



# *a woman's place*

ON THE ROAD TO FLOURISHING

## ANNUAL REPORT

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# A Woman's Place envisions a society where all individuals are SAFE in their relationships and can flourish.

▶ The Bucks County business community plays a vital role in AWP's success by providing in-kind donations of products and services that would otherwise need to be budgeted for. This allows more funds to be devoted to direct support services such as counseling and education and outreach to the greater community.



▶ AWP's **In Full Swing** thrift store thrives in its new Doylestown location! 100% of net proceeds support free client services such as the 24-hour hotline, first response callouts, and legal advocacy.



▶ **Chocolate Lover's Fantasy** held a sweet 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Bucks County Community College. Guests generously gave \$13,900 in the good will auction for The Safe Options Project. These funds allowed AWP to renovate its full service shelter for increased efficiency and client safety.



▶ We were pleased to honor the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) at the **Annual Breakfast & Community Recognition Ceremony**. They are true champions of the movement to end domestic violence and work tirelessly alongside AWP to address this issue from the health care perspective.

▶ Domestic violence is a universal societal problem that affects all of us. Creative third party events such as **Walk A Mile In Her Shoes** seek to break the cycle of violence in our culture by actively engaging men to take action and help change the conversation.



▶ An empty place at the table following the **Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil** is a reminder to mourn those lost even as we celebrate the survivors. It calls to us to connect with one another and renew our resolve to empower women and end intimate and domestic violence for all.

▶ The first **Coach Bag Bingo** offered a fun night with the chance to win a designer handbag. It also raised funds for AWP's The Prevention Project, which reached 6,941 county school children last year with age-appropriate info about self-esteem and healthy relationships.



▶ The Norman Raab Foundation's **Philanthropy Today** Program gives area students the opportunity to research and donate to Bucks County nonprofits. AWP was honored to be chosen by both Middle Bucks Institute of Technology and Palisades High School students. Funds like these help make possible free monthly workshops that build skills and help individuals flourish.

## THE SAFE OPTIONS PROJECT

Offers services to victims of domestic violence and their children, providing the opportunity to make choices and changes that lead to safer and healthier living.

<b>4,099</b> Hotline Calls Answered	<b>66 Women</b> + 83 Children <b>7,185</b> Bed nights	<b>13,923</b> Counseling Hours	<b>134</b> Children Counselled
<b>5</b> Support Groups	<b>4,218</b> Legal Advocacy Hours	<b>57</b> First Response Callouts	<b>103</b> Legal Assistance Cases

“I'm proud of what I've accomplished after so much loss and pain and struggle. I won't lie; I was hitting in a nightmare. But I really am a better person from working through it. A Woman's Place... made me feel powerful.”  
— Jessica, AWP Client

## THE PREVENTION PROJECT

Builds the community's ability to break the cycle of violence by providing education and training that help individuals, families, organizations, and groups understand the issue of domestic violence and how they can be part of solution.

<b>6,941</b> School Children Received Prevention Education	<b>61</b> Peace Works Campers (grades K-6) and <b>25</b> Advocates-in-Trainings (Grades 7-9)	<b>68</b> Community Outreach Programs	<b>5</b> Faith Community Programs
<b>62</b> Healthcare Trainings	<b>14</b> Active Young Adult Advisory Board (YAAB) Members	<b>7</b> Law Enforcement & Justice System Training Areas	

“I believe your program is by far the best I have used over my career. The message is something high school teens need and want to hear about.”  
— James, Teacher

## THE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

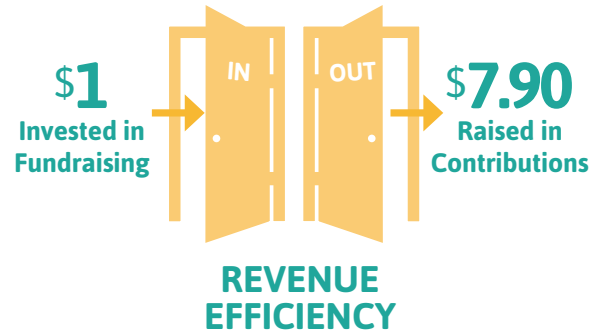
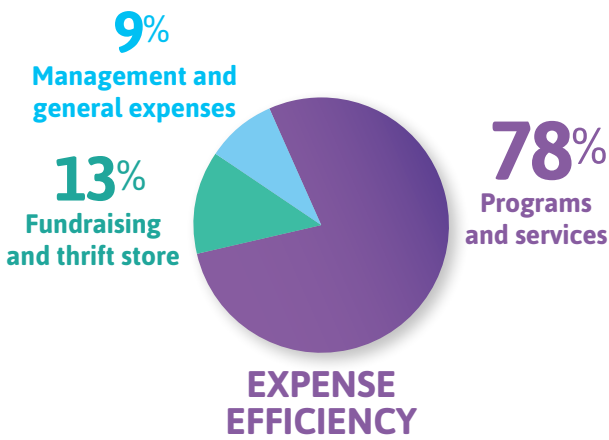
Creates the conditions and builds the skills needed to strengthen individuals and communities so that they may flourish.

<b>15</b> Programs	<b>174</b> Participants	<b>374</b> Presentations and Conversations
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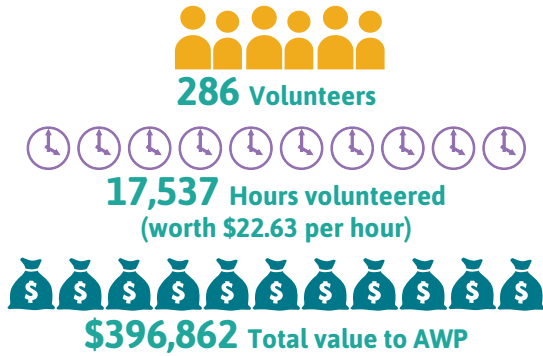
Alex Leone participates in AWP's monthly **Lean In** program, an intimate circle of encouragement that inspires adults and teens to face challenges and achieve their goals.



A Woman's Place is a community-based social change organization committed to the empowerment of women and to ending intimate and domestic violence for all.



**OPERATIONS RESULTS**



**Your support is important**

Delivering the vital programs and services that build a community where individuals are safe and can flourish takes you! Your support is important and appreciated and there are lots of opportunities to partner for success.



To make a lasting impact, visit [www.awomansplace.org](http://www.awomansplace.org) today!

**Thank You**

*From us to you, thank you for your continued generosity, support and faith, and for trusting us with the responsibility of A Woman's Place.*

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