economic uncertainty and racial injustices in Black communities; and having to bear witness to the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Botham Jean, and so many others. Connections for Abused Women and their Children stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matters Movement and others who seek justice and peace.

During this year CAWC learned a lot and thankfully you supported us during this journey. We were reminded of how resilient non-profits are. When Governor Pritzker set the mandate to shelter in place CAWC pivoted quickly to ensure that we stayed connected to those who were the most vulnerable during this awful pandemic. We shifted to virtual individual and group counseling services to clients. During the entire time of Covid-19 CAWC's Greenhouse Shelter remained open providing safe refuge for those escaping abuse. To put a fine point on it CAWC remained a beacon of hope for those who were already dealing with complex issues related to abuse but now had the additional complexity of a world-wide pandemic that impacted everyone. By continuing to provide services and keeping our doors open we were also able to take care of those who were taking care of our clients; CAWC's amazing staff. We are proud that due to CAWC's healthy financial standing and generous donor support we were able to keep our doors open and pay staff during this critical time. CAWC is a family and it is important for families to stick together during stressful times. THANK YOU for being there when we needed you!

We are so grateful for the outpouring of offers of help and support during this time. So many of you called, emailed, or reached out on social media to ask what you can do to help. When we mentioned things like PPE, gift cards, financial support in addition to other items on our wish list; our generous donors came through in an outstanding way. Unfortunately, the abuse did not stop just because the world seemed to so your help was more critical than ever. Your support even helped a mom who had given birth to a baby girl while in our shelter in the midst of all that was going on. During these uncertain times victims/survivors of domestic violence still need your help. We ask that you continue to support CAWC's 24-hour Greenhouse Shelter and our medical-based services at John Stroger and Northwestern Memorial Hospitals, the Humboldt Park Outreach Program, services at Haymarket Substance Abuse Treatment Center and our legal advocacy team.

Ada Dolph CAWC's Board President and I are proud to share CAWC's accomplishments through this year's Annual Report filled with success stories and program highlights. We look forward to our continued partnership through gifts of time, expertise and advocacy, in-kind and financial donations on behalf of CAWC clients. We thank you and our clients thank you.

Warm Regards,

Stephanie Love-Patterson Ada Dolph

Executive Director President of the Board

Greenhouse Shelter



Chicago's first domestic violence shelter, Greenhouse Shelter, has been a safe haven for survivors since its inception in 1979. Greenhouse Shelter provides a safe refuge and nurturing environment for adult survivors and their children.

Safety planning, court advocacy, individual counseling, group counseling, legal advocacy, art therapy, and family trauma therapy are among the core services available for all residents. Our shelter offers multilingual and culturally-specific services; over eight languages are spoken by Greenhouse staff.

Greenhouse is also the home of CAWC's 24-hour hotline, responding to over three thousand crisis calls per year.

"My counselor helped me file an order of protection, I found a new apartment, and my kids and I are safe. I can't thank you enough."

CAWC Client

In FY 2020

314

ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHELTERED AT **GREENHOUSE**

3200

CALLS ANSWERED BY CAWC's 24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE

11,935

NIGHTS OF SHELTER PROVIDED AT GREENHOUSE IN FY2020

Hospital Crisis Intervention Project



Housed at John H. Stroger Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, CAWC's Hospital Crisis Intervention Project (HCIP) provides direct domestic violence services at the critical time in which survivors seek health care.

Domestic violence counseling, crisis intervention, and advocacy is available at bedside for hospital patients who are receiving medical treatment. Ongoing counseling is offered to all clients.

CAWC's hospital program also provides domestic violence education and training for medical providers, social workers, and other hospital personnel. These trainings are designed to help medical staff identify and respond to victims of domestic violence.

"I am so thankful. CAWC gave me hope again. Thank you for the kind, compassionate support. Thank you for saving my life."

CAWC Client

In FY 2020

CLIENTS SERVED AT NORTHWESTERN AND STROGER HOSPITALS

HCIP CLIENTS REPORTED UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ABUSE IS NOT THEIR **FAULT**

2,563

HOURS OF DIRECT CLIENT SERVICE PROVIDED BY **HCIP**

Humboldt Park Outreach Program



The Humboldt Park Outreach Program (HPOP) offers a full range of bicultural and bilingual services to adult and child survivors of domestic violence. These services are offered on an appointment or walk-in basis. HPOP is a community-based counseling outreach program for those victims of domestic violence who either have left shelter and begun independent living or have not yet made the decision to leave their abuser.

Clients may choose to receive individual counseling services or to join one of our survivor support groups. HPOP also conducts a weekly children's support group. Services include crisis intervention, counseling, legal advocacy, safety planning, DCFS education groups, and enhanced children's services.

"CAWC helped me tell my story. I want every survivor to know that they can break free. I want every survivor to know that they deserve to be safe."

CAWC Client

In FY 2020

328

ADULTS AND CHILDREN SERVED AT HPOP

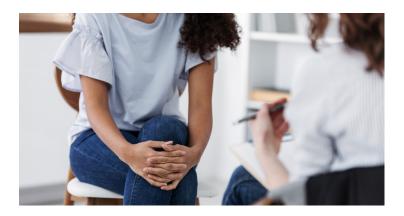
98%

HPOP CLIENTS REPORTED KNOWING THAT THE **ABUSE WAS NOT THEIR FAULT**

4,811

HOURS OF DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES PROVIDED IN FY2020

DV Services at Haymarket



CAWC's DV services at Haymarket Center program provides domestic violence intervention and educational services to residents of Haymarket Center, one of the largest substance abuse treatment facilities in Illinois.

The Haymarket Program Services Coordinator conducts weekly education groups for Haymarket residents. These groups discuss domestic violence, patterns of abuse, connections between substance abuse and domestic violence, and healthy relationships.. Individual counseling, safety planning, crisis intervention, life skills training, and other core domestic violence services are also offered through our program at Haymarket Center.

"I don't know what I would have done without my counselor. I was in a dark place and you helped me find light."

- CAWC Client

In FY 2020

CLIENTS RECEIVED INDIVIDUAL DV SERVICES AT HAYMARKET CENTER

2,086

HAYMARKET RESIDENTS ATTENDED CAWC'S **EDUCATION GROUPS**

HAYMARKET CLIENTS REPORTED KNOWING MORE WAYS TO PLAN FOR **SAFETY**

MDT Program



In January 2019, CAWC began a new partnership with the Chicago Police Department's 14th District. The program, Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) services at CAWC, is housed at Greenhouse Shelter. As a part of the MDT program, the Chicago Police Department's 14th District connects domestic violence victims to CAWC when they respond to 911 calls related to domestic violence. When the police meet with domestic violence victims, they give them the option to complete a Domestic Violence Assessment Form that details information about their abuse and to request follow-up services from CAWC.

CAWC staff contact each survivor to provide immediate crisis support via phone; these crisis services include safety planning and lethality assessments. Survivors are also given information and direct referrals to CAWC's counseling programs, shelter, legal advocacy program, and other services. Many clients move into other CAWC programs, including Greenhouse Shelter, the legal advocacy program, or the HPOP counseling program.

This partnership allows CAWC to reach additional clients and since the services are offered at the time of the emergency response, we're available to provide a quick response to victims at the time of crisis.

REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN FY2020

Emergency Hotel Program



In March 2020, CAWC's Greenhouse Shelter had to significantly reduce on-site capacity in response to COVID-19—dropping from 42 to 25 beds. In order to support as many survivors as possible, CAWC created an Emergency Hotel Shelter Program. Through this program, survivors were housed in safe hotel suites, while still having full access to all of CAWC's core domestic violence services. Survivors received crisis intervention, counseling, housing advocacy, legal advocacy, food vouchers, and family trauma therapy.

The program rolled out in March 2020 and provided nearly 500 nights of shelter by the end of June 2020. Most Emergency Shelter Hotel Clients moved into Greenhouse Shelter or permanent housing at the end of the their hotel stay.

"I didn't know what to do when I lost my job. I was stuck in the house with my abuser, and I was scared. CAWC found a place for me and I couldn't have been more grateful."

- CAWC Client

NIGHTS OF HOTEL SHELTER **PROVIDED MAR - JUNE 2020**

Irene's Story



In March 2020, due to COVID-19, Irene was suddenly isolated with her abuser. Irene's office closed and all employees were asked to work from home. She felt trapped. Irene's abuser locked her in the apartment and did not allow her to leave. Irene's husband also physically and verbally abused her.

Irene contacted CAWC through our 24-hour hotline when her abuser was asleep. While talking with a counselor on the phone, she made a plan to leave. Irene quietly gathered some personal belongings and she took a cab to CAWC's Greenhouse Shelter in the middle of the night. Irene disclosed to her counselor that this was the second time she left her home due to abuse. She was afraid to reach out to her family. Irene's counselor explained that many survivors leave several times before leaving for good.

Irene was enrolled in CAWC's Emergency Shelter Hotel Program. While quarantined in the hotel, Irene received daily phone and video counseling. Her first goal was that she wanted to feel at peace. She took things one day at a time, and if that was too much, her counselor encouraged her to take things one minute at a time.

Through the assistance of CAWC, Irene found a new apartment and is continuously working towards a life filled with peace. Most importantly, Irene found support during these hard times. She knows that she is not alone and that she has people fighting with her, and fighting for her.



U.S. Women have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime 1 in 7

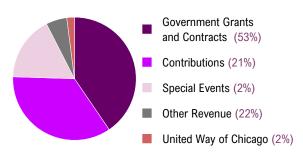
U.S. Men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime

Source: National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey

Financial Report

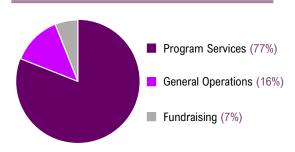
CAWC is a financially stable nonprofit organization, thanks to the generosity of our donors, a diversified funding base, and diligent efforts to keep overhead costs low. CAWC maintains a six-month cash reserve. Our \$1 million endowment provides additional income and liquidity. In FY2020, 77% of CAWC's expenses were for programs to serve survivors of domestic violence.

2020 Revenue: \$2,233,193



Financial stability is important to us so we maintain cash reserves equal to six months of operating expenses.

2020 Expenses: \$2,071,926



We keep our expenses low; 77% of every dollar we spend goes to program services.

2020 Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2020

	 Unrestricted	T	emporarily Restricted	b	FY20
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 1,442,208	\$	552,540	\$	1,994,748
Investments	974,398		19,924		994,322
Grant & contract receivable	245,405				245,405
Prepaid & deposits	42,723				42,723
Total Current Assets	\$ 2,704,734	\$	572,464	\$	3,277,198
Fixed Assets	23,030				23,030
Total Assets	\$ 2,727,764	\$	572,464	\$	3,300,228
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 6,738			\$	6,738
Accrued expenses	10,405				10,405
Deferred revenue	0				0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 17,143	\$	0	\$	17,143
Net Total Assets	\$ 2,744,907	\$	572,464	\$	3,317,371
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 2,762,050	\$	572,464	\$	3,334,514

FY20 Major Donors over \$500

Individuals

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Government and United Way

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CAWC Executive Director, Stephanie Love-Patterson, with supporters from Quest Diagnostics

Due to space limitations, we are only able to list those who gave financial gifts directly to CAWC at the \$500 level and above. This list does not include 1) donors under that amount, 2) United Way supporters, 3) those who purchased tickets and auction items at our Sounds of Silence Gala, 4) Holiday Adopt-a-Family donors, or 5) individuals, companies, and groups who collected items on our Wish List. Your support is also truly appreciated. CAWC makes every attempt to list every donor accurately. We apologize for any errors or omissions and ask that you contact us with corrections.

A note from the Associate Board

A Connection led me to understand the necessity of life-saving services for domestic violence survivors. A Connection is what introduced me to the organization, CAWC. CAWC is an organization that to their very core, embodies an empathetic and empowering connection with all of the survivors that they serve. CAWC consistently demonstrates its commitment to ending domestic violence through its prevention, crisis and long-term programming.

A dear friend invited me to a trivia event that CAWC's associate board hosted back in 2016. My interest in CAWC was immediately sparked at this event due to the devoted energy elicited by associate board members towards CAWC's mission. After my first year serving on the associate board, I became the Vice President and now, four years later, I sit as the current Associate Board President. This is a privilege that I hold close to my heart. Each year that I have served on the associate board, I have continued to grow and learn from this community. It is an honor to be among the strength that is CAWC. Providing a physical space for adults and their children, offering legal and mental health counseling services to survivors suffering from trauma, allowing access to a 24-hour hotline are just a few of the resources that CAWC delivers.

CAWC has some of the hardest working staff that I have ever experienced. CAWC's staff goes above and beyond for the survivors that they are working with. CAWC provides survivors of domestic violence a place to heal and rebuild. We need CAWC. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the prevalence of domestic violence has increased. CAWC met this challenge by collaborating with local hotels to ensure the survivors had a safe place to stay.

Stephanie, our fearless leader, is an absolute inspiration. Her calm and humble demeanor allows CAWC to successfully support survivors amidst all the challenges that come. From difficult decision making and advocating for these survivors to spreading the word about CAWC on radio/TV interviews-Stephanie's leadership has allowed for countless lives to be saved.

The numbers are there, CAWC's services are needed. Sadly, not all that experience domestic violence are able to receive services because of lack of access or knowledge. With the support of our loyal donors, CAWC continues to expand to meet the needs of the Chicago community and reach even more victims of domestic violence. It is an honor to be connected with this organization as I cannot think of an organization that strives to fulfill their mission by literally all means possible. The world is a better place because of CAWC.

Sincerely, **Brittany Yelnick** Associate Board President



Ways to Help

CAWC depends on the kind and generous support from our donors and stakeholders. Your support allows us to provide life-saving services to survivors of domestic violence.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Generous donors provide the foundation for the work done at CAWC.

Your support helps to ensure safety and support for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Consider becoming a monthly donor!

VOLUNTEER



Direct service volunteers provide support to CAWC's programs, including Greenhouse Shelter.

Program volunteers answer the crisis line and work with the survivors after completing comprehensive domestic violence training and onboarding.

IN-KIND DONATIONS



In-kind donations such as toiletries, diapers, gift cards, and new clothing help us

meet client needs.

The holiday Adopt-A-Family program allows donors to provide holiday cheer directly to our clients.

ATTEND AN EVENT



Attend a CAWC event to learn more about our work. Whether virtual or in-person, support for

events could include purchasing tickets, sponsorships, or donating items.

Join CAWC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors provides agency oversight, leadership, and financial support. We are recruiting Board and Associate Board members who are dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence.

Email info@cawc.org to inquire.

For more information about ways to help, check out our website:

www.cawc.org/support-us

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