



2006 ANNUAL REPORT

"I often wonder
what direction
my life would
have taken
if not for you."

"This program has saved my kids and me from a life on the streets, I didn't have anywhere else to turn. I have a safe place to call home now and I couldn't ask for a better place than here." Emma*



New Beginnings is the major provider of domestic violence victim services in Seattle, Shoreline, and Lake Forest Park serving women and children. They come from a broad range of communities and backgrounds, and may have suffered multiple forms of ongoing violence including physical battering, sexual assault, emotional abuse and stalking.

comprehensive services are provided through four programs:

The 21-bed **Emergency Shelter** is staffed 24-hours a day, and provides for basic needs, including food, clothing, and personal care items. Services include safety planning, individual advocacy, parenting classes, support groups for women and children, chemical dependency services, children's advocacy, links to community resources such as education and job training programs, physical and mental health services, and access to permanent housing resources.

In our **Community Advocacy** program, those currently in an abusive relationship and those who have left an abusive partner find the support they need. CAP offers support groups and one-on-one advocacy-based counseling, screening for a weekly family law clinic, a chemical dependency/ domestic violence support group and counseling, legal advocacy and parenting classes, and also houses our 24-hour Crisis Line.

The **Transitional Housing** program is a community of 17 furnished apartments for single women and women with children. Each household may stay for up to eighteen months, supported and able to rebuild and restructure their lives and pursue goals including finding permanent housing, building self-confidence, and increasing work or life skills.

The **Social Change** program focuses on domestic violence prevention and education. Teen advocacy in local high schools presents dating violence prevention curriculum and helps young people recognize and avoid abusive relationships. Other trainings for volunteers, advocates, and professionals in healthcare, education, and human resources are increasing awareness and knowledge of domestic violence issues.

30 years ending domestic violence

Dear Friends,

This report reflects on the accomplishments of 2006—our thirtieth anniversary — and the changes that thirty years of advocacy, service and activism bring: changes in individual lives, in public attitudes and in social institutions.



Amy Pannoni



Lois Loontjens

New Beginnings' mission

is to provide shelter,
advocacy and support
for battered women and
their children, and to
change attitudes and social
institutions that foster and
perpetuate violence.

Over the years, many thousands have been helped, laws have been changed, public attitudes have shifted. All of these changes, all of the accomplishments of this movement rest on community support. We thank you for being part of this community of supporters and for all that you do to make progress possible.

And yet, more needs to be done.

As we write this, the community is reeling from a succession of domestic violence murders. We know that the services we provide reach a small number of all those who are living with violence at the hands of intimate partners. We know that for every woman whose situation becomes public, there are thousands suffering in isolation. For these women, who may never get to a shelter or even phone a crisis line, it is ordinary people — their friends, neighbors, relatives, places of worship, employers — that make the difference.

Thank you for being one of those ordinary, compassionate people: for supporting this work, for speaking up and for reaching out. And thank you for creating a world where loving relationships are the norm.

Sincerely,

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Amy Pannoni
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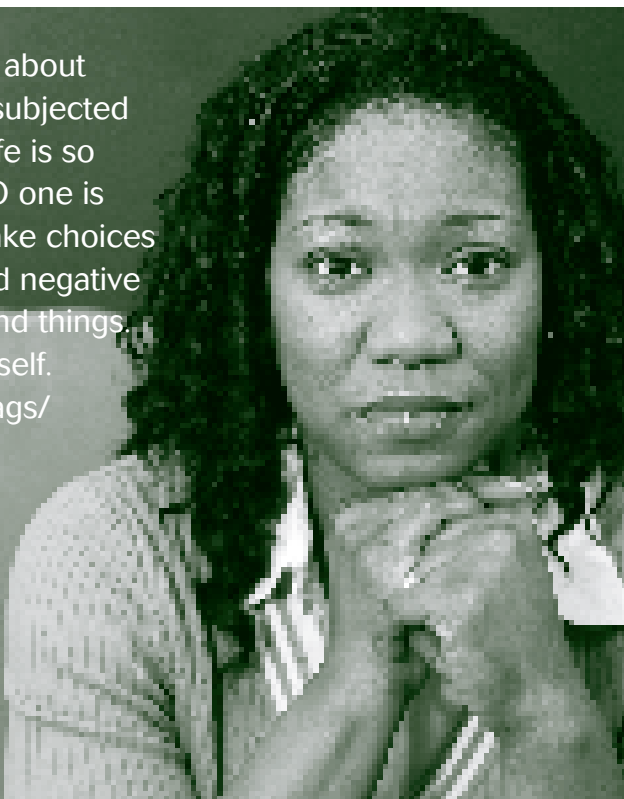
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Donnamaria*





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The 3rd Annual Bridal Bowl was attended by over thirty bowlers dressed in formal wear. Host Jill Gallagher collected \$300 and many boxes of school supplies, books, toys, and personal products for the women served by New Beginnings.

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"Nobody
deserves bad
treatment."

Essie*

"I have gotten to create a new home space free from violence and I have had the time to heal my life. For the first time in my life, I feel confident that when I leave here I will not end up in another abusive relationship. I feel hopeful about creating a future that contains love, mutual respect, and authentic relationships with myself and others." **Brianca***

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"I was afraid to live by myself before." Isabel*



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December 31, 2006

Assets:

Current Assets	\$ 1,223,797
Property & Equipment	\$ 1,657,355
Total Assets	\$ 2,881,152

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities	\$ 339,781
Long-term Liabilities	\$ 1,066,531
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,406,312

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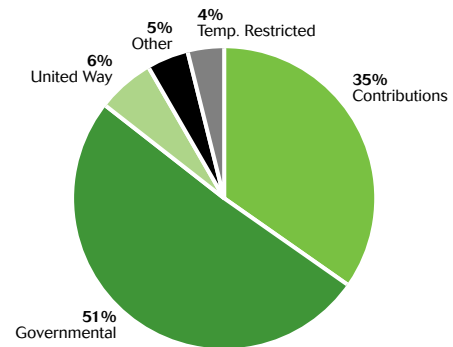
Undesignated	\$ 289,954
Designated	\$ 613,252
Property & Equipment	\$ 477,930
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 93,704
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,474,840

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **\$ 2,881,152**

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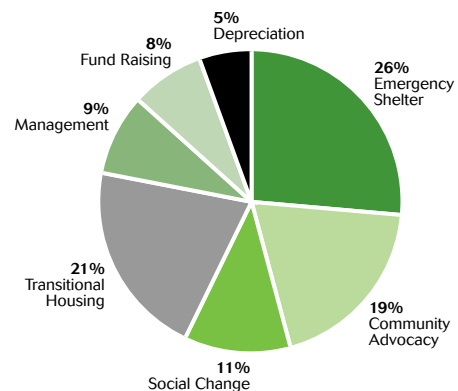
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Community Advocate Veronica Brown (left), Jasmine Brown, and Janel Brown enjoy Fall Festival, the annual appreciation event for New Beginnings staff and supporters.



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"I turned seventy in August of 2006 and my life is very different from what I had thought it would be. During this past year I have been asked to speak at several senior centers in and around Seattle concerning domestic violence and the senior woman. I speak only of the things that happened to me. I give them your number. I pray that they use it." **Jenny***

2006 highlights & accomplishments

- Length of stay at New Beginnings Emergency Shelter Program was extended from 28 to up to 56 days, allowing more time to focus on self-sufficiency goals and to secure transitional or permanent housing.
- Weekly karate instruction is available for children in all New Beginnings programs as well as six weeks of snowboarding lessons, providing a fun activity as well as building self-confidence and fitness.
- Kids Club, operated by the Community Advocacy Program, creates a supportive group for children who have witnessed or endured abuse to talk about and process their experiences with violence.
- Full-time Prevention Educator position added to the Social Change Program, to address dating violence and facilitate "Owning Up" groups in local middle schools and high schools.
- 93% of residents who completed the Transitional Housing Program in 2006 moved into permanent housing!
- A daytime support group with childcare was added to the Community Advocacy Program.



Agency volunteer Jill Gallagher (left), helps Seattle Storm Guard Betty Lennox unload back-to-school packs for the children served by New Beginnings. The packs were donated through the Betty Lennox Foundation and Simone4Children, the foundation of former Storm player Simone Edwards. More than 20 children from New Beginnings' programs shared snacks with Betty and learned about her experiences as a professional basketball player.



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