

Inspiring Confidence



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STRONG FAITH HONEST COURAGE



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Dear SPARCC Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on another year of change and growth, we are inspired by YOU, our incredible supporters and partners who make our programs and services possible. Our work requires a diversity of voices, ideas, and skills to bring forth safety, peace, and hope for survivors of domestic and sexual violence who come from all walks of life. We are fortunate to work within a community that is engaged and supportive.

The survivors we serve each day are facing uncertainty as they work through trauma and seek out opportunities for safety and healing. Their strength and ability to overcome is nothing short of amazing. As you read this newsletter, I hope you find inspiration in the words of those we have served and in the numbers of those reached by SPARCC's programs. Every SPARCC service "number" you find represents a real person that YOU helped – through your giving and volunteering.

Now more than ever, prevention and community education will take a central role in our efforts to open dialogue, explore uncharted approaches to service delivery, and forge deeper partnerships that will benefit survivors and our community as a whole. With the leadership of our Board of Directors, we are finalizing a new strategic plan that will guide our work for the next three years and beyond. This plan will challenge SPARCC to improve and expand services, and continue to strengthen the organization to ensure long-term stability. And we couldn't do this important work in our community without your support!

Thank you for partnering with SPARCC. Thank you for helping to inspire brighter futures. Because of YOU, survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and their children, will always have a place to turn.

Jessica Hays
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President and CEO



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt, stands on the left with her arms crossed. A young girl with dark hair, wearing a blue hoodie, stands next to her, also with her arms crossed. The background is a teal color with several yellow brushstroke-like marks scattered across it.

SPARCC *Shines a light* ON THE SMALLEST SURVIVORS

Over 10 million children witness domestic violence each year. Often, children who grow up in violent homes begin to view these behaviors as typical to all relationships and often repeat these learned behaviors in their adult lives. SPARCC aims to be a leader in the movement by helping to build the confidence they need to grow and break the cycle of violence.

Here are just a few of the ways SPARCC shined a light on our smallest survivors and created opportunities for their healing and growth during our last fiscal year:

- Prevention education to area youth
- Art & Music Interactive Evening with the Sarasota Orchestra for our support group parents and children
- Outing for survivors and children at SPARCC shelter to see holiday lights and an outdoor movie at UTC
- Pizza nights at SPARCC shelter
- Summer camp opportunities for children of participants
- Summer circus outing for parents and children at SPARCC shelter
- Supportive sessions with a youth advocate for families experiencing domestic violence

A smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a green textured sweater, carries a young girl on her shoulders. The girl is wearing a denim vest over a white long-sleeved shirt and blue sneakers. They are set against a bright blue background with stylized sunburst patterns and yellow dots. The text 'Confidence Blooms WITH YOUR HELP!' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Confidence Blooms

WITH YOUR HELP!

Your gifts that support SPARCC can continue to change the lives of our smallest survivors, for the better, and be one step closer to a confident, violence-free future! With everything from prevention education efforts in our communities to parent/child healing opportunities for children staying at SPARCC Shelter and children of survivors who attend our weekly support group meetings, SPARCC is committed to helping make the future brighter for everyone!



A SURVIVOR'S ENCOURAGING STORY OF NEW-FOUND CONFIDENCE

"I cannot begin to express my gratitude for what SPARCC has done for me...When I first came to SPARCC, I was frazzled and barely surviving as I fled an abusive relationship and moved to Florida with my one-year-old daughter... When I came to SPARCC, I had almost given up hope and I believed that dreams only come true in fairytales, but I now know I have the power to live every single dream and more. My advocate reminds me of my strength every day and there is no doubt in my mind that if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be where I am today. I would still be living in the mindset of defeat...I am now confident, I am happy, and I am alive. So, thank you SPARCC and my advocate, they are truly angels on this Earth."

— SPARCC SURVIVOR



OUR *Services* & COMMUNITY IMPACT



4,957

nights of shelter provided to
138 adults, **93** children, and **20** pets



6,086

Hotline calls



57

24-hour on call responses
to hospitals



260

Survivors receiving legal services



1,306

survivors were provided with **5,800+**
appointments for advocacy and crisis
intervention services



1,628

Therapy sessions provided



232

Support groups



14,871

Meals provided



1,500+

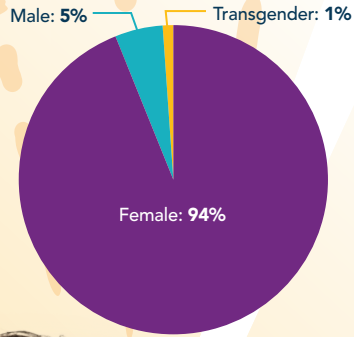
reached through professional training
and community education presentations



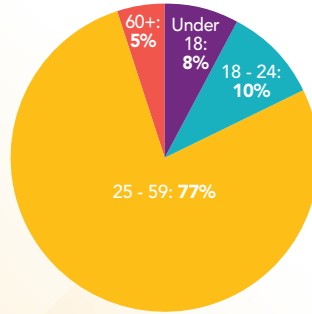
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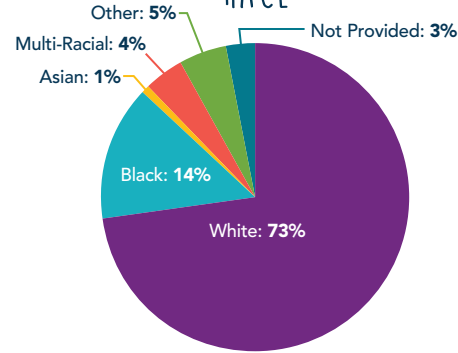
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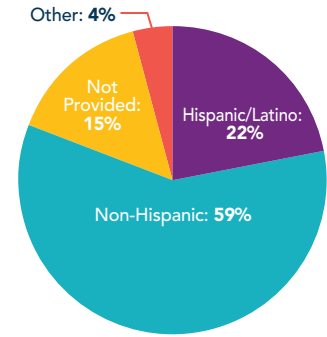
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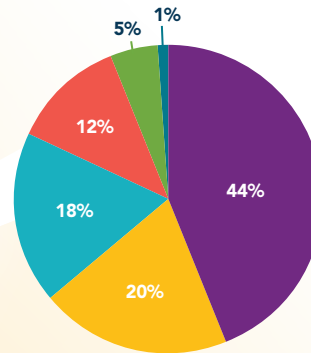


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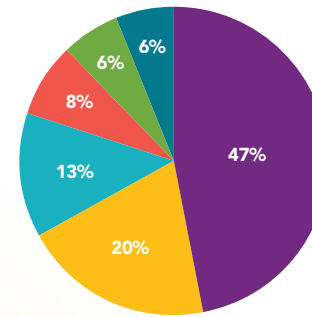
REVENUE

- Federal & State Grants
- Contributions
- Fundraising & Special Events
- Treasure Chest - Resale Shop
- Other Grants
- Investment/Other Income



EXPENSES

- Counseling & Advocacy
- Shelter
- Fundraising & Special Events
- Treasure Chest - Resale Shop
- Education & Awareness
- Administration



"...This was the first time I experienced an episode of physical violence. The sheriff's deputy that took the report suggested I go to SPARCC. I went and the advocate I saw was amazing. She also provided a kind smile and an attitude that said 'I really care about you and you have been through a lot.' Sometimes the simple act of being validated by someone, a stranger, can be what you need to keep going and fighting to live!!!! Thank you SPARCC for the amazing things you do for abused women and men. SPARCC is a God send. Made possible by donors like you. Thank you."

— SPARCC SURVIVOR

2022-2023 SPARCC EVENTS

TICKETS AND EVENT INFORMATION:

www.SPARCC.net/events

OPENING COFFEE

September 21, 2022 | 10:00 AM
Sarasota Yacht Club

CARD & GAME PARTY

October 26, 2022 | 10:00 AM
Plantation Golf & Country Club

SPARCCLE BY THE SEA GALA

November 18, 2022 | 6:00 PM
The Westin, Sarasota

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 6, 2022 | 11:00 AM
Michael's On East

SCRAMBLE FOR SPARCC

January 16, 2023 | 11:00 AM
Laurel Oak Country Club

SPARCC RUNWAY

FASHION SHOW

March 31, 2023 | 10:00 AM
The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

SPARCCLE ON THE LINKS

April 20, 2023 | 11:00 AM
Plantation Golf & Country Club

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

May 11, 2023 | 11:00 AM
Laurel Oak Country Club

SPARCC LOCATIONS

24-HOUR HOTLINE: 941.365.1976 (TTY)

SARASOTA OUTREACH & ADMINISTRATION

2139 Main Street
Sarasota, FL 34237

VENICE OUTREACH OFFICE

1531 Tamiami Trail South,
Suite 702-A, Venice, FL 34285

ARCADIA OUTREACH OFFICE

4 W. Oak Street, Unit G,
Arcadia, FL 34266

NORTH PORT OUTREACH OFFICE

6919 Outreach Way, B103
North Port, FL 34287

SPARCC SHELTER

Confidential Location

SPARCC TREASURE CHEST

1426 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34236



2139 Main Street
Sarasota, FL 34237



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