

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Denton County
Friends of the Family

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

During 2022, our agency underwent a period of expansion, mapping out of future plans and strategic development. I take pride in affirming that despite the shifting landscape of our county, now boasting over 1 million residents, Denton County Friends of the Family stayed devoted to delivering exceptional service to our clients and remains resolute in continuing this commitment in the years ahead.

Looking ahead to 2023, our prospects are promising. With the enhancements we've implemented to elevate our services and the anticipation of our Family Justice Center's development, hope is the driving force that inspires every initiative undertaken by our board, leadership, and staff to provide comprehensive and empathetic services to the families we support.

I extend my gratitude to everyone who contributed to our successful 2022 and encourage you to join us in making a positive impact on Denton County in 2023. Every volunteer, donor, staff member, board member, and community supporter who believed in our mission has made it all possible. I appreciate each one of you for stepping up and making a meaningful difference in our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Toni Johnson-Simpson".

Toni Johnson-Simpson MSW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Over the past year, our organization has been dedicated to expanding support for individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. DCFOF has made significant progress in narrowing the divide by offering residential shelter services, counseling initiatives, outreach efforts, legal advocacy, and preventive programs. After 43 years, DCFOF remains committed to its mission of providing empathetic and comprehensive assistance to those impacted by rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Our aspiration for the future is to establish a Family Justice Center for our community. We eagerly anticipate a world free from domestic violence and sexual assault. Until that day arrives, our organization will persist in its mission to aid as many affected individuals as possible. DCFOF will continue to collaborate with our community to advance safety, hope, healing, justice, and prevention.

Sincerely,
Ashley Adebogun
Board Chair, 2022

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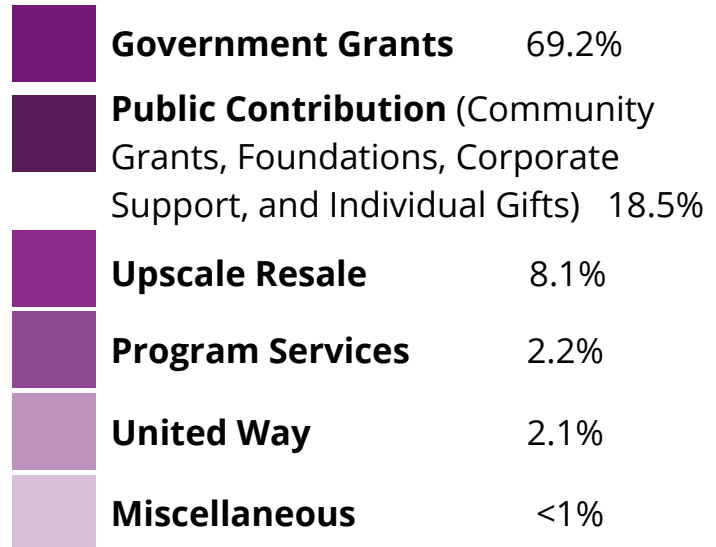
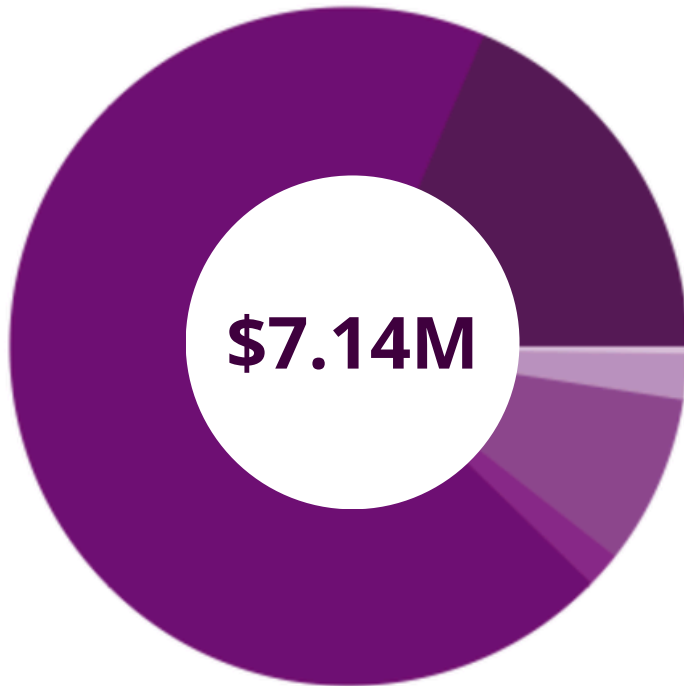
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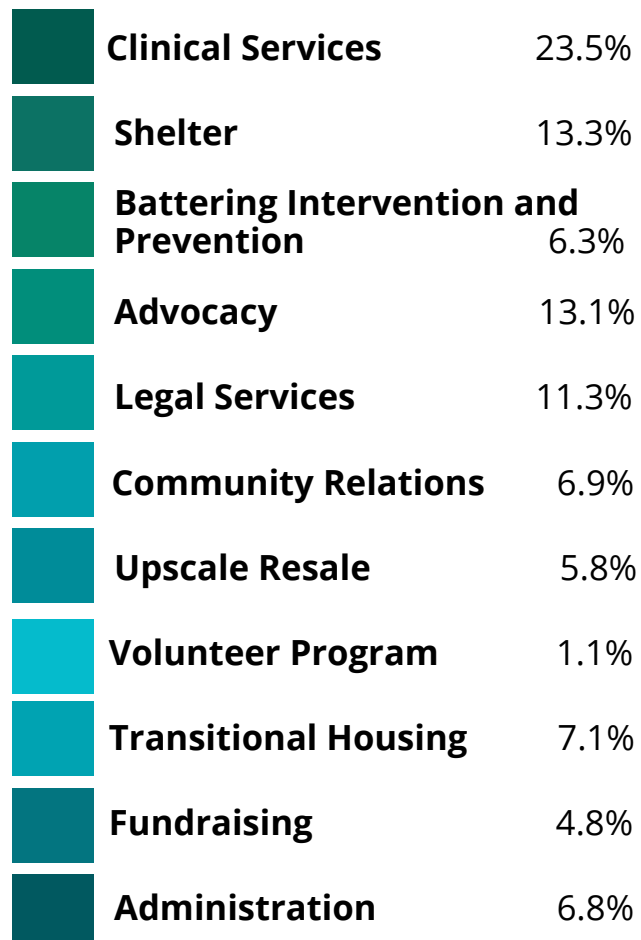
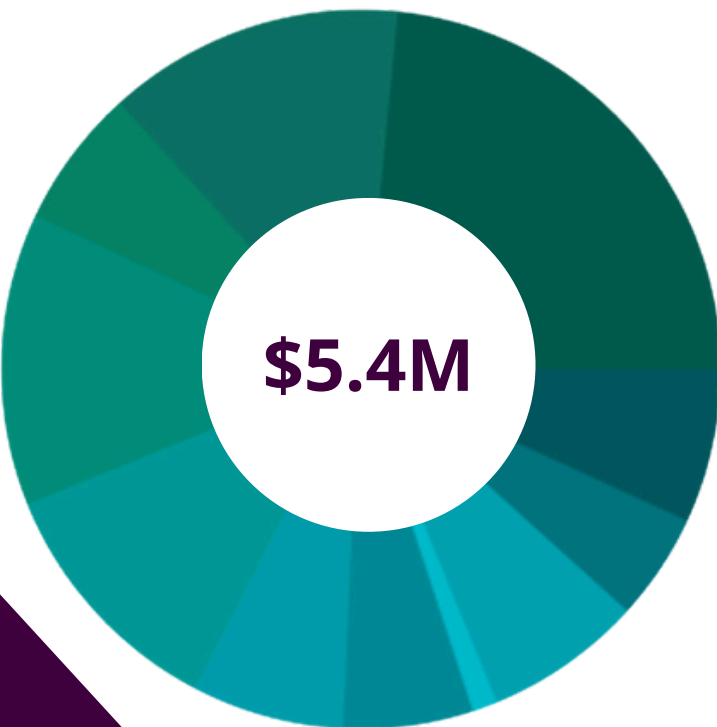


2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenues



Expenditures



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Counseling Services

217 children received **2,169** play and activity therapy services
(1,697 hours)

228 children received **837** onsite childcare services
2,604 adult individual counseling services to **399** clients
(2,400 hours)

Emergency Shelter

121 adults and **80** children stayed a total of **10,443** nights
Average of **62** shelter nights per client

Legal Services

10,952 services (5,520 hours) were provided by the legal services team to **866** clients

Transitional Housing

In 2022, **262** households received **1,996** services (1,025 hours)

Volunteer

457 volunteers donated **20,468** hours of service

24 HR Crisis Line

3,523 crisis calls and **124** texts answered
96 Survivors Advocacy Team calls answered

Battering Intervention and Prevention Program

493 clients received **10,778** hours of services

Advocacy

20,393 advocacy services (5,510 hours) to **1,908** clients
1,587 victim service intakes



CLIENT IMPACT STORY

ANNA'S STORY

Anna experienced a long history of controlling and violent behavior from her partner and father of her child. While living outside of Texas with her abuser, she made several attempts to ask for help from local police to no avail. Anna was finally able to escape the abuse and move to Texas but, unfortunately, that's not where the abuse ended.

In September 2021, Anna went to the Denton County District Attorney's (DA's) Office seeking a protective order against her abuser. The Protective Order Attorney in the DA's office was so concerned for her that she called Denton County Friends of the Family's (DCFOF) and requested an advocate be dispatched to the office to visit with Anna. An advocate arrived to the office and visited with Anna while she completed her application for a protective order. Anna disclosed that she's been experiencing abuse from her partner for years and even though they lived in separate states, he still finds ways to manipulate his way into her life, typically by using their child. After completing an intake with DCFOF, Anna began weekly advocacy meeting to safety plan

Anna's abuser was facing criminal charges in California and Texas. With the help of her advocate, phone calls were scheduled with both prosecutors to help Anna stay informed through the criminal justice process in both states. As these cases progressed, and the more Anna distanced herself from her abuser, the more her abuser escalated.

On a night in February 2022, Anna's abuser came to her apartment pretending to be a police officer so she would let him in. Anna opened the door and her abuser strangled her to the point of unconsciousness. While unconscious, he fled with their child. When Anna awoke, she ran to a neighbor's home to call the police. Her abuser had taken her phone as well.



CLIENT IMPACT STORY

ANNA'S STORY, CONTINUED...

The police responded and quickly issued an Amber Alert for her daughter. Anna's advocate, an attorney with DCFOF, and the police department's victim advocate joined a Zoom together to strategize ways to keep her safe while the police looked for her child. That afternoon, we received the wonderful news that her child had been found with abuser across state lines. The child was safe. Anna's abuser was immediately arrested and her child was transported back to her. Anna's abuser was placed in jail and held with no bond. She was able to rest easy knowing that he was not going to be able to get her this time.

Following his arrest, Anna's advocate along with other members of DCFOF's team, provided Anna with compassionate and comprehensive care as she began to feel safe again, find new hope, and heal from her experience. While at DCFOF, Anna was able to apply for Crime Victims' Compensation that allowed her to move into safe housing, with the guidance of the transitional housing department. The legal team helped Anna secure a protective order for her and her child. Following Anna's experience, the counseling team helped her process the intense emotions that come after such a traumatic incident, allowing her the space to start building her independence.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Denton County DA's office, local law enforcement, and DCFOF's legal, advocacy, counseling, and transitional housing teams, Anna has been able to live a life without constant fear and can provide the love and support her child deserves free of violence.



LOOKING BACK ON 2022

