

**Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence  
Statistical Information  
City of Gautier  
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013**

<b>Total Number of Unduplicated Individuals Served:</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Number of Indirect Services Individuals:</b>	<b>558</b>

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS**

Center:

Total Domestic Violence Victims Served (Women and Children) .....	29
Total Nights of Service .....	196
Meals .....	588
Individual Counseling Sessions .....	66
Group Counseling Sessions .....	91

Adrienne's House:

Total Domestic Violence Victims Served (Women and Children) .....	2
Total Nights of Service .....	185
Meals .....	555
Individual Counseling Sessions .....	11
Group Counseling Sessions .....	20

**SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM PROGRAMS**

Total Sexual Assault Victims Served (Women and Children) .....	2
Individual Counseling Sessions .....	7

**FOREVER CHANGED (SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS PROGRAM)**

Total Survivors/Families Served .....	1
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**CRISIS HOTLINE**

Total Number of Center Calls .....	422
Total Number of Adrienne's House Calls.....	15

**EDUCATIONAL/PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

Total Number of Educational Programs .....	2
Total Number of Participants .....	135

**LEGAL CLINIC**

Total Number Accepted, Advised or Referred .....	4
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# Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence

## 2013 Annual Report



Spring 2014

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence in 2013. Through the commitment of our community support, the Center provided direct services to 3,166 adults and children in 2013; answered 15,580 crisis calls; and provided prevention education to over 13,000 school children and community members. Our wonderful committed staff worked tirelessly to ensure that the Center continues to provide outstanding comprehensive services to adult and child victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and family members of homicide victims. Our board of directors, led for the past two years by Walter Moore guided the Center with clear direction and compassion – even during tough financial times.

At the state level, the 2013 Mississippi Legislature created a Domestic Violence Task Force to examine current victim services and funding within the state of Mississippi. Susie Tenney, Criminal Justice Programs Director and I were appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to serve. The task force made several recommendations and the 2014 Legislature is currently determining what changes will be made in the state.

Nationally, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was passed in early 2013, after failing to pass the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress in the two previous years. The reauthorization of VAWA 2013 closed critical gaps in services and justice. It improved upon lifesaving services for all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking - including Native women, immigrants, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) victims, college students and youth, and public housing residents. The Center has long recognized the importance of addressing the needs all victims and is excited that the 2013 VAWA reauthorization now includes these often overlooked victims specifically.

Thank you again for what you do for the Center and the clients we serve. It would be impossible for the Center to exist without your support! We are looking forward to working with you in 2014!

*Sandra K. Morrison, Executive Director*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Gulf Coast Women's Center is to support and serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and family members of homicide victims; educate the community; and act to reduce incidences of violence.

## **PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT**

The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence opposes violence in word or action by any individual or group against any other individual and/or group. The Center promotes equality in all relationships and provides services to individuals across all racial, social, ethnic, religious and economic groups regardless of age, sex, or lifestyles. Education, service, support and leadership are recognized as critical factors in ending violence in the family and in the community.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence supports and serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and family member of homicide victims through comprehensive programs. The center encourages the victims served to develop and/or strengthen responsibility for themselves, their family and their community.

Education of children in nonviolent conflict resolutions is integral to ending the cycle of violence. To this end, the support and education of child victims is strongly advocated.

## **2013 SERVICES**

### **Crisis Line**

- 24/7 Response\*
- Emergency Shelter Clearance\*
- Hospital Response Calls
- Schedule Counseling Appointments\*
- Information and Referrals\*

### **Sexual Assault**

- 24/7 Hospital Response
- Counseling
- Case Management
- Court Accompaniment
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training
- Sexual Assault Response Teams

### **Northcutt Legal Clinic**

- Free Civil Legal Services for Victims
- Protection Orders

### **Children's Programs**

- Counseling\*
- Case Management
- Child Care
- Parenting Classes
- Specialized Groups for Preschoolers

### **Domestic Violence**

- Emergency Shelter\*
- Transitional Housing
- Transitional to Permanent Housing
- Counseling\*
- Case Management\*
- Outreach Counseling

### **Forever Changed**

- Counseling
- Case Management
- Court Advocacy
- Remembrance Events

### **Criminal Justice Programs**

- Court Advocacy
- Coordinated Community Response
- Domestic Violence Intervention

### **Educational Programs**

- Preschool - College Students
- Community Members
- Conferences/Workshops
- Speakers Bureau

\* Services available at both the Center's Biloxi location and at the Adrienne's House location

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<b>TOTAL VICTIMS SERVED</b>	<b>3,166</b>
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT SERVICES (Crisis Calls and Educational Programs)</b>	<b>29,102</b>

**Crisis Hotline**

Center Crisis Line	14,076
Adrienne's House Crisis Line	1,504
<b>Total Crisis Calls</b>	<b>15,580</b>

**Domestic Violence Programs**

*Center Programs*

Served (Adults and Children)	715
Nights of Service	13,072
Meals	28,773
Individual Counseling Sessions	1,326
Group Counseling Sessions	1,813

*Adrienne's House Programs*

Served (Adults and Children)	114
Nights of Service	4,620
Meals	13,343
Individual Counseling Sessions	287
Group Counseling Sessions	492

**Total Domestic Violence Programs**

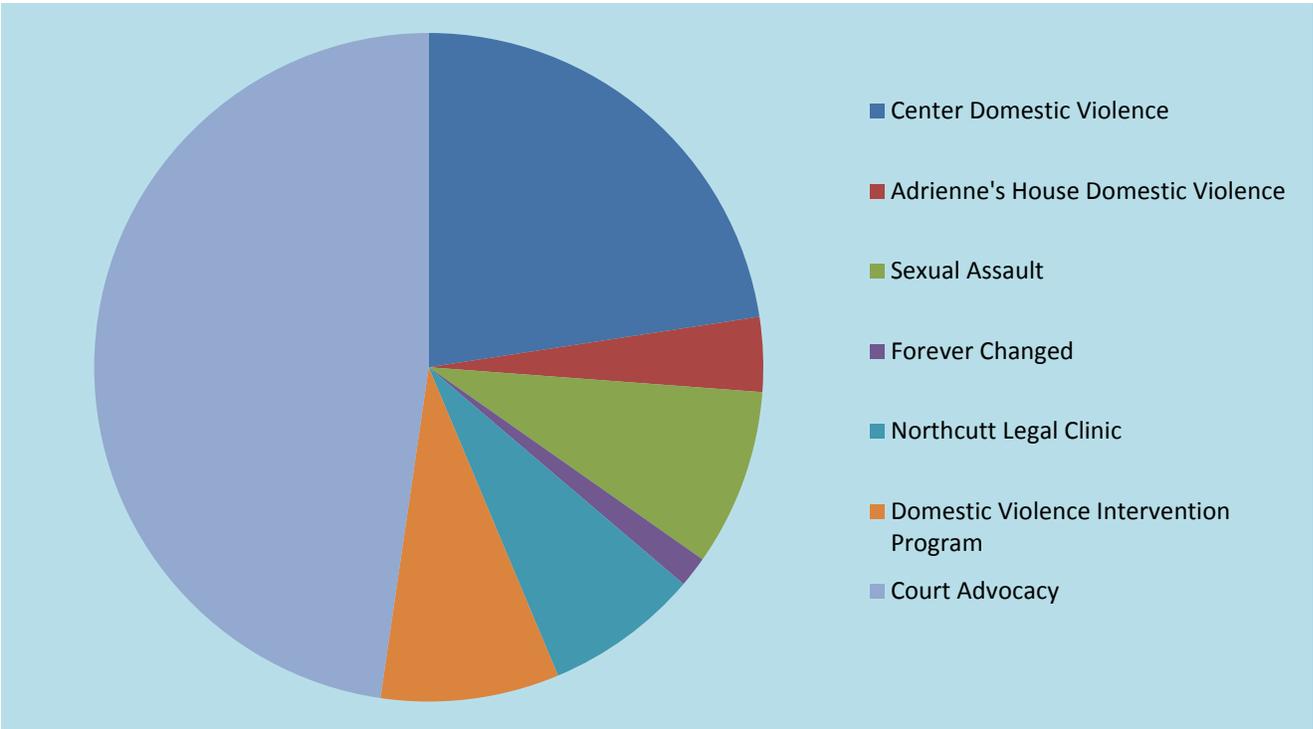
Served (Adults and Children)	829
Nights of Service	17,692
Meals	42,116
Individual Counseling Sessions	1,613
Group Counseling Sessions	2,305

**Sexual Assault Program**

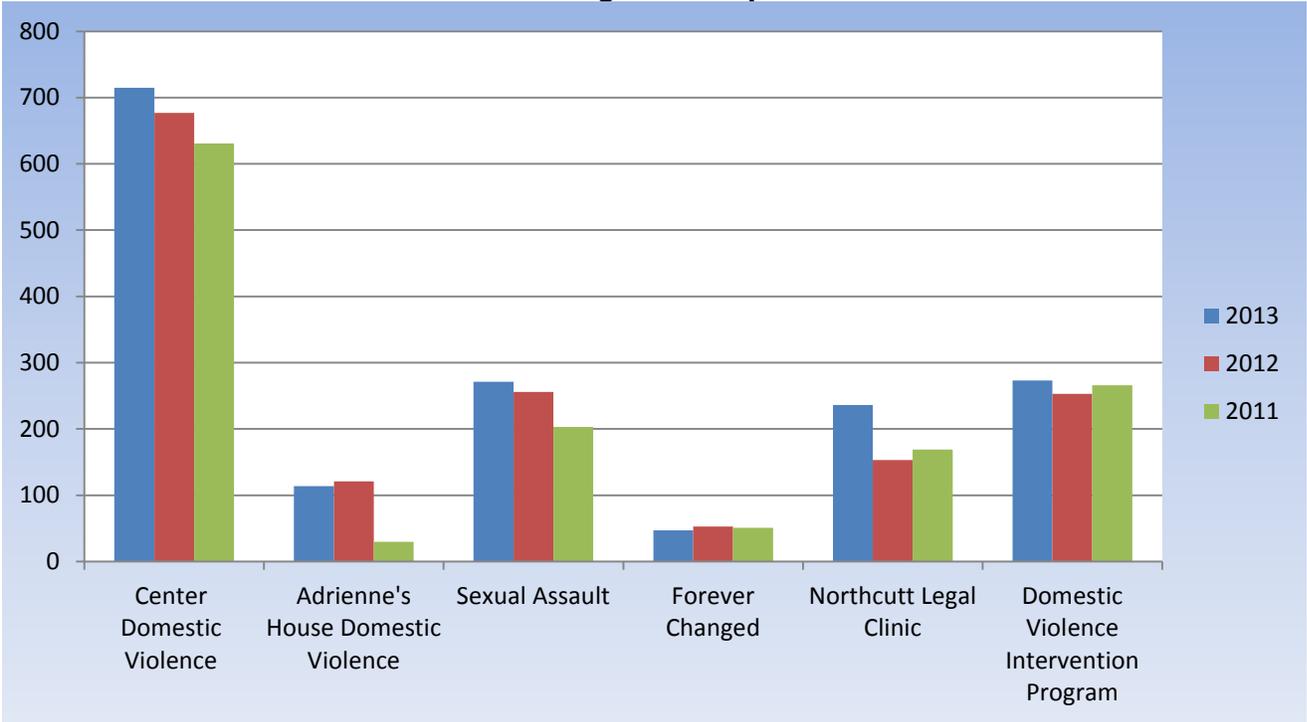
Served (Adults and Children)	271
Individual Counseling Sessions	719
Hospital Contacts	40

<b>Forever Changed (Survivors of Homicide Program)</b>	
Served	47
Individual Counseling Sessions	133
<b>Children's Program</b>	
Served	353
Domestic Violence Children	309
Sexual Assault Children	44
Childcare Hours	4,482
<b>Northcutt Legal Clinic</b>	
Accepted, Advised, or Referred	236
Intakes	338
Divorces	98
Child Custody	82
Protective Orders	66
Child/Spousal Support	78
<b>Criminal Justice Programs</b>	
Court Advocate Interventions	1,510
Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)	273
DVIP Men	213
DVIP Women	60
<b>Educational/Prevention Programs</b>	
Total Programs	172
Total Participants	13,522
School/Youth Programs	58
School/Youth Participants	8,303
Community Programs	102
Community Participants	5,006
Specialized Programs	12
Specialized Participants	213
<b>Volunteer Program</b>	
Volunteer Hours	27,965

### 2013 Services



### Three Year Program Comparison

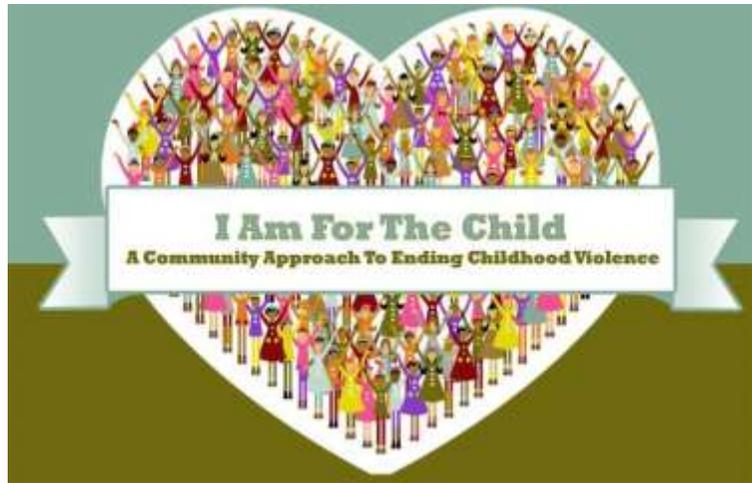




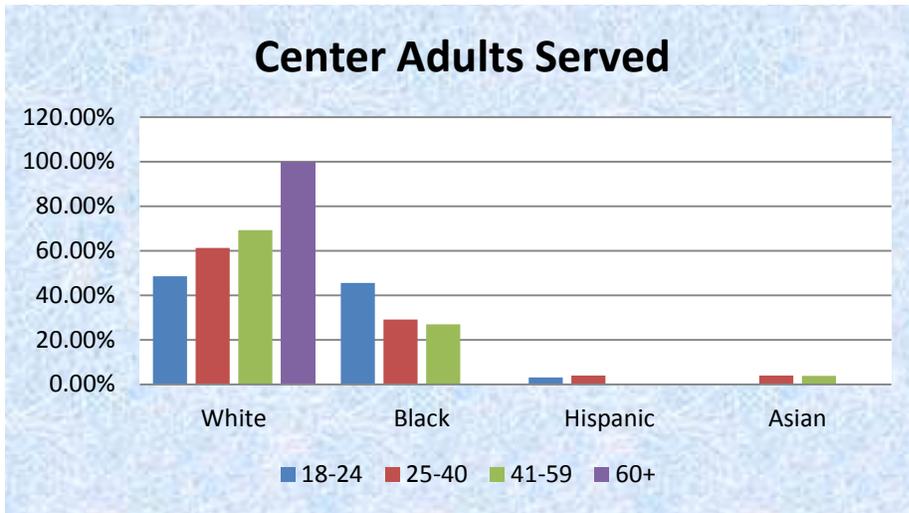
**Stacey Myers and Sandra Morrison accepted the 100 Cars for Good Toyota Van from Estabrook Toyota – Thanks to all that voted for the Center!**



CONGRATULATIONS to our own Executive Director, Sandra Morrison for being recognized as one of the Coast's Outstanding Women at the 2013 annual Lighthouse Business and Professional Women of Achievement Luncheon.



The Center and CASA MS partnered again in 2013 to present the annual children's conference: I Am For the Child. Approximately 100 professionals, child advocates, and volunteers attended this event. Topics covered "Working with LGBTQ youth and Engaging Young Men in the Fight Against Violence.

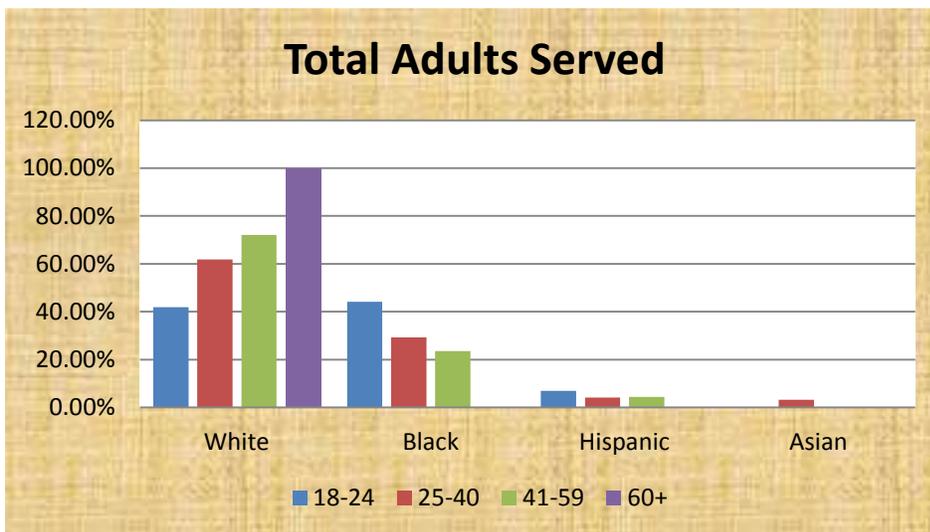
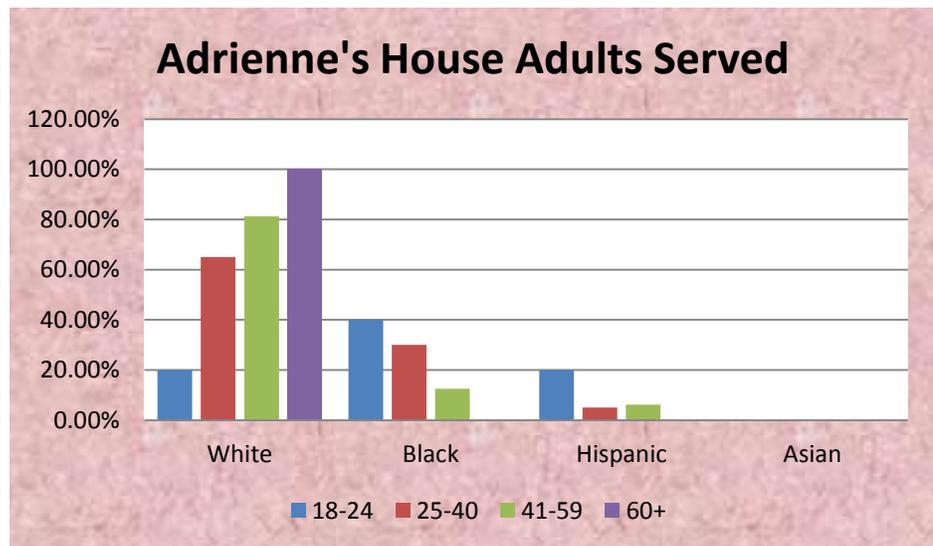


**Center Crisis Line:**  
**800-800-1396**  
**228-435-1968**  
**228-436-3809**

**Adrienne's House Crisis:**  
**228-762-8267**  
**228-205-**

**Northcutt Legal Clinic:**  
**228-864-7144**

[gcwcfn.org](http://gcwcfn.org)



USM Social Work Students in the Center's 2013 Purple for Peace Thursdays!

## Therapeutic Preschool Funded by United Way of South Mississippi

One of the Center's guiding principles is that "education of children in nonviolent conflict resolutions is integral to ending the cycle of violence". The Center implements this principle in a variety of ways, but one of the main focuses since 1986 has been a therapeutic preschool for children ages 3-5 that have been exposed to violence. In fact, our current facility was specifically designed to house the preschool as part of the core services offered at the Center.

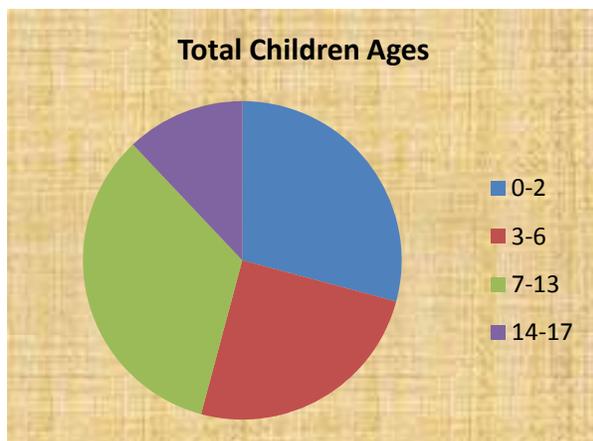
However, in 2011, the Center had to close the preschool due to federal funding cuts. Services for children were still offered, but the organized program designed specifically for preschool age children was terminated.

In 2012, the United Way of South Mississippi (UWSM) conducted a wide scale needs assessment of the area. Education and specifically Early Childhood Education continued to be described as a contributing factor in all areas of need – poverty, health, education, employment, and violence. So in 2013 UWSM began to change its focus areas for funding to recognize the importance of quality programs for early childhood development.

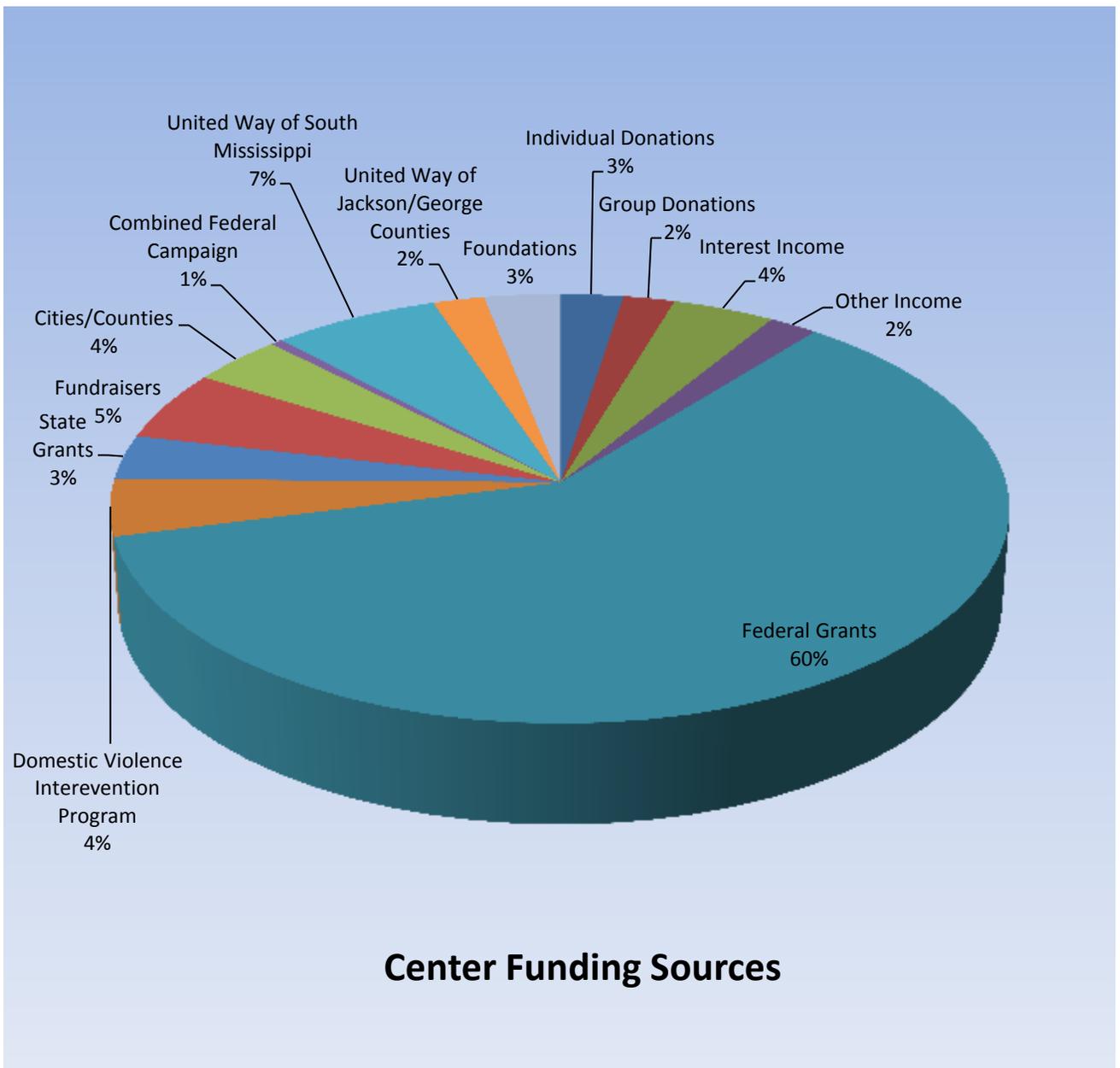
The Center was one of many agencies that applied for funding from UWSM's Education Program. The Center provided UWSM information that described in detail the tremendous impact violence in the home has on a child's developmental process. Children exposed to violence face specific challenges in the developmental process. Early childhood exposure to violence is often more detrimental to the child than violence exposure later in childhood, as children need to meet and master each developmental level in order to successfully meet and navigate the next.

UWSM agreed and funded the Center to re-establish the therapeutic preschool. The Center began preparations for the re-opening of the preschool in October 2013. A new preschool teacher was hired; training was attended with the PreK4ward group; and the Health Department licensed the preschool for a total of 17 children. The preschool officially opened January 21, 2014.

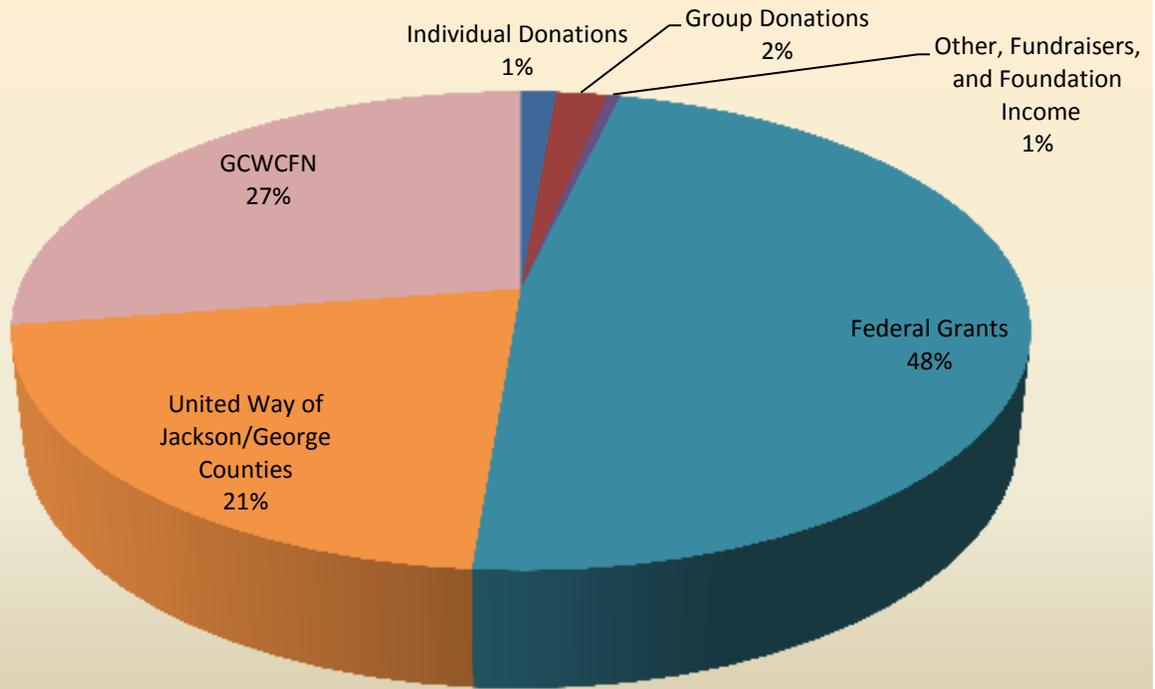
The Center is honored that the United Way of South Mississippi recognizes and supports the Center's efforts to break the intergenerational cycle of violence and to provide children exposed to violence the best possible opportunities for success in school and beyond that they can have.



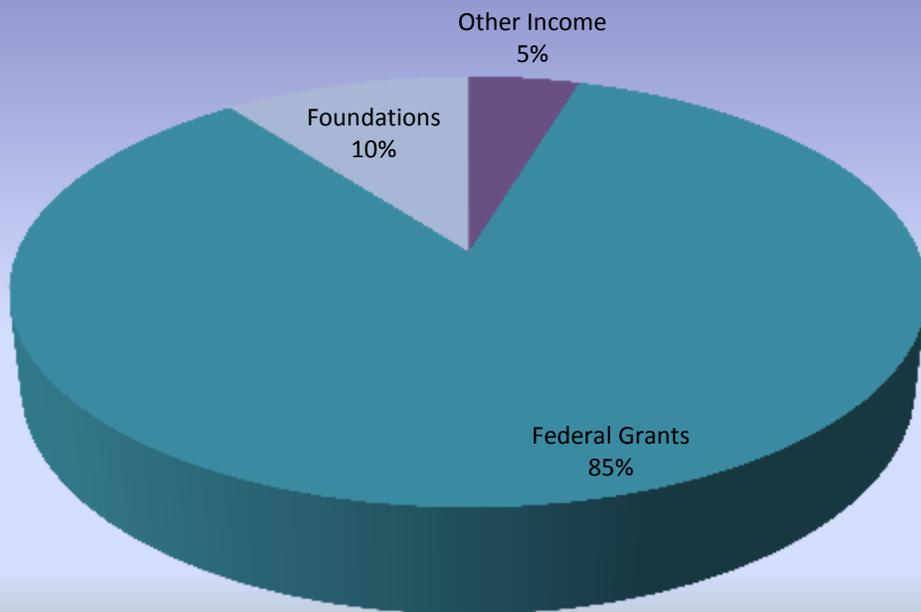
The Gulf Coast Women’s Center for Nonviolence is a United Way Agency. The Center’s is funded in part by federal funding including grants from US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women; Housing and Urban Development; Mississippi Department of Health; Mississippi Department of Mental Health; Mississippi Department of Public Safety; Mississippi Development Authority; City of Gulfport Community Development Block Grant; MGM Resorts Foundation; Madison Foundation; Mississippi Bar Foundation; Mary Kay Foundation; City of Biloxi; United Way of South Mississippi; United Way of Jackson and George Counties; IP Casino Resort and Spa local government entities; and caring individuals and businesses on the Gulf Coast.



## Adrienne's House Funding Sources



## Northcutt Legal Clinic Funding Sources



**A Special Thank You to Our Fabulous Local Supporters, such as:**

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**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”** At the Center, we use the above quote from Margaret Mead often to encourage empowerment and action. In fact, that's how we got started. In 1977, several concerned community members put that quote into action and established our organization. Fast forward 36 years, we are now a multi-office agency providing services to thousands of victims annually.

In September 2013, the Center was privileged to witness new life being breathed into that old quote when 40 concerned Bay St. Louis citizens show up at a city council meeting and advocated for us! After hearing that the Bay St. Louis City Council decided to cut our funding (\$2,500) from their tight budget, concerned citizens Rhonda Gamble, Cyndi Mirambell, Mickey Evans, and Dr. Tina Richardson started a grassroots effort to convince the Council to reverse their decision. Over 40 people showed up and held up pink cards numbered 1-164 which represented the number of victims in Bay St. Louis that were provided services by the Center in 2012.

Councilwoman Wendy McDonald made an impassioned plea to her fellow councilmen to reconsider the budget cut. Police Chief Mike De Nardo spoke to the fact that cutting our funding would have a negative effect on the town's budget since the domestic violence and aggravated assault crime rate would increase. Several others addressed the Council on our behalf as well.

In a unanimous decision, the Bay St. Louis City Council reversed their decision to cut our funding. This reversal would not have been made possible if several concerned citizens hadn't decided to get involved; we are honored to call them friends. Our deepest gratitude goes out to everyone who helped spread the word, who showed up to the meeting, who held a card up, and who spoke on our behalf.