

2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Assets

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Cash | \$ | 382,992 |
| Restricted Cash | | 83,647 |
| Investments | 1,054,931 | |
| Grants Receivables | 1,156,319 | |
| Prepaid Expenses | 23,725 | |
| Property & Equipment | 26,831 | |
| Total Assets | \$ | 2,728,445 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$ | 15,498 |
| Payroll Liabilities | | - |
| Deferred Revenue | | - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | 15,498 |

Equity

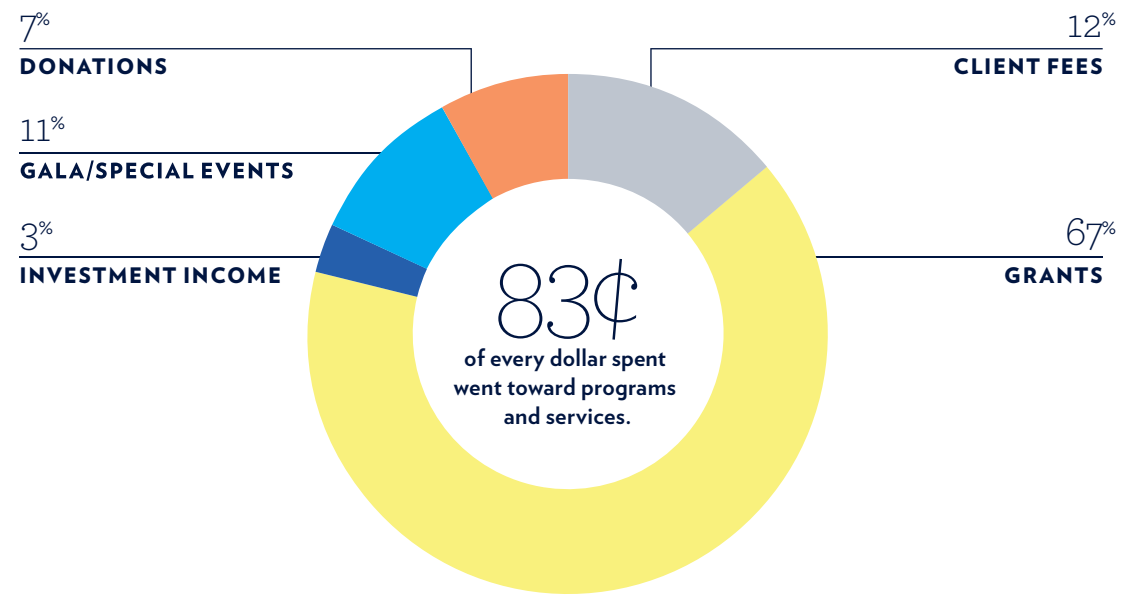
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| Fund Balance | \$ | 2,897,181 |
| Net Income | | (184,234) |
| Total Equity | 2,712,947 | |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | \$ | 2,728,445 |

Revenue

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Grants | \$ | 1,776,875 |
| Client Fees | | 390,503 |
| Donations | | 131,262 |
| Restricted Contributions | | 76,500 |
| Gala/Special Events | | 189,871 |
| Investment Income | | 94,946 |
| Other Income | | 76,617 |
| Total Revenue | \$ | 2,736,574 |

Expenses

| | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Family Violence Program | \$ | 383,209 |
| Legal Advocacy Program | | 1,320,669 |
| Battering Intervention & Prevention Program | | 503,249 |
| Counseling & Outreach Program | | 203,391 |
| Total Program Expenses | 2,410,518 | |
| Fundraising | | 331,736 |
| Management & General | | 178,554 |
| Total Support Services Expenses | 510,290 | |
| Total Expenses | 2,920,808 | |
| Total Changes in Net Assets | \$ | (184,234) |



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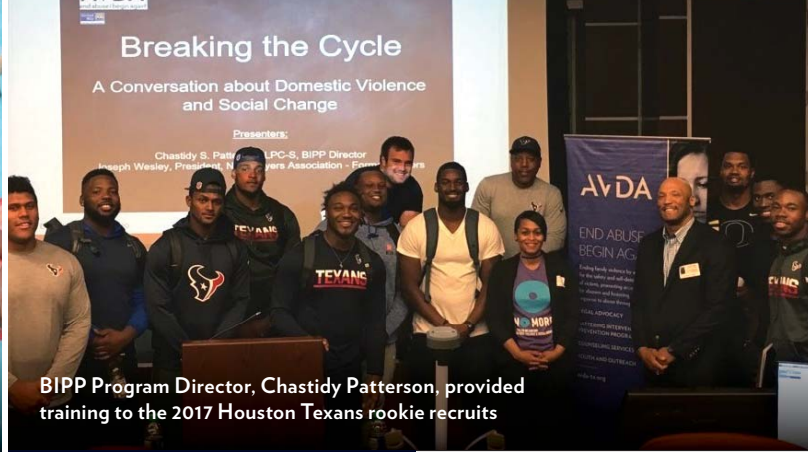
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Camp Carefree campers and counselor enjoy pool time



BIPP Program Director, Chastidy Patterson, provided training to the 2017 Houston Texans rookie recruits



Paralegal and Attorney team, Nelda Canales and Kusum Warsi, representing the AVDA Fort Bend County office



Billboard campaign featuring Houston Texans DeAndre Hopkins



AVDA CEO, Sherri Kendall and Mayor Pro Tem, Ellen Cohen, kicking off METRO bus campaign



Hon. Doug Warne, Hon. Judy Warne, Lynn Kamin and Karl Oswald at End Abuse Awareness Breakfast



2017 Joseph D. Jamail Award for Justice Recipient, Ronald Krist, and wife Carole Krist



2017 Home Safe Home Gala Chairs, Esther and Doug Freedman and Candace and Brian Thomas



AVDA Heart of Houston honoree, Bobbie Nau and Leisa Holland-Nelson

Message from AVDA Board Chair

Dear Friends of AVDA:

Thanks to the generosity of our partners and supporters, 2017 was a banner year for AVDA. Serving the Houston area community since 1980, AVDA continues our commitment to “end family violence by advocating for the safety and self-determination of victims, promoting accountability for abusers and fostering a community response to abuse.” AVDA remains dedicated to providing services to those who are impacted by domestic violence and abuse.

I’m proud to share highlights from 2017 as I know that much of what AVDA does for its clients wouldn’t be possible without the support of our community partners, donors and volunteers. Please join me in celebrating our successes!

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2017 INCLUDE:

- AVDA expanded its legal services to Fort Bend County, Texas in November 2017. In the first two months of operation, 24 legal assistance clients were seen in the Fort Bend County office.
- \$2.6 million in child support and community assets were awarded to our legal clients through the work of AVDA’s eight staff attorneys.
- Hurricane Harvey hit Houston at the end of August and affected many clients and staff members. AVDA established the AVDA Victim Relief Fund to assist current legal and counseling clients who were impacted by the storm.
- Post Hurricane Harvey, the Harris County District Attorney’s Family Criminal Law Division was closed for several weeks due to storm damage. AVDA’s protective order attorneys “stood in the gap” and served nearly double the number of protective order clients, extending work hours and amending staff schedules to quickly respond to the need of the Houston community.
- AVDA hosted its inaugural End Abuse Awareness Breakfast featuring speaker Dr. Amy Bonomi from Michigan State University. More than 200 guests were in attendance and the event served to build awareness for domestic violence and the role AVDA plays in its clients’ lives.
- AVDA’s Battering Intervention and Prevention Program provided domestic violence awareness and prevention training for the third year to the Houston Texans’ rookie team.
- Realizing that AVDA serves a diverse population and that domestic violence affects all nationalities, culturally-specific informational materials were printed in Spanish, Hindi, Vietnamese, Urdu and Arabic to ensure that non-native English speakers/readers have access to AVDA services.

- Through a partnership with the Dan L Duncan Foundation, AVDA’s Camp Carefree was born. This marked the first camp for survivor families of domestic abuse and the event was a success with 19 survivors and children in attendance.
- AVDA worked with METRO, Houston’s public transportation provider, to install 950 AVDA victim services posters on inner-city buses. The City of Houston co-sponsored this event. METRO printed bus cards in English and Spanish for the “Domestic Abuse Hurts Everyone” bus campaign to promote AVDA’s services.
- A billboard campaign with Houston Texan’s acclaimed wide receiver, DeAndre Hopkins, was launched at a City Hall press conference by Mayor Sylvester Turner and Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen. As a result of this partnership, 12 billboards, with 3 million projected market impressions, were installed around Houston.

AVDA continues to advocate for each and every client, ensuring that safety planning, counseling, free legal services and other critical needs are met. The Youth and Outreach team continues to work to break the cycle of violence by educating the community and youth about healthy relationships and domestic violence. And, AVDA’s commitment to ending abuse is reinforced in the Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs designed to rehabilitate and hold accountable abusers.

We continue to build upon our successes and work to empower survivors to reclaim and rebuild their lives and truly begin again. On behalf of myself and the AVDA team and its Board of Directors, thank you for your support, interest and commitment to AVDA.

With gratitude,



Mark Russell

Mark Russell
2017 Chair, AVDA Board of Directors

About AVDA’s Programs

4,750

adult and child victims of domestic abuse served by AVDA

FAMILY VIOLENCE AND LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

AVDA staff attorneys and paralegals provide free legal representation and support for survivors of domestic abuse for protective orders, divorce, child custody and child support cases within Fort Bend and Harris counties. Protective orders have no income requirements, while divorce and child custody/support cases are accepted for survivors with low to moderate income. Cases with exceptional merit (such as high lethality) may also be accepted, regardless of income. AVDA’s bilingual advocates provide safety planning, referral and emergency funding for rent, utilities, food, transportation and clothing to clients. AVDA also has training and education funds available to clients to promote their self-sufficiency. In 2017, AVDA clients were awarded \$2.6 million in child support and community assets through legal representation.

900

counseling sessions provided to victims of domestic abuse

COUNSELING SERVICES

AVDA’s specialized Trauma Counselor provides individual and group counseling for adult and child survivors of domestic violence, both at AVDA and in the community, lending supportive guidance for those impacted by abuse. AVDA’s education-based support group for survivors, with special emphasis on the impact of abuse on children, is open to voluntary and mandated clients, and is offered at no cost to the client. Counseling is available for problems such as depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, sexual victimization, and parenting concerns. This licensed counselor also supports the client due to distress and fear which often result from facing one’s abuser in court.

1,100

individuals served through the Battering Intervention & Prevention Program

BATTERING INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM (BIPP)

AVDA’s licensed, professional counselors provide psycho-educational counseling for individuals who have been abusive in their relationships in the Greater Houston area (Harris, Galveston and Montgomery counties) through its nationally acclaimed Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP). AVDA’s BIPP is the first in Texas to be fully accredited, and its 18-week program has low-cost group sessions with a strong emphasis on the impact of abuse on children. AVDA operates the largest BIPP in the state of Texas.

6,599

youth educated and informed through the Youth & Outreach Program

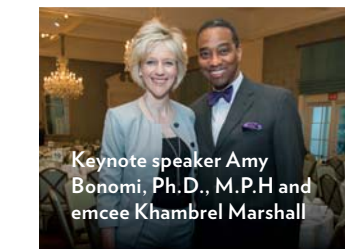
YOUTH & OUTREACH PROGRAM

AVDA works with at-risk youth across the Greater Houston area to provide prevention and intervention to break the cycle of violence in their lives. In addition to extensive programming within the juvenile justice system, AVDA provides adult and youth presentations, workshops and programs across the community to heighten awareness about domestic violence. Topics include domestic abuse prevention, healthy relationships, dating violence, workplace violence, health care responses to abuse, veterans’ domestic abuse risks and more.

2017 Event Highlights

AVDA relies on the generosity and support from donors to close the gap that exists between operating costs and revenue. The annual appeal and the Home Safe Home Gala generate operating support and funds critical to serving the needs of clients. In 2017, AVDA hosted the first End Abuse Awareness Breakfast to raise awareness of domestic violence as well as the mission and services provided by AVDA. Through fundraising and awareness efforts, AVDA reinforces its commitment to end abuse.

END ABUSE AWARENESS BREAKFAST



Over 200 supporters, community partners and guests gathered at the End Abuse 2017 Awareness Breakfast on April 25. The event served to inform attendees about domestic violence and the work performed in the greater Houston area by AVDA. The no-cost breakfast was co-sponsored by Higginbotham and Independent Bank and their support helped to offset expenses. This inaugural awareness breakfast featured keynote speaker Dr. Amy Bonomi, Michigan State University Professor and Chair of the Human Development & Family Studies Department. Dr. Bonomi is a nationally recognized expert on sexual and domestic violence and her presentation addressed the realities of domestic violence and solutions to address the issue that is so prevalent in today’s society.

Also featured at the breakfast was the premiere of a video featuring Houston Texans player De Andre Hopkins. The video shared Hopkins’ own experience with family violence. Hopkins has supported AVDA through his participation in the 2017 billboard campaign against domestic violence, speaking to youth at outreach events, and encouraging others to match his personal contribution through the TD Challenge. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear client testimonials.

HOME SAFE HOME 2017



AVDA’s 2017 Home Safe Home Gala, held on October 5, in the Crystal Ballroom at The Rice, raised more than \$300,000 to support AVDA’s mission to end family violence. A portion of the proceeds benefitted the AVDA Victim Relief Fund, which provides emergency financial assistance for AVDA clients impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

From the sparkle of the gems of Tenenbaum Jewelers and the aroma of the tasty creations of 13 superstar chefs to the sounds of saxophonist/vocalist David Caceres and his band plus the Kashmere Thunder Soul Marching Band, the event was a delight for the senses. The centerpiece of the Home Safe Home Gala was the presentation of two awards: AVDA’s Heart of Houston Award, presented to Bobbie Nau for her exemplary service to Houston and its citizens through philanthropy and volunteerism; and the Joseph D. Jamail Award for Justice, presented to Ronald D. Krist, by last year’s Jamail Award recipient Richard Mithoff.

Of the funds raised, \$75,500 of the \$300,000 was donated specifically to the Joseph D. Jamail Award for Justice. Created in 2014, the award is presented annually to individuals who embody Joe Jamail’s commitment to advocating for others. Money donated to the Jamail endowment are restricted for the use of attorney salaries to ensure that AVDA will be able to continue to provide free legal services in perpetuity to clients in need.

Leisa Holland-Nelson acted as emcee with AVDA Board Chairman Mark Russell welcoming the crowd of 300+. The evening’s festivities included a Wine Pull presented by Westside Lexus, an online auction, and the Tenenbaum 10K, a \$10,000 drawing to win a Tenenbaum Jewelers gift certificate.

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