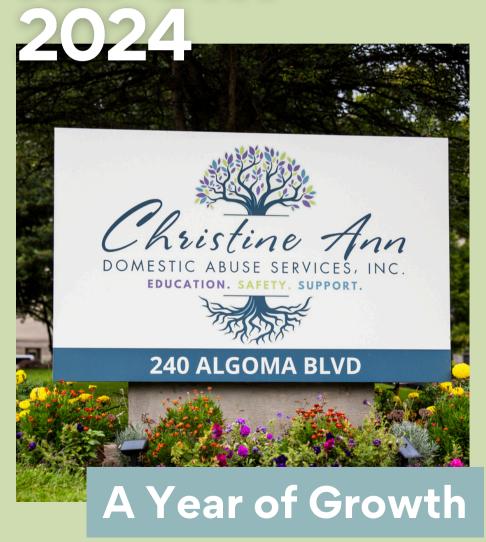
# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



# NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTIOR

Dear Friends.

Even for a 40-year-old organization like Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, this was a year of firsts. As we reflect on the past year, we are humbled and energized by the growth, resilience, and progress we've experienced as an organization dedicated



to serving survivors of domestic abuse in our community.

In 2024, we achieved one of the most significant milestones in our history: **the successful completion of our capital campaign and our move to the newly renovated Beach Building at 240 Algoma Blvd.** This transformative move has allowed us to increase our shelter capacity from 37 beds to 64, ensuring we can provide safe refuge to even more individuals, families, and their pets in need.

We've also expanded our services to include a **new transitional housing program,** empowering survivors as they take critical steps toward independence and stability.

What a year of growth it has been! None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our community.

Thank you for standing alongside us as we continue to create a future where every individual feels safe, supported, and empowered.

With gratitude,

Milla Wenger Alicia Wenger

**Executive Director** 

**MISSION** 

Empower individuals and families through education, safety, and support and lead our community to reduce the incidents and effects of domestic abuse and dating violence.

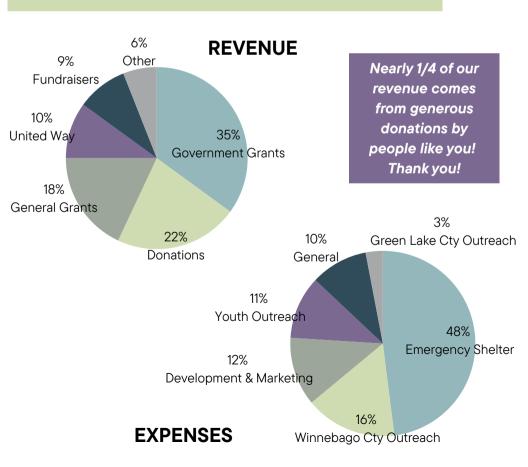


Left: Ribbon Cutting for our new home on September 19, 2024

Below: front façade of our new home at 240 Algoma Blvd



## **FINANCES**



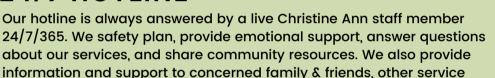
## **OUR SERVICES**

#### EMERGENCY SHELTER

This program offers 64 beds for those in imminent danger. Families always get their own apartment, while single adults of the same gender may share a unit with a few others. Basic needs like food, hygiene items, and baby supplies are provided. We welcome survivors of all genders, ages, and backgrounds. There is no length of stay limit.

6,891 safe nights for 173 clients

#### 24/7 HOTLINE



providers, and law enforcement.

1.062 calls answered

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This brand new program provides a bridge between crisis and independence, allowing survivors more time to heal and build the life skills necessary to become self-sufficient. Through up to 2 years of stable housing and supportive advocacy, this program will empower survivors to break cycles of abuse and poverty.

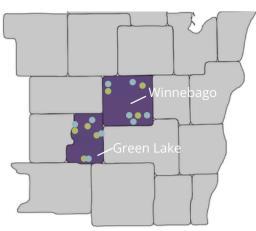
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This team supports adults who are not in a residential program. They may have another safe place to go or are not ready to leave their abuser. Advocates offer safety planning, emotional support, connections to resources, and legal advocacy for restraining orders, divorce, and more. Clients can meet at our main Oshkosh office, satellite offices in Menasha and Green Lake, or over the phone.

379 clients received 1,269 hours of advocacy

### SCHOOLS SERVED BY OUR YOUTH **ADVOCATES!**

- Elementary and Middle Schools
- High Schools



#### YOUTH SERVICES AND PREVENTION

Our Youth Team works to end the cycle of abuse before it begins in young lives. For children who have witnessed domestic abuse or teens who have had an unhealthy dating relationship, our Youth Advocates provide support groups and 1-on-1 support to help them process trauma, develop healthy coping skills, learn how to stay safe, and build self-confidence.

117 children served 1-on-1 and 136 hours of presentations given

## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

We offer a variety of trainings to local businesses, community organizations, and faith groups to help their members understand more about domestic abuse and how to respond if a loved one should ever need support. Contact us at Info@christineann.net to inquire about a training!

421 community members received training

This year has been one of tremendous growth, change, and transition—both for our building and the community we serve. It is an honor to interact with survivors every day. Each survivor's courage fuels my dedication toward this work, and I am constantly inspired by their journey toward healing and empowerment. As we continue to grow, our commitment remains the same: to create a space where every person feels safe, empowered, and seen. Our progress is made possible through the incredible dedication of our community partners and volunteers. Together, we're shaping a future where safety. respect, and opportunity are a reality for all.

- Kaitlyn, Empowerment Advocate

## YOUR IMPACT

These survivor quotes illustrate the lifechanging impact of your support!



I'm so humbled to see support in my darkest days.

Christine Ann gives me peace of mind that there is a safe place for me if I need it. This will guide me in my career as well as encouraging other women to get help, be safe, and find peace.



Thank you for always making me feel important!

Thank you so much for the support & uplifting empowerment I received!

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#### **CRMEYER**

"CR Meyer has been blessed to be a part of the Oshkosh community since 1888, and we strive to give back to the communities we serve. Much like our business partners, we want to maintain a positive, deeprooted relationship with the community organizations and Christine Ann is one of those partners. Working together we have been able to provide the facilities needed in Oshkosh to support those looking to end the cycle of domestic abuse and dating violence. It's an unfortunate reality, but these services are vital for Oshkosh and the surrounding communities, and we want to be a part of those support efforts."

#### **GOODWILL NCW**

Goodwill NCW provides gift cards so our clients can purchase clothing, household items, and more. We are also partnering with them to provide additional supportive programming for financial literacy and job readiness.

#### SHEA ELECTRIC

"It's an honor to work with a partner like Christine Ann who works to assist and empower individuals and families during this time of transition. Shea Electric & Communications is humbled to work with Christine Ann, especially in the recent relocation to prep the new building for many years to come." - Dan & Patty Shea

#### **OSHKOSH AREA HUMANESOCIETY**

Oshkosh Area Humane Society helped us prepare to welcome pets in our new facility. They gave us advice as we created new policies and procedures. They will also be a backup temporary boarding option in the event that an animal is not a good fit for our shelter environment and can provide vet care on a limited basis.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are the heart of Christine Ann! Their dedication has made a tremendous impact over the past year.

With 3.304 total hours of service in 2024, volunteers supported our daily operations, assisted with events, and played a crucial role in our move.

Their hard work and generosity ensure that our programs run smoothly and that

we can continue providing essential services to survivors in need. We are incredibly grateful for their time, passion, and commitment to our mission. 574 group volunteers gave 1,999 hours and 36 solo volunteers gave 1,305 hours!

## **VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR**

Randy Schulz & Betty Zuleger-Schulz



Randy and Betty joined CADASI as volunteers in early 2024. Since then, they have contributed significantly a crucial role in our Capital Campaign and overall operations at CADASI. Randy has helped with facility needs, IT questions, and and now serves on our board of directors! Betty has been an enormous help with organizing, planning and prep for fundraising events, and office work.

We have immense gratitude for these two and are privileged to have them as part of the CADASI volunteer team!

YOU could be our next volunteer of the year! Email volunteers@christineann.net or call 920-235-5998 to get involved.

## **SURVIVORS WITH PETS**



We now have 64 beds in our Emergency Shelter (up from 37). This allows survivors more privacy for healing and regaining independence.

We now **welcome pets** in our shelter! Why? A national survey found that **50% of survivors would not consider shelter** for themselves if they could not take their pets with them. Pets provide support to survivors as they heal and can **face danger or neglect if left behind.** We are one of the few domestic abuse shelters in the state offering this resource!



## **GREEN LAKE HIGHLIGHTS**

We serve all of Winnebago and Green Lake Counties, with satellite offices in Menasha and Green Lake, and regular presence at the Green Lake County Courthouse.

#### THE NUMBERS ARE IN

Our Advocates supported 42 Green Lake County survivors with 126 hours of advocacy in 2024. Right now, 24% of our youth caseload is Green Lake County kids—a powerful reminder of the ongoing need for youth advocacy in this community.

#### TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

In October, we held our annual Take Back the Night event at Green Lake High School. We were moved by the support from Green Lake School District, our guest speakers, and community partners. Your participation in this event means the world to us, as we continue to highlight the importance of standing against domestic violence together. Save the date for our 2025 event on Wednesday, October 8th!



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"Reflecting on this transformational year, the incredible support of our community and the generosity of our donors has resulted in a greater capacity to fulfill our mission.

Increasing our emergency shelter capacity, implementation and expansion of programs, and new opportunities to meet our survivors where they need us to be. There is nothing more moving than experiencing change and witnessing the positive impact it has on the most vulnerable and those in need our services the most. I am incredibly proud to be part of the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services organization and our unwavering direction to end domestic violence."

- Alicia Dambeck, Board President

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#### TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

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FEBRUARY 28, 2026









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