

MCVP: CRISIS & PREVENTION CENTER

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



MCVP STAFF FROM LEFT: LORI FARINA (PREVENTION EDUCATOR), JENNIFER (SHELTER ADVOCATE), KATHY MOTA (DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM DIRECTOR), GENEVIEVE (FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SPECIALIST)



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

2020 was an unprecedented time, but what gave me hope was seeing the commitment exhibited by our donors, Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff during the COVID-19 global pandemic. MCVP's Executive Director, Robin Christopherson, led the staff through 2020 with consistency, flexibility, and regular communication. It is especially challenging to lead a team remotely, considering the individuals we serve.

In 2020 we supported almost 700 survivors, including children, and adapted services to help survivors remotely.

After almost a year and a half, we are back to in-person services, and advocates are seeing survivors on both an appointment and walk-in basis. We are thrilled to have the team safely back in the office.

I am proud to report that the Board of Directors has managed to stay on track with our Strategic Plan initiatives.

However, growing our prevention Education Program was challenging, with school districts just trying to transition through the pandemic. Still, our educators adapted programming for virtual lessons and worked with a handful of area schools.

I would like to recognize the generosity exhibited during NH Gives 2021. With your donations, we can proceed with much-needed repairs and upgrades to our shelter.

Thank you again to our incredible supporters. With your help, we can carry on the vital work we do in the community we serve. The support of our donors, partners, and volunteers is inspiring, and I am grateful to serve as Chair of the Board through 2021.

Thank You,

*Mary Burnett*

MCVP Board Chair



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'll reiterate some oft shared reflections of the past year (well, we'll pretend it was just 12 months) that you may be accustomed to hearing by now;

- COVID-19 was tough. Some of us had scares, and some of us lost loved ones.
- Remote work and Zoom-a-palooza was not all it was cracked up to be (the entertainment value of screaming children when they are not yours and the backside of many cats aside).
- I confess I did not reorganize my closet or alphabetize canned goods in my pantry.

Here are some things you may not have regularly heard about the past year;

- MCVP advocates cannot live by hotline work alone. They need and want to deliver in-person advocacy services.
- MCVP educators are chomping at the bit to get back into schools and facilitate primary prevention programs.
- The community that supports MCVP came through with flying colors during the pandemic.
- My minimalist closet dreams have been abandoned in favor of getting back to work, and I'm okay with that.

MCVP staff and Board have a lot to be proud of. And, as the Executive Director, it really doesn't get any better than seeing people "show up" in a big way. That's what happened. That's the story.

We are now back in our offices, seeing walk-in clients, accompanying survivors to court, meeting them at the ER, scheduling a full slate of school-based programs in the Fall, and carrying on with our strategic plan.

Good thing we had 40+ years of expertise in how to operate a remote crisis line service, AND a very good thing it's not all we do or want to do. Stay tuned for better days and more remarkable MCVP programs and services in 2021 and beyond.

*Robin P. Christopherson*

MCVP Executive Director

# BY THE NUMBERS



CLIENTS SERVED

691



SURVIVORS SHELTERED

33



STUDENTS & TEACHERS REACHED

2,000



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

899



DONOR IMPACT

13%

# ORGANIZATION UPDATES

## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE

Though school programming may have been stifled, our reach increased statewide when Katrina, Prevention Education Program Director, was asked to serve on the Governor's Task Force on Sexual Misconduct. This team of experts is currently working on providing a road map for colleges and universities to navigate through the many requirements of RSA 188:H, which requires institutions of higher learning to better support survivors on campus, provide primary prevention to all students and staff, and listen to student's voices on unwanted sexual experiences through biennial climate surveys. Katrina currently serves on the full task force and three subcommittees dedicated to different sections of the statute.

## ADAPTABLE ADVOCACY

As an organization that offers direct services to survivors, MCVP recognizes that those services are best delivered on a peer-to-peer level. When the pandemic hit, survivors had limited access to safe, private phone calls. Survivors often reach out when their partners are out of the home, when they're at work, or running errands, which became exceptionally difficult during the pandemic. This caused concern that survivors would not be able to receive the support they needed and deserved. Without hesitation, advocates stepped up to the challenge by learning new and creative ways to support survivors, like accessing digital services or telephonic court support. Each advocate took remote on-call shifts to ensure that survivors were promptly supported. With advocates continued efforts and dedication, 745 survivors were served from March of 2020 to April of 2021. With our offices now open full-time, we look forward to continuing our efforts to support survivors with peer-to-peer direct services.

## COMMUNITY ACTION DURING NHGIVES

When the pandemic shuttered all gatherings, MCVP had to cancel multiple fundraising events. So in 2020, we decided to fully commit to NH Gives, the biggest day of giving in New Hampshire, and a virtual event to boot. Not sure how our first major virtual event would go, we were astounded to see the community raise over \$17,000 for survivors. Then again, in June of 2021, the community helped raise over \$18,000 during NH Gives for emergency shelter repairs.

## MISSION

1. To respond to domestic and sexual violence and stalking in our community by providing a care and support system for survivors.
2. To work to end interpersonal violence in all forms through primary prevention, community engagement and collaboration.

## VISION

A community where interpersonal violence has been replaced by equality, empowerment, and emotional and physical safety.

## MCVP STAFF

Robin P. Christopherson, Executive Director  
Kathy Mota, Direct Services Program Director  
Katrina Nugent, Prevention Education Program Director  
Megan Fulton, Development Director  
Janice Wilson, Business & Grants Manager  
Cindy Callahan, Data Entry Specialist  
Jennifer, Shelter Advocate  
Genevieve, Family Violence Prevention Specialist  
Vicki, Roving Advocate for the Peterborough & Jaffrey Region

## MCVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION

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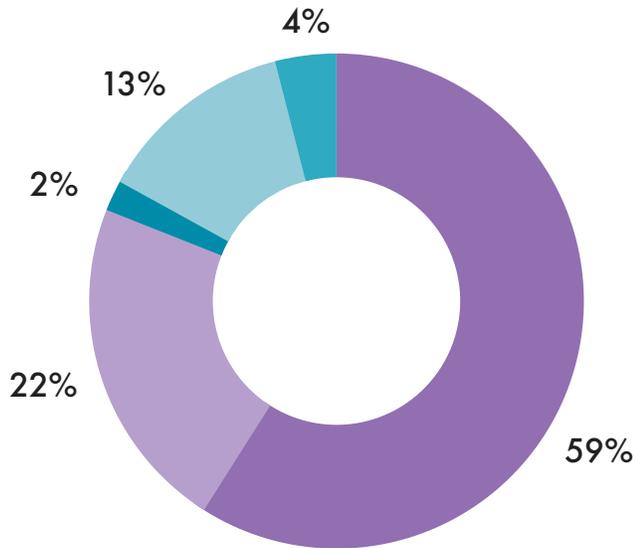
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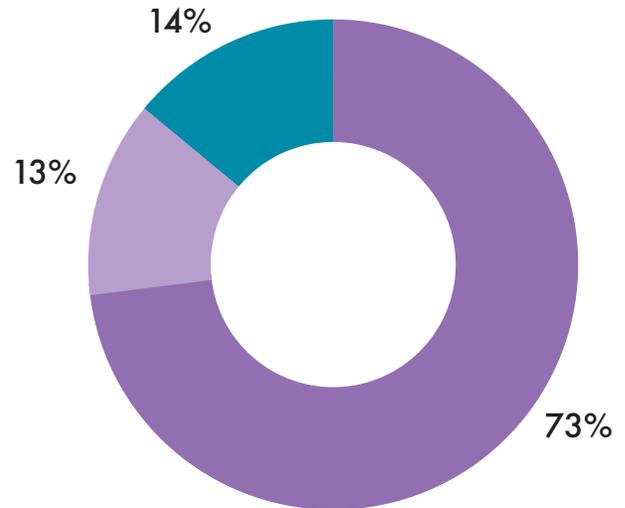
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**MCVP INCOME**  
(fiscal Year 2020)



- Federal Grants
- State Grants
- County & Town Grants
- Individual Giving
- Private Foundation Support

**MCVP EXPENSES**  
(fiscal Year 2021)



- Program Expenses (Direct Services & Education)
- Management & General Operations
- Fundraising

## GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Much of the work MCVP provides to survivors is funded through state and federal grants, but a quarter of our funding comes from individual giving, charitable foundations, and private foundation support.

We'd like to give a special thanks to the following grant funding partners:

- Mascoma Bank Foundation for a \$4,000 grant toward For Now House emergency shelter repairs.
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for a \$20,000 grant that went to general MCVP support for programs and services.
- East Hill Foundation for a \$10,000 grant that went toward MCVP's Economic Justice Fund, a fund that supports survivors in gaining financial independence after leaving an abusive relationship.

(Based on FY21)

# HEAR FROM MCVP'S PROGRAM DIRECTORS



## **Kathy Mota** Direct Services Program Director

MCVP is an organization that I've held close to my heart for over three years now. I started as the Housing First Advocate in 2017, and when the new Direct Services Program Director position opened, it was an easy decision to apply for it. There was no hesitation in accepting the new role when it was offered. I knew it would be a transition to move into a leadership position, especially during a pandemic. The staff made my transition easy, and even though the pandemic offered many changes and challenges, we all persevered. Direct service staff supported survivors telephonically every day and never hesitated to go above and beyond in their advocacy.

With COVID restrictions lifting, MCVP is again offering in-person advocacy to survivors and is back to providing advocacy in hospitals, courts, police departments, and schools. I'm excited to be back in the office with the direct services staff giving survivors the attention they deserve. Since May, when restrictions started easing, we've seen a significant increase in survivors accessing our services. We hope by the end of 2021 to see our numbers be closer to what they were pre-pandemic.

I hold a BA in Psychology from Southern New Hampshire University, and I'm currently enrolled in their Master's in Psychology program with a completion date of 2023. In my spare time, I serve on the Board of Directors for Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) and enjoy spending time and traveling with my family.



## Katrina Nugent Prevention Education Program Director

MCVP's prevention education motto is, "improvise, adapt, and overcome." 2020 started with our busiest season in recent years. Unfortunately, it all came to an abrupt halt when the pandemic swept through the state. Nevertheless, we knew we could not let our progress slide. We had to quickly learn how to provide effective and ethical virtual programming. With schools scrambling to develop their own plans, we also found ourselves searching for different avenues to continue providing programming. We explored digital engagement ideas such as connecting through watch parties and social media.

In addition to virtual engagements, we also shifted our focus up the social-ecological scale to provide community-level prevention through policy work with school districts and other community organizations. Mostly, we knew we had to keep our relationships and connections healthy. So we shifted to providing supportive roles so our partners knew they could always turn to us. Now, as the new school year is approaching, we are looking forward to breaking our records for people reached in a single year and blending all we have learned to continue breaking the cycle of violence.

I hold a BA in English, an M.Ed in Curriculum & Instruction, and a Women in Leadership Certificate, all from Franklin Pierce University. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and boxer puppy, Rosie.



## Megan Fulton

### Development Director

Moving into the Development Director role just a month before the world shutdown was not how I thought I'd start my new position with MCVP. But to my excitement, the community came together to help MCVP and survivors in many ways. Like when a community member donated handmade masks, and another held a mask fundraiser. Or when Machina Arts: Kitchen & ArtBar donated proceeds from a potsticker food drive. The unique ways the community supported survivors during the height of the pandemic was inspiring.

Additionally, the community has been generous in giving. In the last year, we've grown our donor base by ten percent and have seen an increase in overall giving. For two years running, the community has helped raise nearly \$20,000 during NH Gives, and almost 50 donors sponsored Holiday Families during the pandemic. I'm excited to see how the community continues to come together in our new normal.

I may be familiar to many MCVP supporters because I was previously a prevention educator with the organization. I hold a BS in Marketing Communications from Emerson College and an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University. In my spare time, I run a non-profit organization that reforests the monarch butterfly winter habitat in Michoacan, Mexico, and I can be found hiking around the Monadnock Region with my black lab, Charlie.



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*Good news from the  
advocates at MCVP!*

