

INCOME SAFE HOMES

TOTAL INCOME PROGRAM INVESTMENTS: \$257,000

TARGET OUTCOME: INDIVIDUALS HAVE ACCESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES.

[Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse \(www.avdaonline.org\)](http://www.avdaonline.org)

Extended Shelter: \$43,000

Extended Shelter provides housing, food, and comprehensive supportive services to **115** victims of domestic abuse who have extenuating circumstances that require an extended length of stay beyond the six-weeks in AVDA's emergency shelter. The Extended Shelter program is a safe place for victims of domestic abuse to reside and receive education about domestic violence and self-sufficient living so that they will live violence-free in the future.

Zip Codes served: Multiple

Why is this program necessary?

There is no other extended shelter program for victims of domestic violence in Palm Beach County. Without it, these victims would most likely return to their perpetrators and possibly be killed. For the last few years AVDA has experienced an unprecedented demand for service. Palm Beach County ranks 7th out of 67 counties in Florida for highest number of domestic violence offenses and 3rd highest for domestic violence homicides.

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Outreach: \$27,000

Outreach program provides violence prevention programming for **5,300** Palm Beach County youth in schools and intervention services for victims of domestic violence. AVDA's prevention programming wants to shift the knowledge and behaviors of individuals and communities to support the concept of sustaining healthy, non-violent relationships. Intervention services include solution based, short-term group and individual counseling, case management, and safety planning for people affected by domestic abuse. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

The outreach program reaches victims of domestic abuse who are not living in shelters and provides safety-planning, counseling and legal advocacy to help keep them safe as well as how to identify warning signs of abuse, how to cope with bullies, and where to seek help.

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Home Safe (www.helphomesafe.org)

Safety Net: \$77,000

SafetyNet Domestic Violence Prevention & Intervention Program offers a full spectrum of services for **520** victims of family violence, including year round therapeutic support. It teaches critical skills aimed at preventing violence, with the goal of enabling participants to create a safe home environment that is free from abusive relationships. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

The recent economic downturn has led to a dramatic increase in the number of violent crimes; Palm Beach County had a total of 5,537 domestic abuse cases reported in 2013. It is the only family violence prevention program in the county with comprehensive and continuous year-round therapeutic interventions for child and adult victims.

Legal Aid Society (www.legalaidpbc.org)

Domestic Violence Project: \$49,000

Domestic Violence Project provides legal advice, consultation and representation free of charge to **1,020** victims of abuse and their families at domestic violence injunction (restraining order) hearings. Their goal is to ensure that clients are protected from further violence, to establish appropriate timesharing if minor children are involved, and to secure financial support for the victim and his/her family. It assists clients in navigating the legal system and by providing information on personalized safety plans, local support groups, and access to transitional housing and financial resources that will help survivors/victims gain independence and freedom from future abuse. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

Although crime rates in Florida are decreasing, domestic violence cases are increasing. In Palm Beach County alone, there were 16 domestic-related murders in 2013. The reality for the domestic violence advocacy network is that these alarming figures represent only those domestic violence offenses that are reported.

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YWCA of Palm Beach County (www.ywcapbc.org)

Safe Homes: \$61,000

A major component of the Domestic Violence program is its housing services which include the shelter and the newly established Safe House, a permanent housing program restricted to domestic violence victims. As the new program extension of Harmony House, the SAFE House service provides aftercare from shelter by assisting **319** women and **274** children with their housing needs through deposit and rental assistance and continued support including advocacy, information and referral, and case management for up to 3 months after they leave shelter. Survivors from both certified domestic violence shelters-Harmony House and Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence (AVDA) are serviced through SAFE House.

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One in four women is affected by domestic violence in their lifetime. In Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach Sheriff's office responded this past year to 3,277 victims of domestic violence and investigated 7 domestic violence homicides involving 8 innocent victims.