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ANNUAL REPORT



The mission of the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault is to prevent sexual violence and reduce the harm it causes through education, research and advocacy.

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I am very excited to share our annual report for Fiscal Year 2014-15, which highlights some of our impressive accomplishments as well as challenges. Inside, you will find described our state and city-wide efforts to advance the rights of survivors of sexual assault. This report also highlights some of the updates on expansion of our core programs and a new campus sexual assault law affecting students, colleges/universities and the whole sexual violence field.

One of the Alliance's major accomplishments this year was to obtain 9.1 million dollars in New York State funding for the 76 Rape Crisis Programs. We accomplished this working in partnership with the NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault our state legislators and the Governor's Office. This funding allowed the rape crisis programs to regain financial footing after many years of decreasing funds for this network. The increased resources enabled the rape crisis centers to address rising numbers of reports of sexual violence as well as waiting lists that had developed for basic sexual assault services. Additionally, the funding for the New York City Sexual Assault Initiative doubled from \$300,000 to \$600,000, which has allowed the Alliance and three other rape crisis programs to better respond to a growing demand for free sexual assault services in NYC.

Secondly, the Alliance is proud to report that in the fall of 2014, it was designated a Sexual Assault Prevention Regional Center for New York City, one of six in the state of New York funded by the NYS Department of Health. This Center is a collaborative program with 5 other rape crisis programs in NYC that have been providing prevention programming for the last 8 years. The Center is mounting an anti-violence media campaign focusing on youth ages 13-18 in 6 diverse communities; a nightlife program offering the possibility of safer spaces in nightlife establishments; a workshop campaign that offers communities a vehicle for discussing sexual assault and its relationship to other community issues called "I Have the Right..."; and a year-long healthy relationship course for middle school students in the South Bronx.

Another significant milestone in FY2014-15 was the passage of Enough is Enough legislation in June, 2015 requiring colleges and universities, private and public, to adopt policies to respond to sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking on their campuses. This law is a huge victory for student sexual violence activists who have been spearheading a movement to address these issues on college campuses. With the passage of Enough is Enough, New York has become one of only two states that requires students to affirmatively consent

(communicate yes through words or actions) to sexual activity. In addition, the Governor and the NYS Legislature appropriated a new funding stream for service providers to create a partnership with colleges- both public and private- to better respond to and further prevent sexual violence.

Finally, the Alliance hosted its 6th Annual Celebration of Excellence. In an effort to advance policies pertaining to college sexual assault, the event featured Tyler Kingkade, senior editor and reporter for the Huffington Post. Mr. Kingkade has been reporting on campus sexual assault since 2012. His keynote invoked the need for strategies to end rape culture and social norms that perpetuate sexual violence.

Thanks to all of you who collaborated in these significant accomplishments. May they move us further towards decreasing sexual violence in New York City.

Warm regards,

Mary Haviland, Executive Director

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Trained 554 Medical and Human Services Professionals from 120 organizations
- Named as Regional Center for Sexual Assault Primary Prevention in NYC
- Spearheaded \$9.1 million funding from NYS for the network of rape crisis programs
- Provided criminal and personal advocacy to over 100 survivors

PROGRAM & HIGHLIGHTS

Additional \$ 9.1 million for the Rape Crisis Programs

There was an increase of \$ 9.1 million in funding for 76 Rape Crisis Programs in the New York State budget for the fiscal year (FY2015-16). The Assembly played a crucial role in securing an additional \$4.6 million for the rape crisis program network. Also, an additional \$4.5 million was included in the new Enough is Enough law for expert assistance in sexual assault. These funds will allow the rape crisis programs (RCPs) to provide: assistance to students about sexual violence, training to college staff and administrators, technical assistance on the investigation and adjudication of sexual assault/harassment cases, and assistance in crafting campus prevention programs.

The greatly appreciated additional funding will go towards enabling Rape Crisis Programs to address the increasing volume of calls from survivors of sexual violence, to maintain 24/7 care services, and to preserve prevention programs throughout the state that were slated to close.

The number of cases handled by the RCPs has increased 65% between 2010 and 2013. Sexual violence is a serious public health, public safety and human rights issue. According to a national, scientific study by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), one in 5 women, and 1 in 71 men, have been raped in their lifetime. Despite of the prevalence of this crime and perseverance of advocates over the last 30 years, sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes in the U.S. There is a greater need now more than ever for increased expert resources to respond to reports of sexual violence.

The Sexual Assault Initiative Received An Increase of \$600,000

The Sexual Assault Initiative, a concerted effort to end sexual violence through ad-vocacy and prevention, received additional funding from the City Council. The Initiative was increased from \$300,000 last year to \$600,000 this year. That means that each of the 4 groups in the initiative will be

receiving \$150,000 as opposed to \$75,000 last year. This will enable the organizations in the Initiative to provide an increase in services to male survivors of sexual assault, victims of commercial sexual exploitation, child victims of sexual assault and increased training of Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners.

The Alliance & North Shore-LIJ Successfully Collaborated on Obtaining SAFE Center of Excellence Certification

The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault collaborated with North Shore-LIJ Hospital to create a new Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Center of Excellence. This center is part of North Shore-LIJ Hospital's newly opened freestanding emergency department in Greenwich Village, called Healthplex. With this new addition, there are now 9 hospitals that provide comprehensive 24/7 acute care for the survivors of sexual assault in Manhattan.

The Alliance's Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Training Institute (SAFETI) trained 30 full-time Healthplex nurses and health providers. The Alliance staff also provided technical assistance to administrators regarding SAFE Center of Excellence certification process and requirements. While it normally takes at least a couple of years to achieve certification status, North Shore-LIJ Hospital received its designation in far less time thanks to its partnership with the Alliance and its unique and full-service emergency care, including the emergency room space with a separate entrance, waiting room, and examination rooms for sexual assault survivors. The Alliance also teamed up with Valli Rajah, Associate Professor Department of Sociology to evaluate the SAFETI program.

This new addition marks a significant victory in the fight to provide survivors with the accessible and quality acute care that they deserve. With each trained staff member and designated hospital, New York City becomes a safer, more empowering place for survivors of sexual assault. The Alliance will continue its work with North Shore LIJ by training additional Healthplex staff and provide them with continuing medical education.



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The 2015 Celebration of Excellence:

On May 8, 2015, the Alliance hosted the 6th annual Celebration of Excellence. This breakfast ceremony honored six extraordinary professionals who have worked tirelessly in serving survivors of sexual violence and have engaged in cutting-edge prevention work. Every year the Alliance holds the Celebration of Excellence to award professionals in the field, NYPD Detectives, Preventionists, Advocates, Forensic Examiners, and District Attorney's, with the Lydia Martinez Multidisciplinary Collaboration Award.

The winners for the 6th Annual event had their awards presented to them by Council Member Laurie Cumbo. The winners were Advocate Renata Zablocka, Detective Jeffery Haffenden, Preventionist Angela Fernandez, Sexual Assault Examiner Dr. Jocelyn Brown, Prosecutor Coleen Balbert, and Rape Crisis Professional Angela Montague. Over 180 guests attended this year, and we all the pleasure of seeing Grace Drums, an all-female drumming group, perform a rousing set of African inspired rhythms.

Each year the Celebration of Excellence focuses its attention on a specific issue re-garding sexual violence. This year the focus was on sexual assaults on college cam-puses. Tyler Kingkade, Senior Editor and Reporter for the Huffington Post gave this year's Keynote Speech. He offered insight from his research writing articles on the issue of college sexual assaults. He also spoke on how much still needs to be done to bring awareness to the issue.

Denim Day 2015

On April 29, 2015, the Alliance took part in the 6th Annual Denim Day NYC rally on the steps of City Hall. The annual event was held in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and is a volunteer city-wide initiative that helps promote awareness of sexual violence. Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Peace Over Violence launched a new hashtag campaign in con-

junction with SAAM and Denim Day, #Gea-rUp4DenimDay. Denim Day spokesperson and musician, Maya Jupiter has written a song titled "Never Said Yes" inspired by the film The Hunting Ground which exposes the epidemic of sexual assault on college cam-puses and Peace Over Violence's message of ending sexual violence and supporting survivors. "Never Said Yes" is a power-ful call to end rape culture. She empowers through her words, "...blame the victim, they don't care, but we survive, won't disappear, we will thrive and we are here!"

Happy Hour Live Art Show: Iconic Feminists Throughout History

The Alliance hosted its happy hour and live art show in collaboration with Collage Movement and the DL at the DL Rooftop. The night was filled with beautiful art, interesting people, and also paid homage to iconic feminists throughout history. It raised awareness around the prevalence of sexual assault in New York City and the role strong feminists have in social change. This year the Alliance raised over \$1,000 through the event.



Denim Day 2015



Denim Day 2015- Staff



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Enough is Enough Governor

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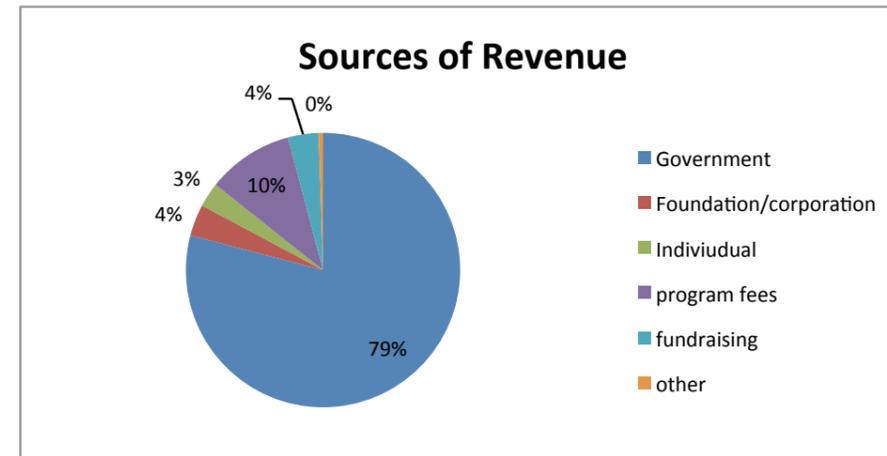
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	FY2015 Audited
Board	13,500
Individual	4,859
Corporate	5,621
Special Event	22,871
Foundations	102,480
SAFETI	64,451
Government Contracts	502,900
Other	3,677
Total	\$ 720,359

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