

Helping Heal the Hurt Caused by Child Sexual Abuse

KRISTI



HOUSE

Annual Report 2002-2003

Kristi House is a place where sexually abused children are seen, heard and believed.

The theme for Kristi House this year has been one of change. However, what remains constant is our focus on the Center's mission of putting the interest of the child first, looking at the issues of sexual abuse from the point of view of the abused child. The vision of all systems working together to put the child first is not a reality, but each year we continue to strive toward that goal.

A new President will lead the board this year. Dr. Judy McCleary will take over that role in September. Fresh eyes at the helm bring new vision to the programs. We are constantly searching for best practices and new ideas to protect and heal our children and their families. Our board continues to seek out individuals of diverse interests and cultures, who share a common passion for the welfare of children. The executive director signed a five year contract in February, which will give Kristi House a sense of stability moving forward.

New programs are on the horizon and existing programs are expanding as we continue our journey from a public to a private child welfare system. We are working with a number of community providers to develop and implement a new assessment protocol for all children removed from their homes. The educational outreach program is developing a strategic ten year plan to begin implementation July 1. We are exploring collaborating with other service agencies to provide a unified approach to preventative services within the schools. Kristi House has become an active research partner of Florida International University's Institute for Children and Families at Risk. Together, we are producing the first of what we hope to be a continuing series of conferences on the multi-disciplinary approach to child sexual abuse.

Our case coordination program continues to serve approximately 600 children and their families, and includes a new Family Advocate Unit that provides intense services to high risk families. The Center now has four therapists and a clinical supervisor who provide individual, play and group therapy, as well as a parent support group to over 100 children annually regardless of their ability to pay.

The growth and changes we are experiencing cannot come without philanthropic support. Last year saw a decline in foundation funds due to economic conditions. We are optimistic that with the upturn in the market, our current financial support will return to prior year's donation levels and that new committed friends will recognize and adopt the passion that is Kristi House.



Carol Novak

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Board President

Kristi House Mission Statement

Kristi House provides a healing environment for child victims of sexual abuse and their families through community collaboration and system coordination.

Kristi House Values Statement

Kristi House is dedicated to respecting, protecting, and healing the children and families that pass through our doors.



Trudy Novicki

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Executive Director

Programs Report

Kristi House continues to reach out to victims of sexual abuse by means of various programs. This report list those programs and highlights their accomplishments.

CASE COORDINATION

- ♥ Survey letters were sent out to over twenty-five mental health agencies in the Miami, Dade area to try to identify fidelity of practice and scope of services, in order for KH Case Coordinators to make informed practice decision when referring children and families for therapeutic services.
- ♥ Our Creole-speaking Case Coordinator conducted approximately twenty public awareness presentations targeting Haitian adults at community centers, adult Educational Learning Centers, High Schools and other community forums. She also works out of Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center, for four hours, once per week on Wednesdays.
- ♥ The Case Coordination Team accepted referrals of 544 children in FY02-03. In addition to that, nearly 85 callers were assisted in receiving appropriate services.
- ♥ A total of 366 clients received transportation services over this past fiscal year. The transportation service is a valuable asset, which continues to eliminate barriers to services.
- ♥ Extensive work has been done with our computer consultant to customize our data output for statistical reporting, tracking and research gathering in a more accurate and detailed manner.

CHILD VICTIM RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM

- ♥ The CVRR team provided presentations to 1051 parents, school personnel and other community professionals on issues of child sexual abuse and reporting.
- ♥ The outreach coordinators assisted school personnel w/ 98 students who requested follow-up with safety concerns after participating in classroom presentations.
- ♥ The Outreach Coordinators provided presentations to educate 3,643 students on violence issues and alternatives to violence. The schools receiving presentations included Howard Doolin Elementary, Feinburg Fisher Elementary, Douglas Elementary, Dunbar Elementary, South Side Elementary, Jose de Diego Middle, Milam Middle, Allapattah Middle, McArthur South High, and PACE Center for Girls.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

- ♥ Physicians from the Child Protection Team (CPT) performed 27 medical exams at Kristi House. The Executive Director has met with representatives of all the Law Enforcement Agencies, the Rape Treatment Center (RTC), and the State Attorney's Office on a number of occasions. In addition, the Executive Director and Board Members have presented to the Board of the Public Health Trust.
- ♥ New guidelines have been established between the RTC and the Case Coordination Department at Kristi House to refer all children seen at the RTC to Kristi House.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- ♥ In order to advance the skills of professionals involved with child sexual abuse victims and their families, presentations on issues of child sexual abuse were provided to Masters and Doctoral students of the University of Miami, Carlos Albizu University, Union Institute, Florida International University, and Barry University. Staff from The Village, the Cuban and Haitian Refugee Center, Goodman Psychological Services, Children's Home Society, Douglas Elementary, Dunbar Elementary, Jose de Diego Middle, PACE Center for Girls, and South Side Elementary also received presentations. In addition staff from Kristi House were interviewed on Mom Talk Radio, participated at Health Fairs at Culmer Neighborhood Center, Dunbar Elementary, and Kid Care, and presented to the Junior League of Miami.
- ♥ Kristi House Directors are involved in a number of community task forces including the Dade County Alliance Against Domestic Violence, Infants Mental Health, Children's Mental Health, the Foster Care Abuse Prevention Task Force, Florida Network of Child Advocacy Centers, and the ACTT Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Committees.
- ♥ The Executive Director and Board Members attend provider meetings of Our Kids Community Base Care Initiative held at the Center. The Program Committee of the Board of Directors met monthly to develop recommendations for the future direction of programs and services at Kristi House and the Orlowitz-Lee Center.

THERAPY

- ♥ The Therapy Department expanded to include one Licensed Clinical Director, two Licensed Clinical Supervisors, and two University Interns from FIU and

Barry University. With support from the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation, Inc., Kristi House was able to hire two English/Spanish bilingual therapists. Additional staff includes Therapy Support, and a Medicaid Biller was implemented to start billing services in November 2002.

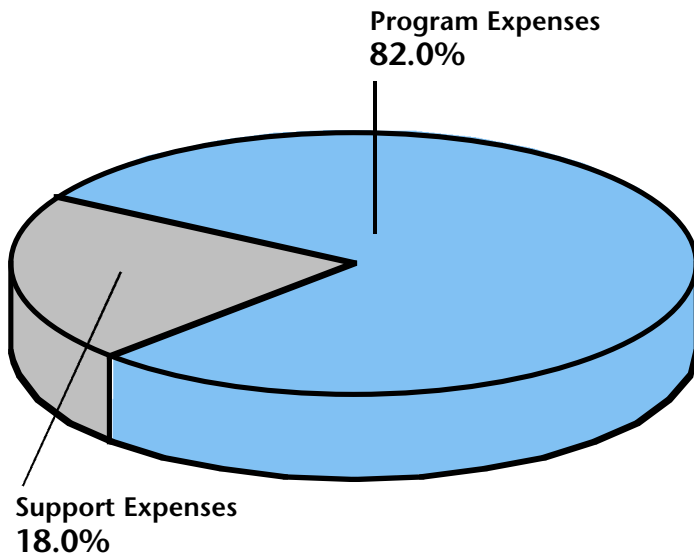
- ♥ The Satellite Office in Homestead functions with a full caseload every Wednesday. School contact lists were devised and letters sent to every school to ensure collaborated efforts for documented research. The Therapists and Therapy Support update these contact lists on a consistent basis.
- ♥ Parent's Group was extended to an 8-week program that included Guest speakers from the Miami-Dade Community College of Nursing and legal representation from the State Attorney's Office/Sexual Battery Division. Attendance has been increasing and Kristi House collaborated with the Child Protection Team to allow parents of children seen at CPT to attend our Parent Support Program.
- ♥ The Clinical Director sits on the steering committee for Infant Mental Health of Miami-Dade and is a member of the Florida Association for Infant Mental Health. Kristi House has increased its efforts in treating children in the 2 to 5 year age-group.

VOLUNTEER COMPONENT

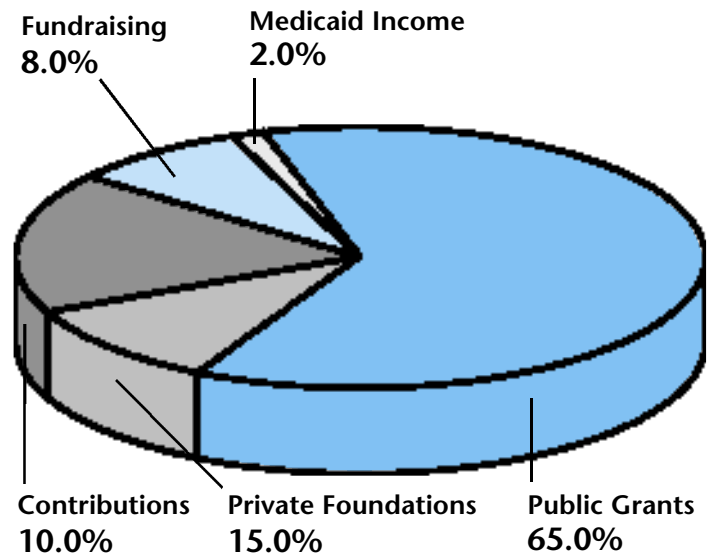
- ♥ The volunteer program at Kristi House continues to expand. This year has been very successful. We have 19 volunteers at the present time and 4 trained volunteers who are awaiting background checks.
- ♥ AmeriCorp and Kristi House hosted the 2nd annual Book Bag Bonanza and Breakfast. AmeriCorp is responsible for the invitations, back to school supplies and breakfast. The Center received a donation of book bags from Office Depot that the children decorate and take home.
- ♥ Kristi House and Junior League hosted the 3rd annual Holiday Party in December. Children received gifts, had snacks, created holiday crafts, had their photograph taken with Santa and were entertained by the University of Miami Inspirational Concert Choir.
- ♥ We are fortunate to have a high school students' service organization, Twenty Little Working Girls (TLWG), involved in helping the children that visit the Center. TLWG chose Kristi House's teen population for their service project which consisted of collecting cosmetic bags and filling them with makeup and hair accessories. The case coordinators gave these gifts to their clients. The girls loved them.

Summary Financial Statements

Expenses



Revenues



Through grant writing, direct solicitation and special events, Kristi House raised \$1,486,191 in revenues in 2002-2003.



Statement of Financial Position

	2003	2002
Assets		
Current Assets	\$1,076,592	\$1,027,682
Property, Plant & Equipment and Other Assets	\$2,523,812	\$2,683,939
Total Assets	<u>\$3,600,404</u>	<u>\$3,711,621</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	\$ 136,226	\$ 156,004
Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 798,169	\$ 830,095
Net Assets	\$2,666,009	\$2,725,522
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$3,600,404</u>	<u>\$3,711,621</u>

Statement of Activities

Total Support and Revenue	\$1,486,191	\$1,376,026
Expenses		
Program Services	\$1,273,600	\$1,168,770
Supporting Services	\$ 272,104	\$ 266,542
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,545,704</u>	<u>\$1,435,312</u>
Change in Net Assets	(\$ 59,513)	(\$ 59,286)

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