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Family Services Center

Annual Report

2020-2021



OUR MISSION

Haven House is dedicated to the elimination of violence against everyone through empowerment, education, social action, and support services



OUR HISTORY



1978



Haven House Family Services Center was formed in Wayne, Nebraska. The agency was an outcome of a joint seminar conducted by the Association of American University Women and Wayne State College staff, which determined a need for services for victims of domestic violence and their children.



1979



Haven House was incorporated as a non-profit agency under the laws of the State of Nebraska. A volunteer Board of Directors was established, part-time coordinator, and secretary were hired. Original funding was from private donations and the Department of Public Welfare. A 24-hour crisis line was established, volunteers were trained, and temporary shelter was provided in local motels.



1980's



Haven House was awarded funding to provide a 24-hour crisis line, temporary shelter, which was provided through the use of safe homes, motels, and/or referrals to other domestic violence agencies, emergency transportation, emergency financial assistance, legal and medical advocacy, community education, and to extend services to victims and survivors of sexual assault and conduct sexual assault prevention activities.

We were also able to expand our service area to five counties: Cedar, Dixon Dakota, Thurston, and Wayne counties. Funds were also received to provide services to the Omaha Nation and Winnebago Indian Reservations. These funds allowed us to increase client services and add the full-time position of Volunteer Coordinator to provide services on the reservations and to coordinate volunteers to assist staff with the growing demand for victim services experienced in our five county area.



1994



Haven House established an emergency shelter in Wayne County. Shelter Supervisor was hired to oversee/supervise shelter operations and provide advocacy to clients utilizing shelter



1997



Haven House established a satellite office in South Sioux City. Hired a part-time Project Coordinator to provide victim services, and established a Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR) in Dakota County. The CCR was established to address gaps in responding to crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault. A part-time Outreach Coordinator position was later added at the South Sioux City satellite office to provide advocacy and outreach services as well as community education to area churches, organizations, and schools.



TODAY

Currently, we have 6 FTE's, 2 Part time Employees, many volunteers, and a volunteer Board of Directors (8). The volunteers and Board of Directors are invaluable to Haven House. Board member representation encompasses our entire five county service area. Haven House also receives support from individuals and organizations throughout our service area. This support is a vital part of services and enables us to provide families with more of their basic needs.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Staff

Amy Munderloh- Former Executive Director
Debbie Goettsch- Executive Director
Connie Reyes- SA/DV Supervisor
Amber Bruegman- Shelter Advocate
Kayla Johnson- Shelter Advocate
Tamara Torres-Bilingual Advocate
Denise Tello- Former Bilingual Advocate
Scott Munsen- Outreach Coordinator
Maureen Carrigg- Outreach Coordinator
Shannon Ridenour- Former Outreach Coordinator
Julieta Garcilazo- Enhanced Services Advocate
Lisbeth Ramirez- Former Enhanced Services Advocate

Board



Laura Dendinger- President
Pat Browning- Vice President
Berenice Vallejo- Secretary
Jeanie Sturm- Treasurer
Ed Mahon
Susan Koranda
Domenic Consoli
Cindy Uthof



OUR PHILOSOPHY

Haven House is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 to provide resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence that has adopted the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NCSADV) Ethical Guidelines and Core Values and operates with the following philosophies:

- We believe all individuals have a right to safety and freedom from violence.
- We oppose the use of threats, intimidation, and violence to create and maintain control.
- We believe victims of abuse have the right to confidentiality.
- We are committed to offering services with the highest level of dignity and respect, absent of discrimination regardless of age, gender, race, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.
- We value individual's ability to make their own choices and support their journey to self-sufficiency.
- We provide non-judgmental services and provide information to support empowerment of individuals to free them from abuse.
- We are committed to an organizational structure that reflects diversity, participatory decision-making, and collective responsibility among members of the Board, paid staff, volunteers and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- We believe that oppression is the root of violence and we oppose it in all its forms including, but not limited to racism, sexism, ageism, ethnocentrism, and homophobia.
- We believe that violence will end only when individuals, institutions, and society as a whole work together to demand an end to abuse.
- We believe abusers must be held accountable for their actions.
- We believe violence is a public issue, not just a private matter.
- We believe individuals, institutions, and society as a whole must take responsibility for eliminating violence.

HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021



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DENIM DAY

We are wearing denim to take a stand against sexual violence. Show us your denim! Tag your photo with #denimdays #havenhousefsc

#denimdays #SSC

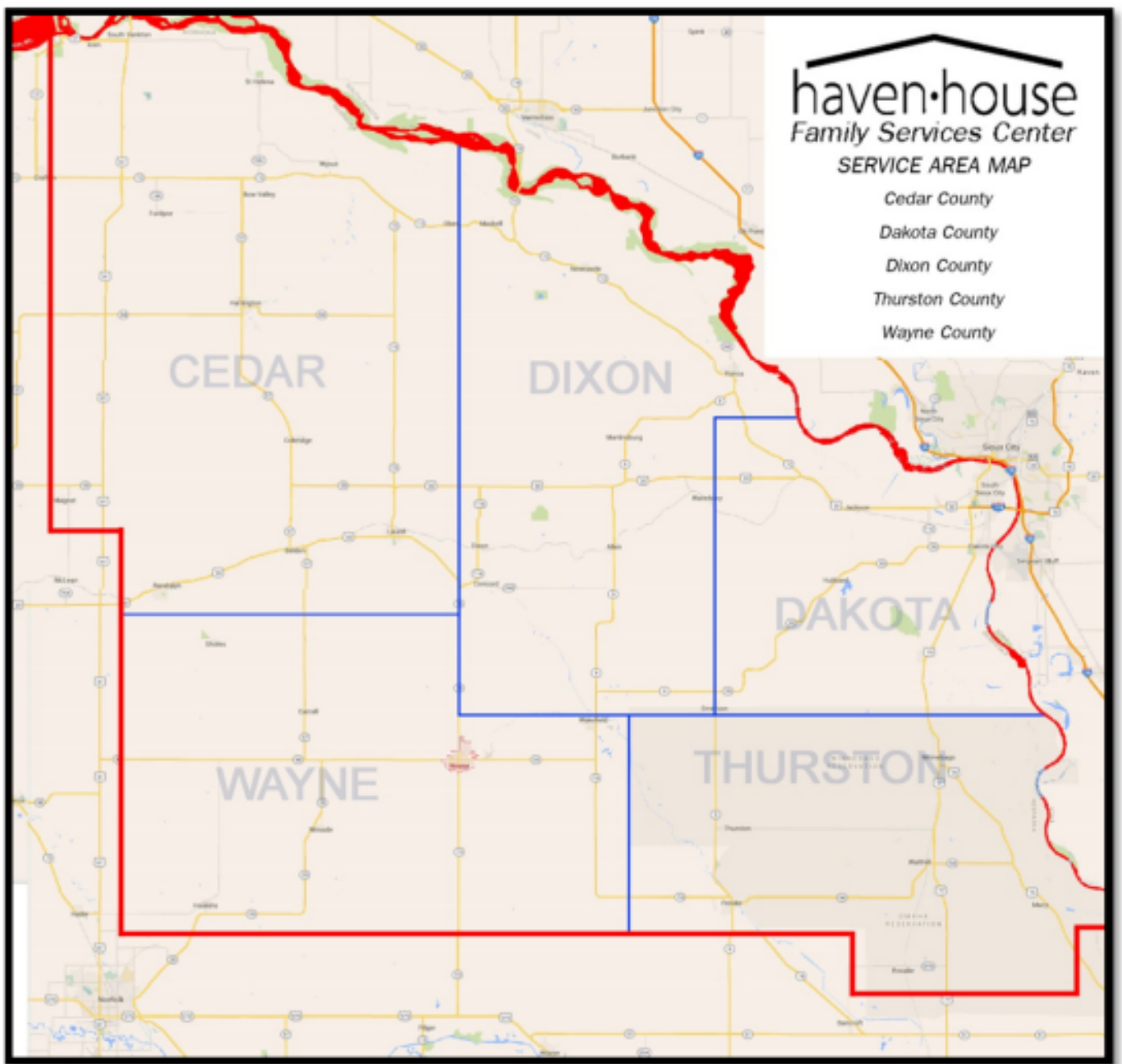


HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021

- September 2020- Executive Director Amy is resigning from her position, her last day will be in November 2020. Michael Foods gave Haven House a generous donation of \$1,000.
- October 2020- Our South Sioux City advocates set up a display at the South Sioux City Library. This display promotes awareness about Domestic Violence. Both offices wore purple on purple day for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- November 2020- A student from Morningside College, Lex Wurth, started the Period Poverty Drive for non-profits in the area. The goal was to get feminine hygiene products for survivors that might not have the access to these much-needed items.
- December 2020- SA/DV Supervisor Debbie took over the role as Interim Executive Director, and accepted the full position in May of 2021. Shelter Manager Connie was also promoted to SA/DV Supervisor in the Wayne office. Sand Creek Post & Beam participated in our annual Adopt-A-Family program that provides Christmas gifts to our clients and their families.
- February 2021- The Mary Kay Foundation donated \$20,000 to support our mission in helping clients.
- April 2021- Staff rocked some denim on Denim Day to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- May 2021- Staff in both offices dropped off boxes of goodies for our local police officers to celebrate them during National Police Week.
- June 2021- Wayne staff set up a table during the Laurel Ag Days.

SERVICE AREA



Wayne Office
215 W. 2nd
Street

South Sioux City
Office
117 E 28th Street

Hartington
Office
104 N Broadway

BY THE NUMBERS

Crisis Calls



189

Clients Provided Services



334

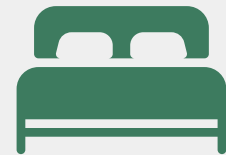
Shelter Clients



43

25 Adults & 18 Kids

Shelter Beds



1,424

Meals



4,272