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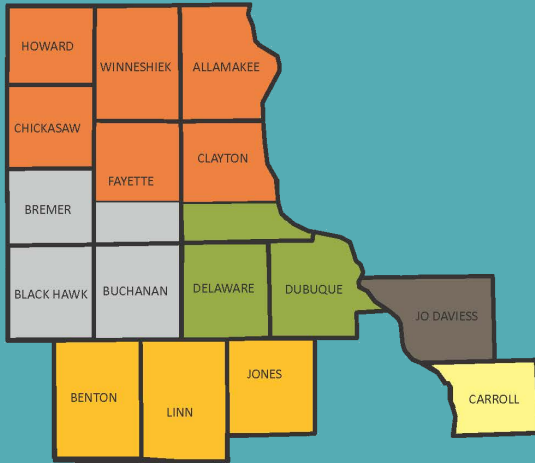
2020-2021



Riverview Center

Creating a Community Free of Violence

Riverview Center



Iowa Sexual Assault Hotline: 888-557-0310

Jo Daviess County Sexual Assault Hotline: 815-777-8155

Jo Daviess County Domestic Violence Hotline: 815-777-3680

Carroll County Sexual Assault Hotline: 815-244-7772

Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline: 815-244-1320

For the past 30 years, we have been offering the healing and justice survivors of sexual violence deserve, free of charge. Regardless of means, our clients have access to high-quality, professional services, including 24-hour crisis counseling and advocacy at hospitals and law enforcement agencies; legal, medical, and social service advocacy; therapy/counseling; professional trainings; and education. By providing choices, we empower survivors to decide how we can best serve their needs on their road to healing. We serve Jo Daviess County, IL (1992), Carroll County, IL (1996), Dubuque County, IA (1997), Delaware and Buchanan Counties, IA (2005). In 2010, Riverview Center worked with CHOICES Domestic Violence Program, serving Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties in Illinois, to fold those services into Riverview Center. As of July 1, 2013 we were chosen by the Iowa Attorney General to serve 11 additional counties through Iowa's restructuring of victim services, including Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Jones, Linn, and Winneshiek Counties.





Message from the Executive Director

This past year, I was incredibly honored to move into the role of executive director with Riverview Center. During the six years I've been with the organization, I've seen the healing that is possible when a survivor is surrounded by a committed, passionate group of individuals who believe in the survivor and their ability to thrive beyond the trauma they've experienced. I am humbled to be part of the incredible Riverview Center staff as the organization celebrates 30 years serving survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Over the course of this past year, we've served more survivors than ever before. We've continued our 24/7/365 crisis response to hospitals and law enforcement agencies when survivors were most in need. We've nurtured our relationships with community partners through facilitation of multi-disciplinary Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART), and though work with students of all ages in our violence prevention education programming offered in schools throughout our service area. Our volunteer program has grown, with more volunteers than ever assisting survivors through crisis response and assisting staff during awareness building and fundraising events.

Since Riverview Center was granted its first large federal grant through the Office on Violence Against Women to provide transitional housing services, 170 survivors have engaged with our program in some way and have received housing advocacy. To date, 74 survivors have found stable, safe housing for themselves and their families through this program. You can read more about this much needed program inside this report.

Looking ahead, we remain inspired to grow in our understanding of trauma and how it impacts the survivors we serve. We will strive to innovate in ways that improve our programming to best facilitate survivors' search for justice and healing. We will increase our engagement with systems in which survivors interact, pushing for more equitable treatment of the most vulnerable and marginalized victims of violence.

And, most importantly, we will continue to believe each and every survivor when they say they've been harmed. That is the foundation of all we do.

In service to all survivors,

Gwen Branlet-Hecker

Executive Director
Riverview Center

Housing Grant



"Thank you for listening. I haven't had anyone to talk to. It's nice to know someone thinks I'm worth that much."

For years, Riverview Center has been doing housing advocacy for survivors of sexual or domestic violence. In the past we haven't had guaranteed funding to assist with this process. With the \$575,000 federal housing grant we received we can now assist survivors as they "transition in place." This means that we will cover rent for 6 to 24 months while survivors work to achieve financial stability.

With this program our advocates assist survivors every step of the way and help ensure they locate a safe place to live. Survivors facing homelessness often face unique barriers to being approved for housing such as: prior evictions, not meeting income requirements, just started a new job, poor credit history, or no rental history. We help landlords see that our clients will be a strong source of income as Riverview Center pays the landlord directly while our clients are in this program.

By freeing a survivor of the financial burden of rent, we have allowed them to focus on other aspects of their healing and created an opportunity for the survivor to grow.

Riverview Center Services

We believe you. You are not alone.

Advocates support survivors during legal proceedings, medical exams and help connect survivors with resources to meet their basic needs because we understand trauma can impact every facet of an individual's life. It is their legal right, as the survivor of a crime, to have an advocate by their side as they navigate the criminal justice system. We can also accompany the survivor to the hospital, should they decide to receive medical care following sexual abuse or assault. Advocates provide information for survivors for all available options and never push survivors toward a certain plan of action. From standing with survivors in the courtroom to finding safe housing, advocates are client-centered and trauma informed in everything they do.

Therapists and Counselors create service plans based on the needs and wishes of the survivor, including treatment goals that the therapist and survivor agree on. We will never force a survivor to discuss experiences that they are not ready to talk about; instead, therapists and counselors guide the survivor toward their picture of healing, at the survivor's pace. Some therapy methods include art, sand tray, EMDR, play and family therapy services. These services are also available for non-offending friends and family of the survivor who were also impacted by the abuse or assault.

Education & Professional Trainings are provided to schools, businesses, faith communities, social service agencies, law enforcement, and more to provide education on such topics as healthy relationships, boundaries, overcoming gender stereotypes, sexual harassment, empathy building, trauma-informed care, responding to disclosures of abuse, components of the evidence collection kit, etc. Everyone can play a vital role in keeping their communities safe. Contact Riverview Center if you are interested in scheduling programming for your organization.



2020-2021

1,586

Total Survivors Served

21,926

Hours of Service

2,117

Survivor Support and
Crisis Line Calls,
Information & Referral*

*Services in 2020 were mostly offered
via telephone due to COVID-19



2021-2022

1,793

Total Survivors Served

23,954

Hours of Service

1,465

Survivor Support and
Crisis Line Calls,
Information & Referral



Outreach Presentations/ Education/ Awareness/ Community Meetings

5288

2020-2021

7329

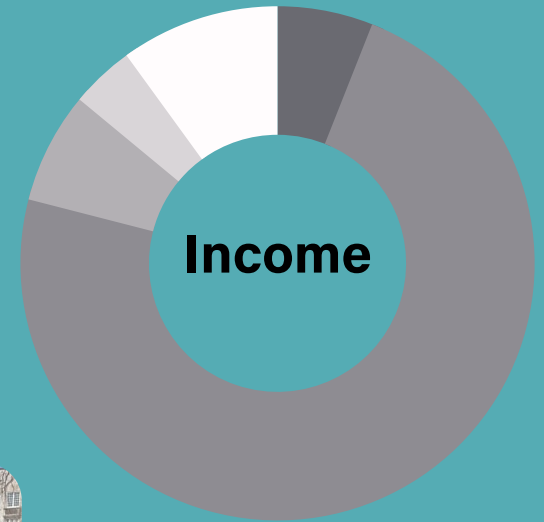
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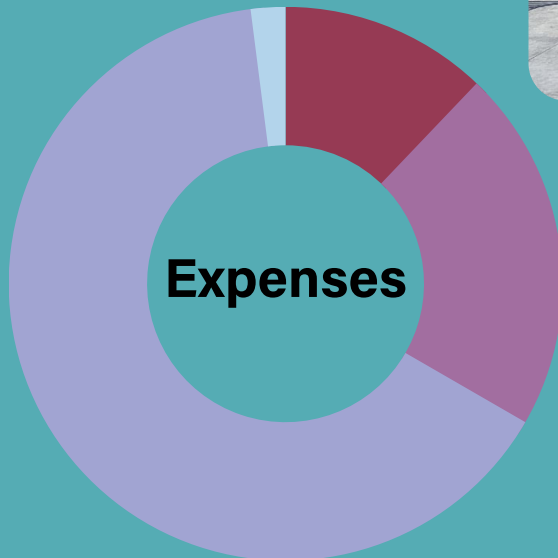
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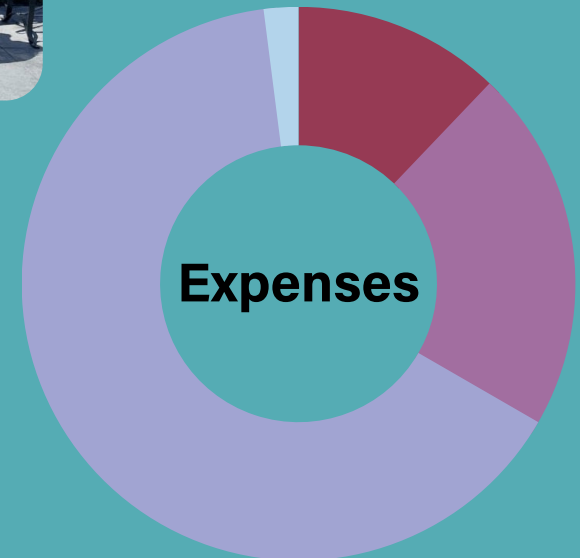
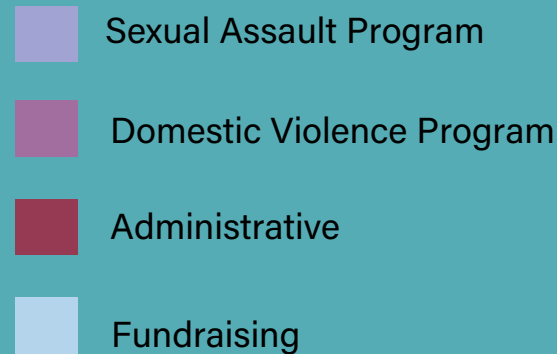
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Expenses



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Volunteers

Be there for a survivor in their moment of need.

Keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Prevent violence before it starts.

Provide the information people need to get the help they deserve.



Crisis Advocate Volunteer

Trauma doesn't follow a set schedule. Our volunteers help provide support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so when survivors are in crisis, we can be there to help. Join us for our in-depth trauma-response training to provide crisis counseling and information through our 24-hour hotline and respond in-person to hospitals and law enforcement centers.

Outreach Volunteer

Join the movement to end violence in our communities. Inform survivors about the free services available. Help us raise awareness - tabling, canvassing, fundraising, and more.

Program Support Volunteer

Help our therapists, advocates, and preventionists in and outside the office so we can redefine what's possible for us to achieve.

Contact to Learn More:

Iowa Volunteer Coordinator

319-349-1949

Illinois Volunteer Coordinator

815-402-3568



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Giving Levels - Monthly

◦ All Levels

- Donor recognition at Evening of Light
- Invitation for an office tour
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- Coffee courtesy of Riverview Center
- Fellowship with other Riverview Center supporters

◦ \$10 per month

- 25% Off golf foursome
- 2 Ducks in Duck Derby

◦ \$25 per month

- 25% Off golf foursome
- 4 Ducks in Duck Derby

◦ \$50 per month

- 50% Off golf foursome
- 5% Off Evening of Light
- 6 Ducks in Duck Derby

◦ \$75 per month

- 50% Off golf foursome
- 5% Off Evening of Light
- 8 Ducks in Duck Derby

◦ \$100 per month

- 50% Off golf foursome
- 5% Off Evening of Light
- Priority seating at Evening of Light
- 10 Ducks in Duck Derby



Dancing with the Stars Dubuque Style



Hope & Healing Art Gallery



Evening of Light



Start Donating Today!
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Riverview Center Evening OF Light



Thank you for attending our annual Evening of Light fundraising gala series. We were proud to welcome Aly Raisman for our 2022 Evening of Light celebrations. Each year the community comes together to celebrate the healing of survivors at this event that features stories of the amazing survivors we work with and the story of a nationally known survivor.

Aly Raisman, team captain of the gold medal winning Women's Gymnastics teams in 2012 and 2016, is the third most decorated American gymnast of all-time. At the 2012 Games, Raisman captured the hearts of millions as she became the first American gymnast to win gold in the floor exercise. One of only three U.S. gymnasts to make back-to-back teams in more than 20 years, she helped guide the team to gold and landed a silver medal performance in the All-Around competition at the 2016 Games.

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