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Assets		
Cash	\$	756,333
Investments		715,118
Grants Receivables		1,457,111
Prepaid Expenses		28,826
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,957,387

Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	8,519
Payroll Liabilities		1,963
Deferred Revenue		157,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	167,481

Equity		
Fund Balance	\$	2,354,949
Net Income		434,957
TOTAL EQUITY		2,789,906
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$	2,957,387

2015 financial information contained in this report has not yet been fully audited and approved by the Board as of date of printing. Audit and Board approval anticipated by May 2016.

2015 Home Safe Home Raised \$276,811 (Net)

AVDA enthusiastically celebrated its milestone 35th anniversary with the 10th annual Home Safe Home gala on October 14th, 2015 at The Astorian. Previous galas were hosted in homes of Houston's top philanthropists, but moved in 2015 to a premier event venue to accommodate a larger crowd and growing support for AVDA.

Houston's legendary attorney and philanthropist **John Eddie Williams, Jr.** was the second recipient of AVDA's Joseph D. Jamail Award for Justice for his exceptional community service work and advocacy for those who cannot afford legal representation in Houston. The Deedee Ostfeld Heart of AVDA Award was presented to **Rhonda Gerson** for her dedication to the organization. AVDA is grateful to **Cal and Hannah McNair** who served as Honorary Chairs, joining Event Co-chairs **Brooke Bentley Gunst, Mary Patton** and **Claire Cormier Thielke**.

AVDA Board Member **Karl Oswald** and his wife **Ashley** exhibited unparalleled support for the event as Presenting Sponsors and long-time AVDA supporter **Marie Bosarge** generously donated a luxurious stay at her Mountain Song estate in Aspen for the second year in a row. Auction Chair **Joan Pillow** secured incredible items that delighted silent auction bidders. Gala Committee members **Barbara Elk, Karen Freedman, Leisa Holland-Nelson, Lynn Kamin, Dionne Miller, Joan Pillow** and **Angela Sturm** worked diligently to make this event a night to remember.

2015 CHEFS

Mark Cox <i>Mark's</i>	Kaz Edwards <i>Uchi</i>	Kevin Morris <i>Abuso Catering</i>	Erin Smith <i>Main Kitchen</i>
Neal Cox <i>Olivette</i>	Elliott Kelly <i>RDG+Bar Annie</i>	Monica Pope <i>Sparrow</i>	Danny Trace <i>Brennan's</i>
David Denis <i>Le Mistral</i>	Brandon Lampert <i>Corner Table</i>	John Sheely <i>Mockingbird Bistro</i>	Kiran Verma <i>Kiran's</i>



Top image, left to right: Claire Cormier Thielke, Mary Patton, Brooke Bentley Gunst; Bottom image, left to right: Sheridan Williams, Joseph D. Jamail, John Eddie Williams, Jr., Lynn Kamin

Thank you to our donors, as your generous contributions directly support our mission to end family violence.

\$200,000+

Office of the Governor – Victims of Crime Act Grant* Texas Access to Justice Foundation* Texas Department of Criminal Justice/Community Justice Assistance Division* Texas Health & Human Services Commission*

\$100,000+

Dan L. Duncan Foundation Houston Endowment, Inc. Lone Star Legal Aid United Way of Greater Houston

\$50,000+

Global Fabrication Services, Inc./Ashley & Karl Oswald

\$25,000+

National Council of Jewish Women – Greater Houston Section Office of the Attorney General – Other Victim Assistance Grant The Simmons Foundation Sheridan & John Eddie Williams, Jr.

\$10,000+

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35

YEARS TOWARD OUR MISSION

To end family violence by advocating for the safety and self-determination of victims, promoting accountability for abusers and fostering a community-wide response to abuse.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

AVDA
end abuse / begin again



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Dear Supporter of AVDA:

We are pleased to share the 2015 Annual Report with our friends and partners. This was an extraordinary year because we marked an important milestone – our 35th anniversary serving Houston with transformative services for individuals and families experiencing the trauma of abuse. We thank you for your interest and investment in our programs.

Because of your collective generosity, AVDA staff continued to work fervently to achieve the accomplishments highlighted in this report. Notable achievements in 2015 include:

- Increased the number of survivors served through our victim services programs by 10%.
- Increased the number of victims receiving legal services through AVDA by 12%.
- Provided over 3,500 survivors and their children services through protective orders, legal representation, safety planning, referrals and emergency financial assistance.
- Continued to diversify our revenue model; thanks to the generosity of Joseph D. Jamail and his friends, The Joseph D. Jamail Endowment Fund was created to endow an attorney position for representation and advocacy for women who are victims of abuse and need quality legal counsel.
- Expanded its legal services through one full-time attorney dedicated to serving the “working poor.” The program grew quickly given the vast community need, and is thriving thanks to the support of Houston Endowment, Inc.

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AVDA celebrates 35 years of service to the Houston community, seeking to help victims End Abuse and Begin Again.



- Displayed measurable results through pre and post surveys, after receiving help from AVDA, 86% of legal clients reported they felt an increased sense of safety.
- Distributed our first electronic newsletter and social media campaign, seeking to increase awareness and support for our mission to end abuse.

While we appreciate our continued progress, sadly, the number of reports of domestic violence continually increase, and the demand for our services rises exponentially. But there is hope and healing. Our board and staff remain stalwart in our commitment to bringing attention to the much-needed conversation about domestic abuse. Together with the community, we must assist more victims who painfully suffer alone and in silence. It is only through your help that AVDA assists victims to escape the abuse and rebuild their lives to truly begin again, and provide offenders with the tools to end the cycle of violence and control.

With your continued support and involvement, we will sustain programs to change lives in significant ways. Thank you for your investment and interest in our work and those we serve.

Gratefully,

Lynn Kamin

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2015 Co-chair
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Dedicated to Ending Family Violence

Legal Advocacy

AVDA attorneys and paralegals provide free legal representation and support for survivors of abuse for protective orders, divorce, child custody and child support cases within Harris County. Protective orders have no income requirements, while divorce and child custody/support cases are accepted for survivors with low to moderate income. Cases with exceptional merit (such as high lethality) may also be accepted, regardless of income. AVDA provides safety planning, referral, and emergency funding for rent, utilities, food, transportation and clothing. AVDA also has training and education funds to promote self-sufficiency.

“If it wasn’t for AVDA, I wouldn’t have my daughter. It was a relief to know that I wasn’t alone.” – AVDA LEGAL CLIENT

Amount awarded to survivors through legal representation \$1.4m

“I can now provide a safe, happy and healthy upbringing for my daughters. I would be lost without AVDA. I finally feel that we are free.” – AVDA LEGAL CLIENT

Legal cases opened for survivors 2,091

BIPP (Battering Intervention & Prevention Program)

AVDA provides psycho-educational counseling for individuals who have been abusive in their relationships in the Greater Houston area (from Harris, Galveston, Montgomery, Fort Bend and Brazoria counties) through its nationally acclaimed BIPP. AVDA’s BIPP is the first in Texas to be fully accredited, and its 18-week program has low-cost group sessions with a strong emphasis on the impact of abuse on children. AVDA’s BIPP was highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control as one of four model BIPPs across the nation, and found that at 30 months after program completion, 80 percent had not committed assault in the previous 18 months.

Hours of rehabilitative counseling provided to abusers 24k

“This program changes lives. My son and I have started to bond more and my relationship with my wife has improved tremendously. Thank you, AVDA!” – 2015 BIPP GRADUATE

Men and women respectively, served in the abuser program 893/120

Counseling Services

AVDA’s specialized Trauma Counselor provides individual and group counseling for adult and child survivors of domestic violence, both at AVDA and in the community, lending supportive guidance for those impacted by abuse. Its education-based support group for survivors, with special emphasis on the impact of abuse on children, is open to voluntary and mandated clients, and is offered at no cost to the client. All services are offered in English and Spanish. Counseling is available for problems such as depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, sexual victimization, and parenting concerns. The counselor also supports the client due to distress and fear which often result from facing one’s abuser in court.

Youth reached through individual or group counseling 844

Adults served in group or individual counseling sessions 2,080

Youth & Outreach

Approximately one in three teenagers between the ages of 12 and 21 will experience violence in dating relationships. AVDA works with at-risk youth across the Greater Houston area to provide prevention and intervention to break the cycle of violence in their lives. In addition to extensive programming within the juvenile justice system, AVDA provides adult and youth presentations, workshops and programs across the community to heighten awareness about domestic violence. Topics include domestic abuse prevention, healthy relationships, dating violence, workplace violence, health care responses to abuse, veterans domestic abuse risks and more.

Youth reached with dating and domestic abuse prevention presentations 2,575

“AVDA instructors introduce youth to a positive thinking process which is compatible to achieving healthy relationships. The helpful strategies and resources invite youth to focus on respect, trust, and supportive growth in relationships.” – DEBORAH MCFALL, HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPT.

