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# 2008 Annual Report

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## A letter from our Board President and Executive Director

The year 2008 began with a fresh perspective and the completion of our five-year strategic plan. With a clear direction for the organization and many goals to achieve, the board, staff, and volunteers began implementing some new initiatives.

Some of the major outcomes of 2008 include:

- *Improved Financial Stability* - We put in place a monthly financial review and analysis at the board level for increased oversight. We now compile financial statements and communication pieces in-house to save on additional costs. We changed auditors to better fit the needs of the organization. And we hired a development associate to improve communications and coordinate fundraising activities.
- *Augmentation of Service and Referrals* - We created a new partnership with Annex Teen Clinic to reach underserved populations. And, as part of a Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) grant initiative, we hired a health outreach specialist to increase sexual violence specific knowledge and care among health care providers.

SVC staff also continued to participate in state-level projects including MN Department of Health's Five Year Primary Prevention Plan committee, the Stop It Now Minnesota Advisory Board, and the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) board.

We are proud of what we have accomplished and we continue to thrive on the collective knowledge and talents of our volunteers, staff, and board. We are moving forward with a renewed commitment and a message of thanks to those who stand alongside us as we advocate, educate and prevent sexual violence in our communities.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William H. Hope II in black ink.

William H. Hope II,  
2009 Board President

Handwritten signature of Gail Emerson in black ink.

Gail Emerson,  
Executive Director

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Minnesota Department of Health  
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# 2008 Financial Position

Non-governmental Contributors and Misc. Income



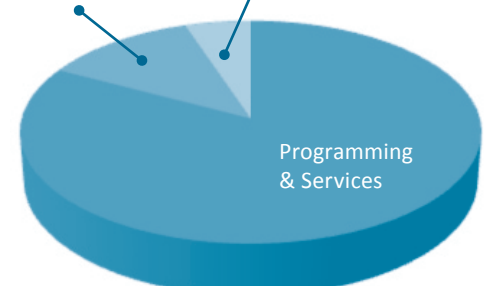
Grants from Government Agencies	\$276,206
Non-Governmental Contributors & Misc. Income	\$90,401
In-Kind Contributions and Services	\$365,134

\*Includes volunteer direct service hours

**Total Revenue 2008: \$731,741**

Management and General

Fundraising



Programming & Services	\$635,338
Management and General	\$93,189
Fundraising	\$39,818

**Total Expenses 2008 \$768,345**

**Change in Net Assets: (\$44,299)**

# Organization Overview

The Sexual Violence Center(SVC) has offices in both Minneapolis and Chaska, MN and primarily serves Hennepin, Scott and Carver counties, where more than one-fourth of Minnesota's total population resides. For over 24 years, SVC has been committed to providing the best possible services, resources and information to all people affected by sexual violence. In addition, SVC works to initiate and support systemic change that ensures victim rights, fosters compassionate care and healing, and prevents sexual violence from occurring.

## Mission

To empower our community by providing prevention and intervention services to all people affected by sexual violence.

## 2008 Program Highlights

- 24-hour Crisis Counseling/Advocacy Services:**  
 Provided advocacy, counseling and support to **250** victims of sexual violence arriving at area hospitals, of which **43%** were under 18 years of age. Provided assistance with law enforcement services **40** times.
- 24-hour Crisis Hotline:**  
 Responded to **1,761** sexual violence related calls on our 24-hour crisis hotline.
- Support and Follow-up Services:**  
 Provided **570** ongoing and short term support group sessions for primary and secondary victims of sexual assault. Provided **1,144** One-to-One Counseling sessions.
- Youth Support Services and Prevention Programming:**  
 Gave **120** presentations to a total of **3,376** students at area schools. Made **121** connections with youth through 1:1 counseling sessions.
- Training, Education and Community Outreach:**  
 Provided Professional Training for **378** members of law enforcement, the medical and faith communities, and other community professionals. Distributed information and resources about sexual violence to more than **150** educational, church, civic, and corporate organizations. **25** individuals completed our 40-hour Sexaul Assault Advocacy Training. **21,095** people were informed through community outreach and tabling events. More than **50** individuals attended our annual Candlelight Vigil in honor of victims and survivors of sexual violence.

## 2008 Community Partners

Annex Teen Clinic	MN Network on Abuse in Later Life
Genesis II for Families	Sexual Assault Resource Service (SARS)
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexaul Assault	Sexual Assault Interagency Council (SAIC)
MN Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition	Shakopee Women's Prison