

# SARCC 2024-25

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## Annual REPORT



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# Healing at Home

A PROJECT ROOTED IN OUR MISSION & VALUES

Provided over 1400 nights of permanent supported housing

## Clarissa's House - Prevention

SARCC dedicated its first home to our **PREVENTION** value, and named the home after our long-time Preventionist, Clarissa Geary. Every student in Schuylkill County schools has met Miss Clarissa and knows that each child has a right to be safe from sexual abuse. We seek to prevent sexual violence before it is perpetrated for a safer community.



## Micah's House - Advocacy

Our second home was made possible through the dedication of our long-time board member & Director of the Tamaqua Area Community Partnership, Micah Gursky. We dedicate this house to our **ADVOCACY** value, recognizing that it takes great courage for survivors and communities to use their voices to seek justice and healing.



## Long Term Vision:

*By the end of this project, we will have five permanent supported housing options. Each will be named after a SARCC Core Value. **We need your help!** Help us find and secure properties, and suggest naming honors for our next three homes:*

**Compassion House:** At SARCC, we care deeply for those who hurt and those who seek to understand the hurt. COMPASSION House will embody unending kindness and empathy in our community.

**Safety House:** SARCC's SAFETY value guides us as we help people find safe space for healing, whether at SARCC or in their homes, schools, or communities.

**Social Transformation House:** People who perpetrate sexual violence do not discriminate. SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION House will help make our systems, neighborhoods, and communities safer for all people.



■ Prevent sexual violence. Promote healing.





# A POEM: YOU

## **You**

You were cold, to the touch and inside your soul

## **Soul**

My soul was cheated but I'm not broken

## **Broken**

My trust severely Broken, with no future hope

## **Hope**

A term that didn't seem tangible, yet I persisted.

## **Persistence**

Every couple years I would try again, yet nothing helped

## **Help**

Something people ask for when they are at their end

## **End**

The end for you and everyone like you.

## **You**

You were like the warm sun and I saw a fighting chance

## **Chance**

I took a chance on you and you shined through my darkness

## **Darkness**

My darkness started to turn Grey, even after all the failed attempts

## **Attempt**

I attempted to keep going, because you showed me all I could gain.

## **Gain**

Gainesville, VA, where I went to finally get my closure

## **Closure**

Is there even such a thing, or did i just close the door

## **Doors**

I'm not sure if my door will ever fully close, but with you it has definitely moved

## **Move**

Moving on, and obtaining strengths, something i never received in the past

## **Past**

My past is finally where it should be And I am grateful for SARCC(Alicia) that I am able to start feeling free.

Poem shared with permission and our gratitude for the survivors who share their their stories with us.

# Invest in Survivors

## STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS THREATEN LOCAL SERVICES

Despite the staggering prevalence and lifetime impacts of sexual violence, Pennsylvania is effectively cutting funding to rape crisis centers. Specifically, SARCC experienced a \$89,727 reduction (a 28% cut in buying power from PA). When we put that next to the \$113,321 cut in federal VOCA dollars (47% cut) and the temporary federal assistance funding we received during the past three years due to COVID relief, **SARCC is facing a deficit of \$212,720 (or 34% of our operating budget)**. Our local program has cut 9 positions since these cuts began.

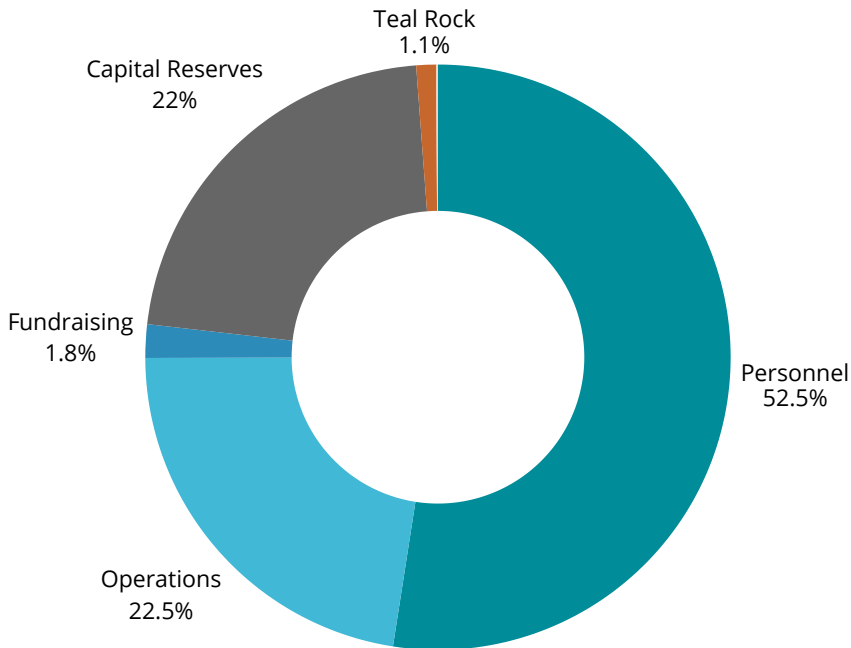
Advocates from across the state dedicated hours of time, miles of driving, and tons of foot traffic at the PA State Capitol, Human Services Roundtables, and meeting with elected officials in district offices.



**Sexual Assault Programs surviving 5 years of funding cuts seek change for survivors.**



# Financials & Support Impact



**TOTAL EXPENSES:**  
**\$1,256,913**

**CAPITAL EXPANSION FOR  
FUTURE HOUSING &  
BUILDING PROJECTS:**  
**\$354,596**

## Why support SARCC?

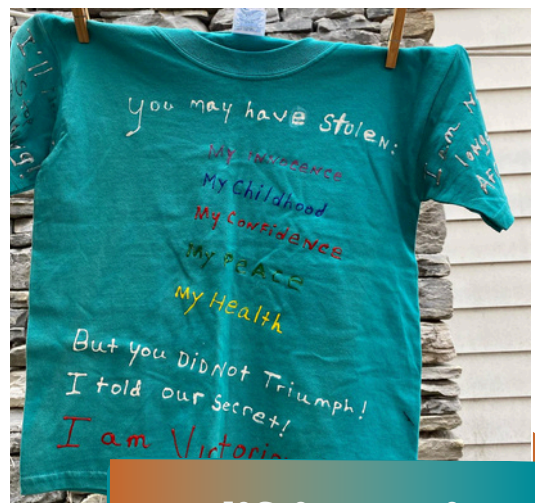
Last year, SARCC gratefully received \$186,897 in charitable giving and accepted 2,425 hours of volunteer services valued at \$78,296. We are careful stewards of the charitable donations and local, state, federal, and foundation grants received. 94.2 cents of fundraised every dollar goes directly back into services.

### What does your support provide?

- \$20** = 1 hour hotline counseling
- \$60** = 1 hour of advocacy support
- \$125** = 1 hour of Trauma therapy
- \$250** = 1 hour of support group
- \$500** = Trial Accompaniment for a family
- \$1500** = 10 session prevention program
- \$2500** = A week of summer camp
- \$5000** = One month of supported housing



**Sharing HOPE**



**Uplifting Voices**



## Preventing sexual violence.

### New programs for kids & caregivers



### Introducing Project Safe & Smart

SARCC prevention team members partnered with PCCD to introduce Project Safe & Smart. This evidence-based prevention program combines a single-session puppet-themed prevention program for Pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with a parenting workshop designed to help parents quickly learn how to spot grooming behaviors and build safer environments for their kids. This two-year project brings new tools to our prevention team and will roll out to school districts in Fall 2025.

### Summer camps are for prevention



### Prevention Program Impacts

- Provided **385** Primary Prevention Programs to **1,579** Lebanon & Schuylkill Co. residents.
- Presented **425** Educational workshops to **14,681** Lebanon & Schuylkill Co. residents.
- Offered **25** trainings to **385** local professionals.

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## Promoting healing.

### Schuylkill

636 total clients  
261 children

### Lebanon

478 total clients  
171 children

4,860 hours of  
victim service

938 systems hours  
725 system contacts

476 hotline calls  
692 system referrals

### Criminal and Civil Protections

SARCC advocates support survivors through police reporting, trials, filing protection orders, and accessing victim's compensation. No one chooses this experience, but they do have rights and choices in their justice and healing.

### Support at Forensic Interviews

Our advocates provide support to both children and families referred for forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center. We also offer follow-up prevention education counseling and help families navigate services and systems.

### Crisis Counseling & Support Groups

Some survivors seek to connect with a counselor or other survivors to make sense of the healing process. We provide short-term counseling, groups for survivors and parents of child survivors, and groups for specific populations (LGBTQ+, men/women's groups, teens), and in targeted settings (i.e. school districts, colleges, treatment facilities, prisons).

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# 2024-25

Mission

## HIGHLIGHTS



# 15%

Increase in  
requests for  
services



### Direct Services Summary

## 1,114

Unique Child & Adult Clients

## 4,860+

Hours of victim services provided

## 476

Hotline calls

## 102

Therapy Clients

## 692

Referrals

### Prevention Education

## 16,645

Children & Adults Trained

## 800+

Programs offered



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*VOLUNTEER*



*PREVENT*



*GET HELP*

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