

**Santa Barbara  
RAPE CRISIS CENTER**

**CENTRO CONTRA  
LA VIOLACION SEXUAL**

*more than rape, not only crisis*



**Annual Report to the Community  
2017**

# Mission Statement

## Message from the Board Vice-President

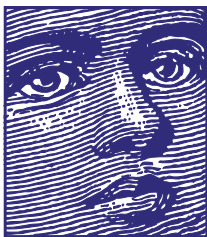
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### VISION STATEMENT

Create a community free from all forms of sexual violence.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center empowers people through healing and social

change to eliminate all forms of sexual violence. We are committed to transforming lives by providing services and education to meet the needs of our diverse community.

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters:



On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my honor to present Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center's (SBRCC) 2017 Annual Report. It has been a productive year with Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Chocolate de Vine, anti-sex trafficking educa-

tion, and other activities. Additionally, SBRCC has been responding to the increased requests for information, trainings, and services resulting from the sexual assault media coverage.

The heightened awareness about sexual assault and harassment in 2017 has been due, in part, to the significant number of survivors coming forward with stories of abuse in the entertainment industry, politics, news media, and the business community. It has been heartbreaking to hear the stories of women and men that have suffered in silence with the effects of sexual violence.

At the same time, I have been inspired by their courage because speaking out is difficult for survivors. Threats of retaliation and further abuse are often used to prevent survivors from telling anyone.

Survivors feel shame and responsibility for the abuse, particularly when the perpetrator instills that message as part of the assault. When the perpetrator has financial, physical or social power over the survivor, disclosure can be even more challenging.

The fear of not being believed and the pain of reliving the trauma can keep survivors silent for years, if not decades. The women and men speaking out publicly are a mirror of what has been happening in communities across the nation, including Santa Barbara. They have helped non-public figures know they are not alone and feel safer about disclosing abuse. SBRCC stands strong with all survivors. I hope you will do the same.

“The women and men speaking out publicly are a mirror of what has been happening in communities across the nation, including Santa Barbara.”

For over 40 years, SBRCC has stood with the survivors and been critical to our community's response to survivors and their loved ones. Now, more than ever, SBRCC is committed to ending sexual violence and all forms of oppression, including sexism, racism, xenophobia, poverty, homophobia, and oppression against individuals with disabilities.

I am very proud of SBRCC's dedicated staff and volunteers. Their tireless efforts are empowering survivors to heal from trauma, and helping change the way people think about sexual violence and respond to survivors. I am deeply committed to SBRCC's mission of ending sexual violence, and want to personally thank you for your support.

Thank you.



April Howard  
*SBRCC Board President*

PS: Please join me in making a tax-deductible financial gift. If you would like to volunteer or donate in another way, please contact us.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**10th Annual Chocolate de Vine**

**Saturday, April 28, 2018 at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church**

1205 San Antonio Creek Road, Santa Barbara CA 93111

# Raising Awareness in the Santa Barbara Community 2017

This year, during **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**, Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center (SBRCC) collaborated with community organizations to raise awareness about sexual assault issues through free public events.

## Victims' Rights Awareness Fair

In honor of **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**, in April, SBRCC teamed up with the **County of Santa Barbara Victim Witness Program** to host an awareness event for Spanish-speaking community members. As of the 2015 Census, Santa Barbara County is 44.8% Latino, yet bilingual community events remain a rarity. The goal of our event was to create a better understanding of the rights and resources available to individuals exposed to violence in our area.

All of the information provided at the event was available in both English and Spanish, featuring resource tables from local agencies that work with victims of crime. Event activities also included an art therapy workshop to provide survivors of crimes with a



positive coping technique and a special visit from **"Little Star"**, the amazing therapy horse. During the event, we heard about the importance of supporting survivors of crime from public officials including **Assembly Member 37th District Monique Limon** and **Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf**. Throughout the event attendees had the opportunity to contribute to a memorial display dedicated to local victims of crime and their families. The event closed with a crime survivor sharing a message of strength, resilience, and justice.

## Take Part—Make Art

In collaboration with the **Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara**, SBRCC commemorated Sexual Assault Awareness Month through an interactive art program to raise awareness of sexual assault and to increase our empathy towards sexual assault survivors. Led by internationally-renowned artist **Tania Aguiñiga**, the Isla Vista event was free, bilingual and open to all.



Participants were encouraged to learn about themselves, connect with others in their community, hear survivor stories, and learn about the impact that empathy has had on those individuals. Each was then encouraged to write an empowerment message on the bottom of a pair of flip flops. The message was engraved onto the flip flops—simulating a rubber stamp—painted, and the message stamped on canvas, thus creating an individual and a community art piece which was displayed throughout the month to continue to raise awareness.

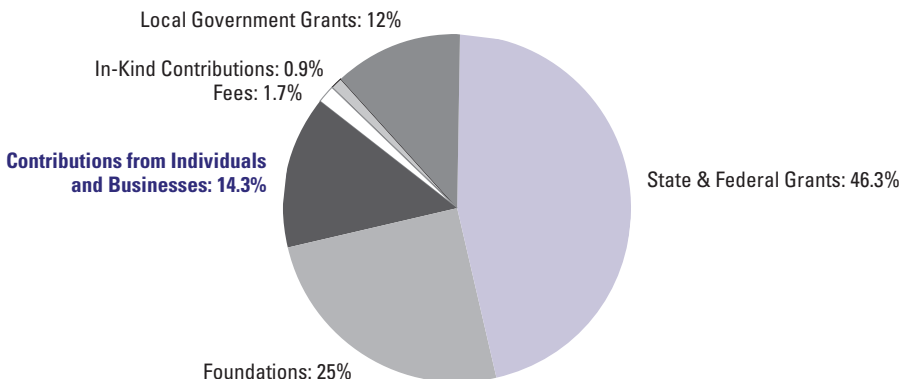
## In 2016–2017...

- SBRCC staff and volunteers assisted **634 survivors and their loved ones** with a total of **2,176 services** including counseling & emotional support, medical & legal advocacy and accompaniment, and information & referral.
- Over **4,550 members of our community** learned information about the impact of sexual assault in our lives and strategies for prevention. Of this number, **2,224 were youth**.
- **124 clients** took steps to regain a sense of confidence and power over their lives by attending counseling sessions and support groups.
- **In-service trainings** were provided to **412 professionals** including law enforcement, medical staff and social service professionals.
- **87 volunteers** from the community gave **9,582 hours** to SBRCC. They provided a network of support including crisis intervention, advocacy and community education, and assisted with office support and special events.

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## SBRCC's Total Operating Budget for FY '16-'17 was \$951,896.

This graph illustrates the importance of local contributions to SBRCC's operations and provision of services to survivors of sexual assault as well as the work towards eliminating sexual violence from our society.



# SBRCC Supporters

Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center was able to fulfill its mission with the support of these individuals and businesses in the past fiscal year.

## *Thank you for helping us do this vital work.*

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# Chocolate de Vine 2017



Chocolate de Vine 2017 blew the roof off!

The **9th annual event**, held on a gorgeous Santa Barbara day, in the beautiful setting of the **Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Event Center**, overlooked a spectacular view of the mountains and ocean.

The event brought together about 250 guests to sample delectable chocolate creations and delicious wine! Our very own **Santa Barbara City Mayor-Elect Cathy Murillo** served as the emcee for the event and **Council Member Gregg Hart** auctioned off race car driving lessons, a private wine tasting with Giessinger Winery, a sunset cruise, an evening of tamale making and tequila tasting, tickets to the 2017 PowerShares QQQ Golf Championship at the Sherwood Country Club, a fishing trip, and other adventures in the Channel Islands.



Lelé Patisserie cupcakes

For the second year in a row, **Lelé Patisserie** won **Best Table Top Presentation** with a beautiful interpretation of the Mediterranean theme of the event. The **Outstanding Flavor Chocolate 1st Place Award** was given to **Stafford's Famous Chocolates** from Los Olivos. A new chocolatier in the competition this year, **Choo-cket by Your Cake Baker**, took the coveted **People's Choice Award!**

Our distinguished panel of judges included, **Jessica Foster**, owner of **Jessica Foster Confections**; **Mark**

**Brouillard**, owner of **Fresco**; and **Joselyn Kuzminski**, pastry chef at **C'est Cheese**.



Choo-cket's cream puffs

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors, donors and hard-working volunteers who made this event a huge success.

Please add **Chocolate de Vine 2018** to your calendar...you'll enjoy a wonderful evening of wine and chocolate, while supporting the important work of SBRCC!



Teresa & Emma Torres and SBRCC Secretary Patricia Guillén



...a celebration of wine and chocolate!



Santa Barbara City Mayor-Elect Cathy Murillo  
& SBRCC Vice-President Frank Quezada

Catherine Swysen & Santa Barbara County  
1st District Supervisor Das Williams



Javier & Kristin Quezada were among  
the guests enjoying the event.



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# Special Event

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 10am



Linda Sanders of **One on One Fitness** is sponsoring an event to raise funds for Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center. Come prepared to get a great workout and have a blast doing it. The class will include functional training: TRX, kettle bells, Landmine, cardio blast, yoga, stretch, and much more.



**Location:** 1809 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Suite B  
Montecito, CA 93108

**Cost:** \$75 per person

**Contact:** Linda Sanders, 969-9107



All proceeds from the event will go directly to Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

When you make a tax-deductible contribution to SBRCC, you help SBRCC provide the following services:

- \$100** Bus tokens, phone cards, food vouchers for a survivor who doesn't have other means.
- \$250** For a sexual assault survivor, provides a safe place to stay for 2 nights in an emergency.
- \$500** Two self-defense classes and educational materials for teen girls.
- \$1000** Access to SBRCC's 24-hour hotline for one month for survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

# Letter from Santa Barbara Chief of Police Lori Luhn

Dear Friends,

For four decades, no matter the time of day, the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center has served our community as a beacon of light and hope to survivors of sexual violence.

I wholeheartedly support the Center's mission and implementation. The Center is an inclusive organization that welcomes survivors, significant others, volunteers and staff of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, classes, abilities, and ages.

I know firsthand the challenges our survivors face. Their loved ones are presented with their journey of trauma. As a young Lieutenant and then as Captain, I led San Diego's Family Justice Center, which was a public safety initiative launched by the City of San Diego to assist victims of family violence. It was the first comprehensive facility in the nation for victims of family violence and their children. The Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center is no different. Both are unique, and a safe place where victims of violence are treated with our highest priority.

I am profoundly grateful to this organization for their invaluable and necessary service to our community. Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center empowers people through healing and social change to eliminate all forms of sexual violence.

Please join me and the thousands of survivors served by the Center to honor the legacy of this worthy organization. We are dedicated and committed to ending sexual assault in our lifetime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Luhn", written in a cursive style.

Lori Luhn  
Chief of Police  
City of Santa Barbara



## **REBRANDING Coming in 2018!**

Exciting news! **Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center** is undergoing a rebranding effort. The new name, logo, colors and website will be unveiled in the near future.

The existing brand has served us well, but as we look to the future of our work in the community and that of ending sexual assault, it's time to update the image of the organization. We look forward to sharing the new brand in the coming year.



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