



## Annual Report 2007



Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk

# SERVING OUR MISSION

For more than 30 years, VIBS has been a trusted source of safety, empowerment and hope for individuals and families across Suffolk County. As a domestic violence and rape crisis center, VIBS provides a wide array of services for victims and their children: advocacy, court accompaniment, individual and group counseling, and 24-hour hotline assistance. Prevention is a key component of VIBS' mission, and VIBS provides educational programs to school and community groups, with a special emphasis on teens. In partnership with the criminal justice system, VIBS' HALT program holds offenders accountable to end violence and abusive behavior. In the wider community, the staff and board work to raise community awareness of the need for justice and compassion for victims.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

By now our friends and supporters will have noticed a new look in VIBS' logo and how we present ourselves. Our logo has expanded and transformed its box into an open circle, giving the bird within new freedom. We use our corporate name, Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, only when we need to; preferring instead the easy sounding VIBS, pronounced with a long "i" the way our founders did in 1976: like the good vibes we feel on a spring day, or listening to music, or holding a child.

Most of the people who come to VIBS for help do not like to think of themselves as *victims*. They feel there is stigma attached to the word - that it nullifies their strengths, ignores their accomplishments, and overlooks all the strategies and strengths they have employed to keep themselves safe. They come to VIBS for much more than *information*: weekly counseling, court accompaniment, advocacy with social services, therapy for their children, and much more. "*Bureau of Suffolk*" makes us sound like a stuffy government agency rather than a full service, non-profit *Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center*.

Finally, we needed a phrase that goes beyond description and expresses the hopes and vision of our board, staff - and most of all - our clients. In choosing "Creating Futures Free of Violence," we have not deluded ourselves into thinking that our services alone can accomplish such a momentous goal. But we do believe that survivors can build new lives, that children can overcome the legacy of abuse, and that abusers can choose a new way. Through direct services, preventive education, public awareness campaigns, and advocating for social and policy change, we are fulfilling our mission.

*Creating futures free of violence*: every time someone new joins us in this vision, the future we seek comes closer.



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Executive Director

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# CREATING FUTURES FREE OF VIOLENCE



## 2007 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Community Ed

VIBS' community educators have developed a new workshop geared specifically for teenage males. Titled "Pressure for Boys," the workshop teaches young men how they can help prevent sexual violence. Educators provide techniques for boys to resist peer pressure, while educating them about the importance of communication. The boys learn about sexual consent laws and the consequences of violations. Through this workshop, teenage boys learn how to use their strength and influence in positive ways.

*"It is through efforts like yours that the students ... become more aware of the dangers they face when becoming involved with an abusive partner."*

*- teacher at a high school in Suffolk County*

### Advocacy

September of 2007 marked the beginning of a special partnership between VIBS and Touro Law School. After a competitive application process, VIBS was chosen to be one of several human service agencies granted offices in the Public Advocacy Center within Touro's new building. The law school is adjacent to the Cohalen Court complex in Central Islip, a prime location for our advocates. The office space has proved to be beneficial for counseling as well, as it provides a shorter commute for some of our Western Suffolk clients.

In exchange for the office space, VIBS provides internships for Touro law students. Several community attorneys have volunteered to supervise the law interns, who are trained thoroughly on the dynamics of domestic violence. VIBS' clients are now able to have the combined efforts of an advocate, a law student, and a supervising attorney working together on their behalf.

*"I shall never forget you or VIBS. Now that the worst is over I want to give my thanks. I could not have done it without you."*

*- former client*

### Hotline

VIBS' 24-hour hotline is a life line for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Hotline counselors are available for immediate and on-going crises. For many survivors, hotline is the first step in getting help; for others, it is a source for supportive check-ins.

Among other emergencies, hotline counselors regularly field calls for our SANEs (sexual assault nurse examiners), alerting them that they have been called to conduct a forensic rape exam. The hotline counselors can also dispatch a volunteer Emergency Room Companion to the hospital for additional support for the survivor or family members. Since clients may be overwhelmed with the initial confusion and trauma of their assault, VIBS' hotline counselors reach out to them at various points after the assault, both immediately and long-term. During these calls they are often reintroducing the client to VIBS' services and the potential benefits. For those clients who do not want services at the time, hotline counselors discretely reach out for up to 6 months after their SANE Center visit.

*"Thanks for listening. I just needed to talk."*

*- hotline caller*

### Children's Program

VIBS' creative arts therapists help sexually abused children and domestic violence witnesses, using play, drama, and art therapies to create an atmosphere of comfort and safety for the children. Sessions take place in rooms lined with toys, stuffed animals, children's drawings, and bean-bag chairs. In 2007 the children's program introduced pet therapy. With the help of Koko the dog, one of our creative arts therapists worked with a pet therapist to help a child learn to build trusting relationships. VIBS has expanded services to children victimized through incest, working with the child and the

non-offending parent or caregiver to promote healing and safety.

*"You'll never know truly how much we appreciate the work you did with our daughter."*

*- a parent*

### Counseling

VIBS' waiting room is a lively and often crowded place as parents and their children wait for their respective appointments. Since not everyone who needs us can get to our main office, VIBS' counselors commute to several different locations to provide services. Clients are seen at 2 locations in Huntington Station, at Touro Law School in Central Islip, at the women's DWI facility in Yaphank, and at Central Islip High School. Transportation is an obstacle for many victims of elder abuse, and in many of these cases counselors visit them in their homes. Providing counseling at multiple sites eases the burden of transportation for many of our clients.

*"My life is different now because of you. It scares me to think what could have happened to me if I never wound up in your office. I learned so much, and grew so tall."*

*- a former client*

### Volunteers

Volunteers have always been a source of vibrancy and expansion for VIBS. In 2007, 96 volunteers provided 11,606 hours of services: participation in the Speakers Bureau, accompanying survivors to hospital emergency rooms and SANE centers, raising funds at special events, and supervising children while their mothers participated in the counseling program. At Suffolk County's 2007 living wage rate of \$11.84 per hour and including on-call time, these services were worth \$137,415. Much more difficult to calculate is the impact these volunteers have on friends and families as they raise awareness and share the knowledge they have gained.

*"VIBS helped save my life. I am so happy to be able to give back as a volunteer on the Speakers' Bureau!"*

*- former client and volunteer*

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# financial summary

## 2007 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Counseling cases:

#### Adults

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Family Violence     | 1,456        |
| Rape/SA/Incest      | 248          |
| <b>Total Adults</b> | <b>1,704</b> |
| Sessions attended   | 5,265        |
| Crisis Appointments | 627          |

#### Adolescents

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Family Violence          | 38         |
| Rape/Sexual Assault      | 77         |
| <b>Total adolescents</b> | <b>115</b> |
| Sessions attended        | 123        |
| Crisis appointments      | 86         |

#### Children

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Family Violence             | 107        |
| Incest                      | 32         |
| Rape/Sexual Assault         | 5          |
| Child Care                  | 116        |
| <b>Total non-duplicated</b> | <b>146</b> |
| Children - sessions         | 1,076      |
| Parental Consultations      | 1,336      |

**Elder Abuse 77**

**COUNSELING TOTAL 2,040**

**Batterers Intervention 438**

#### ADVOCACY

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Client Contacts          | 3,874      |
| Clients DV               | <b>848</b> |
| Clients Rape/SA          | <b>47</b>  |
| Clients Service Advocacy | <b>113</b> |
| Court CJ Accompaniments  | 1,507      |

#### HOTLINE

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Family Violence            | 2,857        |
| Rape/Sexual Assault        | 575          |
| Incest                     | 113          |
| Other                      | 1,671        |
| <b>Total Hotline Calls</b> | <b>5,216</b> |

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Grants and contracts | \$1,557,221 |
| Fees for services    | 320,665     |
| Other income         | 51,139      |

**TOTAL REVENUE 1,929,025**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Contributions                      | \$87,108       |
| Gross proceeds from special events | 345,159        |
| Less: direct benefits to donors    | (87,662)       |
| <b>Total Support</b>               | <b>344,605</b> |

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE 2,273,630**

### EXPENSES

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Program services       | \$1,768,315 |
| Management and general | 339,797     |
| Fundraising            | 140,212     |

**TOTAL EXPENSES 2,248,324**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Change in Net Assets:         | \$25,306 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | 324,330  |
| Net assets, end of year       | 349,636  |

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

#### Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk

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