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2023

Annual Report

## Our Mission

Rise's mission is to assist families who experience or are threatened with domestic violence and to increase the community's awareness of this pervasive problem.



## Our Work

We provide comprehensive, licensed domestic violence services to Broome County, including: shelter, hotline, advocacy, group and individual counseling, and community education.

## Our Values

Trauma-informed Confidentiality Inclusion Communication Survivor-centered Teamwork  
Community-oriented Equality Compassion Devotion Respect Safety Independence

## Our Impact in 2023

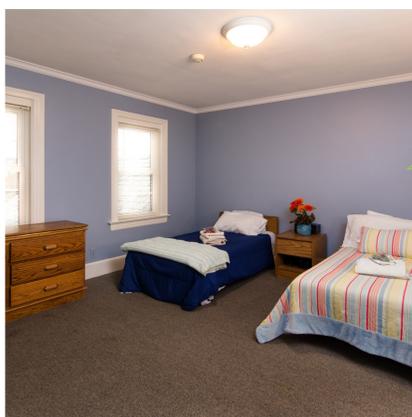


**2,471**  
calls to our 24-hour hotline were answered by trained staff



**1,636+**  
people were reached through our **43** trainings, talks and tablings

**4,752**  
safe shelter nights were provided to **135** adults and children



**13,526**  
healthy meals were fed to residents in our shelter program



**363**  
individual and group counseling sessions were completed



**10,434**  
advocacy services were provided to **1,707** survivors

## Domestic Violence in Broome County

Based on our services data, there is a continuing demand for our programs. In Broome County as a whole, domestic violence incidences and related data continues to stay relatively steady year to year.

In 2023, Broome County law enforcement agencies reported 970 victims in domestic violence incidences in which charges were filed. However, domestic violence is historically underreported to law enforcement, and many incidents don't result in arrest.

In 2023, 2,295 Orders of Protection were filed in all of Broome County's courts.

Between 2017-2021, a total of 9 victims were killed in Broome County by an intimate partner or other family member.

# 2023 in Review



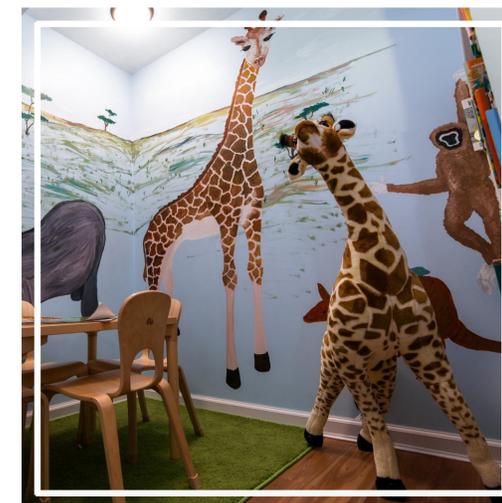
## Investing In Our Shelter Building

In recent years, Rise has focused on trauma-informed design as a way to create a more relaxing physical environment. We also have stringent safety regulations we need to adhere to as a licensed domestic violence shelter. These considerations drove our decision to complete some interior renovation projects in order to ensure a more comfortable environment for shelter residents. In late 2022, the ductwork, electrical systems and insulation was replaced in the attic. One of the building's seven bathrooms was gutted and renovated so as to modernize it and reduce the potential for water leaks. We teamed up with A Room to Heal to redecorate our gloomy shelter basement, painting a portion of the knotty pine walls a cheery green color and purchasing new furniture to create a relaxing and comfortable space.



## Preventing Homicides and Serious Injuries

Rise and the Endicott Police Department implemented the Lethality Assessment Program in July, which is recognized as a promising practice for preventing intimate partner homicide and serious injuries by the U.S. Department of Justice. Shortly afterward, Johnson City Police Department joined. This twelve question screening tool assesses a victim's risk of homicide, and is used by officers when responding to domestic calls. If a victim screens as high risk, the officer calls Rise's 24-hour hotline to discuss safety planning and connect the victim with immediate resources. For several years, Rise has placed advocates at these two police departments, and the LAP could not have been as successful without the strong collaborative relationships that have been established through this program.



## Childcare Accessibility

Childcare is an essential service for parents in crisis, especially when parents choose to attend counseling or legal appointments in which overhearing sensitive information could result in re-traumatization. While staff can sometimes provide this service, availability is not always consistent due to their other responsibilities. Rise was proud to offer childcare this past year at our shelter for parents attending weekly therapeutic counseling groups and individual counseling appointments, as well as to provide opportunities for parents to have quiet time to themselves to engage in self-care essential for their healing. This service was provided by a Binghamton University senior who was subject to the same vetting as staff members.

## Community Education Highlights

- Provided in-service training to three local police departments, educating 175 officers about the dynamics of domestic violence and community resources
- Featured as a charity partner at the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce's Women's Conference, reaching over 200 local women
- Featured at a Binghamton Rumble Ponies' We Care Wednesdays game, tabling, speaking before the game, and throwing out the first pitch
- Selected to receive \$50,000 in criminal justice funding allocated by Senator Lea Webb

## Centering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

While domestic violence affects everyone, it disproportionately affects Black and Hispanic individuals. Therefore it is not surprising that our shelter residents are more diverse than the Broome County population as a whole. Rise's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee has been actively eliminating barriers by ensuring that the entertainment, food, clothing and toiletries offered cater to diverse populations. Rise also strategically adheres to its values in spending by utilizing minority and women owned businesses whenever possible. Our advocates also specialize in diverse populations, with one currently having advanced training and experience in victims from immigrant and refugee populations, while another works with individuals who are LGBTQ+.

# Big News

Rise's safe housing program has provided \$94,167 to 70 families since July 1, 2021 for necessities like security cameras, utility payments, car repairs, mattresses, security deposits and rental assistance. Sufficient funding remains to continue the program until December 2024. In her FY 2025 executive budget, Governor Hochul allocated \$5 million to cover expenses for domestic violence survivors in emergency situations, ensuring programs like ours at domestic violence service providers across the state can continue!

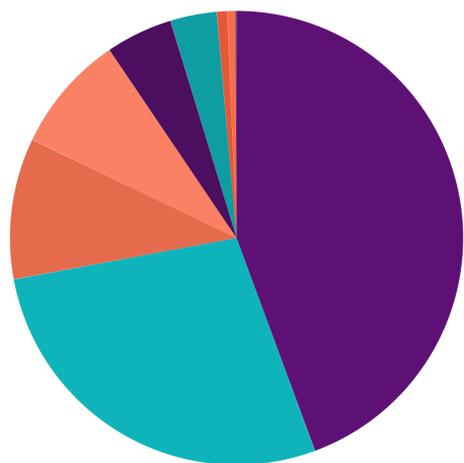
The Hope Card Act directs the New York State Office of Court Administration to develop wallet-sized cards containing the information of a final order of protection. This transfers an order of protection from a long, legal document that survivors must carry with them and risk losing, to a durable card that can be easily shared with law enforcement.

2024 marks Rise's 45th anniversary. We first opened our doors in October 1979 as SOS Shelter, a 13-bed shelter for women and children in a building loaned by a local church. Today we operate one of the largest domestic violence shelters in the region, providing 20 beds to female, male, non-binary and transgender survivors and children, as well as comprehensive non-residential services such as advocacy, counseling and community education. Our growth and unwavering commitment would not have been possible without the strong support of the community throughout the years.

## 2023 Financials

Based on a pre-audit cash basis

Revenue: \$1,092,756



- Residential Program Per Diem (44.37%)
- State Grants (27.7%)
- County Grants (10.03%)
- Local Grants (8.4%)
- Individuals and Organizations (4.78%)
- Federal Grants (3.31%)
- Foundations (0.75%)
- Bank Interest (0.58%)
- Fundraising (0.08%)

Expenses: \$1,095,481



- Salaries and Payroll (75.64%)
- Employee Benefits and HSA (9.31%)
- Food and Housekeeping (2.46%)
- Professional Services (1.86%)
- Building Care and Maintenance (1.84%)
- Property and Director's Insurance (1.64%)
- Utilities (1.63%)
- Telephone and Internet (1.45%)
- Assistance to Individuals (0.93%)
- Dues and Subscriptions (0.89%)
- Staff Development (0.54%)
- Equipment Purchase (0.49%)
- Transportation (0.41%)
- Equipment Repair and Maintenance (0.28%)
- Office Supplies (0.26%)
- Advertising and Fundraising (0.17%)
- Printing and Postage (0.13%)
- Staff Travel (0.07%)

We appreciate all of our donors who make it possible for us to continue providing essential services. **Thank you so much!**