

Shepherd's Counseling Services 2014-2015 Annual Report

## Unique across the nation –

focused solely on providing specialized therapy for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

28 years of specialty therapy for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Personalized therapeutic approach to best serve each client's needs.

Clients are allowed time in therapy to address the core of their suffering.

We often hear from our clients, I'd given up on things getting better for me and now I feel hope for the first time.

# Made possible by each gift from each donor.

"Thank you so much for the help I have received through your agency.

I have received self understanding and support that has helped me to see why it was right that I was so confused, bewildered, hurt, and untrusting for so long.

Your work is so important for us who have no other way of understanding what has happened to us.

I can say now that many of my wounds have healed and although the scars will remain, I can finally move forward to create a new life for myself."

- Former Shepherd's Client



#### Dear friends,

The direct role that our donors play in providing access to healing for men and women who were sexually abused as children is always in our awareness.

This year, we are celebrating the leadership of 20 individuals who stepped forward to take a special role in expanding support for our mission through their outreach as Light Carriers and as special advocates during GiveBIG.

We also celebrate and welcome each of the 124 new donors who joined our long-time faithful supporters this year! Together, these donors form the dedicated community of individuals who sustain the agency and allow these services to continue.

Because we do not restrict our clients to a shortterm quantity of therapy to address their healing from this complex trauma, we do not qualify for larger Federal grants which often provide significant support for many organizations. We are able to provide specialized therapy tailored to meet the needs of each survivor who comes to us for help because we are privately funded, primarily by individuals and family foundations. We are deeply grateful, on behalf of each survivor we serve, for the opportunity to provide the quality and quantity of therapy that we believe offers the best possibility of long-term healing.

On a more public note, we are encouraged to see the topic of childhood sexual abuse gaining greater attention in the national spotlight. These stories have also given us the opportunity to bring greater awareness and insight into this incredibly important topic through my blog, celebrating its first year.

In the year ahead, we are keenly focused on our commitment to meeting the needs of those who rely on Hope In Healing Scholarship funds to receive therapy. This very important and meaningful fund allows those with the greatest financial need to receive quality long-term healing services.

This year will also be focused on a new venture – our fall 2016 fundraising event! Stay tuned for table captain opportunities and other information and invitations. We are rolling up our sleeves to extend hope and healing, and I hope you will join us in this new venture!

I look forward to taking these next steps together to build Shepherd's Counseling Services' future, and to connect as a community of support for adults who courageously work to put together the pieces of their lives and build a safe, healthy, and productive future.

Janice/Palm, MA, LMHC Executive Director

"Each time someone stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out at an injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope."

Robert F. Kennedy

# Serving our Community

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



### Mission

To provide for the needs of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse through affordable therapy, education and advocacy.

### Vision

To end the cycle of sexual abuse through healing and community awareness.

Values Excellence Commitment Healing Human Connection Human Dignity

Followers

# Healing Happens Here

Paige found in Shepherd's Counseling Services a community of support for her courageous journey of healing. She has generously shared her story with us.

We asked her what her life was like before the abuse began:

The funny thing about trying to describe what my life was like before the abuse is that I don't really remember a time before it started. It shaped so much of my childhood, slithering its way through even normal memories now as I look back.

There is no point that I can look back on and think "Oh, that



was it" or "That's when it started." What I do remember is a time before I understood what was going on. A time before I realized it was bad and that I didn't like how he was touching me.

I struggle to even admit the truth now as I write this, but I mostly remember feeling special and loved by my father. I knew that he and I had this special relationship that no one else was a part



of. I felt like I was being trusted with an adult secret. I felt chosen.

"To the outside world I was still the perfect image of a smart, happy, young girl. But I have memories from that time that are so sharp they cut like the edge of broken glass."

At some point, maybe early middle school, I started to hate it. I remember just crumbling inside. To the outside world I was still the perfect image of a smart, happy, young girl. But I have memories from that time that are so sharp they cut like the edge of broken glass.

I remember standing in the shower sobbing to myself and wondering why me. It felt like I had hundreds of questions trapped inside my head with no way out and no way to understand them. Did my mother know? Was she jealous of how he was attracted to me? Did it mean he didn't love her? Was this something that all daddys do to their daughters to prepare them for what men will do to them later in life? Even after I moved out of the house to college and most of the physical abuse stopped, the brain-washing power that my father had over my life still completely dominated me. The words that came out of my mouth were his words. The choices I made in school were his choices. I was his play-thing and I danced to his tune.

#### "It was more than being terrified of other people knowing, I was terrified of having to acknowledge it even in my own brain."

I found my way to Shepherd's because at 28 the secret was starting to destroy me from the inside.

I could feel it trying to bubble its way up to the surface. It was more than being terrified of other people knowing, I was terrified of having to acknowledge it even in my own brain.

I remember the first day of group counseling, the group leader asked us all to write down our goals. To share why we were there. All of my goals centered on keeping the secret. How do I forgive my father? How do I keep this from affecting sex with my partner?

And mostly, how do I pass as normal? I vividly remember my shock when one of the other women's goals was to confront her father about the abuse.

I couldn't even imagine the idea of doing so, I was trying to figure out how to bury my secret back down even deeper. But something about sharing my story in a group of other survivors changed me. I found anger in me. I found deep sadness.

And the most unexpected to me, I

found a great well of strength and a desire for realness. I wanted to be real. I wanted to live a real life.

Keeping the secret and feeling shame became just another way for my father to control me and one day after counseling, that became simply unbearable for me.



Confronting my father, breaking my mother's heart, shattering my brother's understanding of our childhood. These were not easy things. Through it all, I kept going every Tuesday to share the support and the journey with my group of other survivors. Did it save my life? Possibly.

# **Reaching more Survivors**



Last year, 19 survivors received therapy funded by gifts from 17 donors to the Hope In Healing Scholarship Fund.

### 100% of every donation to the Hope In Healing Scholarship Fund directly covers therapy fees for scholarship clients.

2014-2015 Scholarship Funds covering therapy fees for clients: \$12,542

Low-income clients relying on the Hope In Healing Fund for therapy in 2014-2015 received services because of a previous major gift to the Scholarship Fund.

In order to meet the needs of these clients in the year ahead, we will need to reach our highest goal to date in Scholarship Fund support. 2014-2015 Donations to the Scholarship Fund: \$4,050

Goal to meet client needs 2015-2016: \$20,400

Aiming high to reach more survivors who need scholarship support for therapy!



Derek was able to receive over a year of individual therapy with donations directed to the Hope In Healing Scholarship Fund.

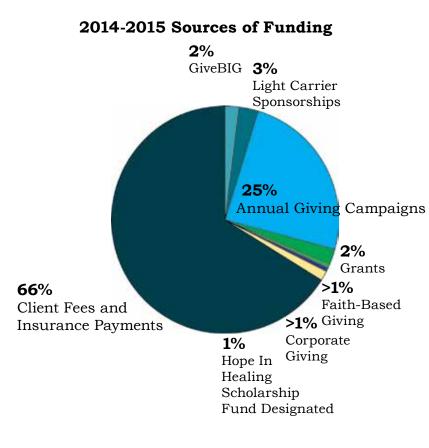
"I've gotten more help here than anywhere else. My wife told me she's noticed a change. I have more anger at my uncle who abused me, but less at the people I work with and at my wife. I actually have hope that my family can stay together. That's all I've ever wanted."

(Details changed to protect confidentiality.)

# **Operating Statement**

For the Year Ending June 30, 2015

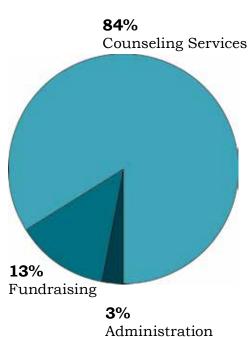
INCOME	
Fundraising	
Individual Contributions	
GiveBIG 24-Hour Campaign	\$6,496
Light Carrier Sponsorships	9,115
Annual Giving Campaigns	78,540
Grants	5,900
Faith-Based Giving	2,200
Corporate Giving	1,941
Total Designated to Scholarship Fund	<u>4,050</u>
Total Fundraising	\$108,242
Client Fees and Insurance Payments	207,418
Provider Training Registrations	140
Interest Income	228
TOTAL INCOME	\$316,028



#### 2014-2015 Expense Allocation



Program	
Counseling Services	\$235,019
Sliding-Fee Subsidies	36,730
Hope In Healing Scholarships	12,542
Fundraising	42,518
Administration	11,203
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$338,012



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But what is even more important to me is that I found a life worth living that I hadn't even known was possible.

Looking back now, it feels like those old movies where

"But something about sharing my story in a group of other survivors changed me."

everything starts in black and white and then a switch is

flipped and everything is touched by beautiful Technicolor. I may still have struggles, I will always be a survivor of abuse, but I'm living a life of truth. A life that shame has no part in.



### Thank You

for bringing the opportunity to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse to put the pieces back together in a community of support!

On behalf of all of our clients who have new hope and healing because of your outreach and contributions, thank you to every one here and welcome to the 116 new individuals and 8 corporations who have joined our team of support this year building opportunities for healing!

We extend a very special thank you to William and Melody Fleckenstein for their generous support.

#### \$5,000-\$9,999

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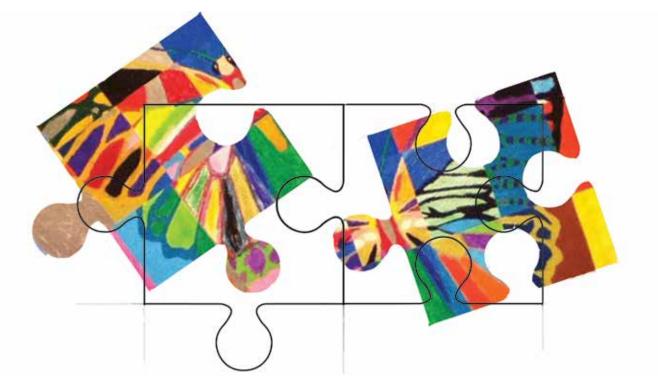
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