“I came to believe ... that it is vital to transform the world by changing the way people treat each other, and by modeling that kind of changed behavior ourselves.”

- Anne Firth Murray

**Transformation:**

**Transform:**  
1: to change in composition or structure  
b: to change the outward form or appearance of  
c: to change in character or condition

- Merriam Webster

**Transformative learning:**

- Becoming changed by what one learns in some meaningful way,
- Questioning assumptions, beliefs and values,
- Considering different points of view.

- Robert D. Boyd and J. Gordon Myers

**Transformation** can inspire action to change the world, and unfair distribution of resources and power in particular, in order to promote the welfare of all peoples.

- Wikipedia

This year at Blackburn Center, we rededicated ourselves to addressing social transformation — **the rights of all people to live free from violence and oppression**. In connection with this effort, we have introduced new initiatives, and, perhaps more important, we have renewed our call to the community to **challenge the power and demand change**.

We call upon adults, teens and children to think differently about domestic and sexual violence. We ask them to become aware of oppression and stereotypes in daily life. We ask them to think critically about advertising and the media.

The response has been encouraging and we’re excited by the hope that we may some day see a significant drop in the incidence of domestic and sexual violence.

We have also paused to reflect on these additional transformative aspects of our work.

- We invite community members to join our mission actively as volunteers. Through their training, volunteers become experts on the issues, and through their work with clients, they become a part of the solution.
- We work with systems, encouraging them to hold perpetrators responsible for their actions and to treat victims with respect.
- We build our understanding that many factors such as poverty and sexual orientation often come together to compound the impact of oppression felt by victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Sometimes we are met with resistance. Giving up old ways of thinking is not comfortable. **But when a hotline caller says I’m so glad you were there, when a young boy who is a victim of child sexual abuse asks for help after one of our classroom programs, when we realize that for some, Blackburn Center is the only place they’ve ever felt safe, we understand how transformative our work truly is.**

We understand too that there is still much work to be done.

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**Our Mission**

Blackburn Center actively advocates for **the rights of all people to live free from violence and oppression** in their homes and communities and provides supportive services to survivors of all forms of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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**CHALLENGE THE POWER. DEMAND CHANGE.**

Domestic and sexual violence are rooted in an imbalance of power between men and women. Our society accepts violence against women as normal and inevitable. For Blackburn Center to fulfill its mission to end domestic and sexual violence, we must challenge this imbalance of power that supports the oppression of women.
PROGRAMS and SERVICES

Hotline • The 24-hour hotline provides crisis counseling to survivors of sexual assault, incest, domestic violence, and sexual harassment. The hotline is often the first contact victims have with an organization dedicated to their safety and healing. The hotline is available to anyone who needs help—survivors, their families and friends, and professionals who seek information about how they might better meet the needs of their clients who are victims. Our counselors have received training in the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault and understand the complex issues involved.

Emergency Shelter • Temporary emergency shelter is available to battered women and their children. The shelter provides a safe, comfortable haven where a battered woman can plan for her future. Residents may stay up to 30 days in a six-month period.

Counseling and Therapy • Blackburn Center provides in-person crisis counseling to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, sexual assault therapy services are available by appointment for women, children, and men.

Support Groups • Blackburn Center’s staff facilitates weekly support groups for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to explore their strengths, resources and options. Group participants may include:
- Female victims of domestic violence.
- Children of female victims of domestic violence.
- Adults sexually abused as children.
- Sexual assault/harassment victims.
- Significant others of sexual assault victims.
- Incarcerated female victims of domestic or sexual violence (County Prison).

Medical Advocacy/Accompaniment • Medical advocates meet survivors of abuse at medical facilities in Westmoreland County in order to provide support during medical examinations and information about available options and resources.

Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment • Legal advocates accompany survivors of abuse and their significant others during PFA hearings, Magisterial District Justice hearings, and trials, and provide support, encouragement, and information about available options and resources.

Community Education Programs • Any organization interested in learning more about the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault can schedule a speaker by calling Blackburn Center.

Student Awareness Programs • Blackburn Center provides prevention/awareness programs to Westmoreland County schools, preschool through 12th grade, and area colleges.

In-Service Trainings • Blackburn Center provides professional in-service training on the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual harassment to police, courts, paramedics, medical personnel, teachers, counselors, etc., to ensure appropriate response to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

“What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.” — George Eliot

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2006 – 2007

24-hour hotline providing crisis counseling, information, and referrals.

Individual counseling and therapy.

Group counseling and therapy.

Number of hotline calls ................................................................. 2,626
Number of counseling hours provided .................................................. 11,506
Total number of new clients ............................................................... 2,677

Emergency shelter for battered women and their dependent children.

Days of shelter provided ................................................................... 3,847
Women and children sheltered .......................................................... 173

Medical advocacy/accompaniment at hospital emergency rooms.

Legal advocacy/accompaniment at PFA hearings, District Justice hearings and trials.

Medical advocacy contacts ................................................................. 98
Legal advocacy contacts ................................................................... 1,719

Student awareness programs in Westmoreland County schools, preschool through 12th grade, and area colleges.

School programs – domestic violence ................................................. 825
School programs – sexual assault ...................................................... 1,836
Students and teachers participating in domestic violence and sexual assault awareness programs (unduplicated) ...... 20,126

In-service trainings for police, medical personnel, teachers, counselors, social workers and other professionals.

Community programs and trainings to professionals ........................................ 160
The Transformative Nature of Giving

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

- Chinese proverb

Support from the community, through contributions and governmental support, is transformed into services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, and education programs for the community.

Revenues and Support
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence ......................................350,259
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape ..............................................................273,291
Victims of Crime Act ............................................................................................181,009
STOP Violence Against Women Act ..................................................................33,279
Other Government Funding ..................................................................................76,184
Contributions ........................................................................................................215,448
Other Income ..........................................................................................................35,500
Total Revenue and Support ....................................................................$1,164,970

Expenses
Program Services ................................................................................................947,548
Management and Administration......................................................................159,002
Fundraising..............................................................................................................40,534
Total Expenses ..........................................................................................$1,147,084

Amount of each $1 spent on Program Services* ..............................................$0.83

*see page 2 for full list of Program Services

In Westmoreland County, Blackburn Center’s services are sustained by the many community members who understand the transformative nature of giving: our donors and our volunteers.

Volunteers
In the beginning, we were a group of dedicated volunteers; since 1976, we have grown to a staff of 31 to join those volunteers. A transformation? Yes, but dedicated volunteers remain at the core of what we do.

Because of volunteers, our hotline is answered every hour of every day (and night), our shelter is always open, and domestic violence and sexual assault victims will be met with comfort and support at local hospitals.

Volunteers also help our message reach far into the community through health fairs and our Speakers Bureau, and provide invaluable administrative support.

All volunteers providing direct services to clients complete a training program that prepares them to be crisis intervention counselors. For those who help in non-direct service such as event planning and office activities, only a brief orientation is required.

The next training will begin in January 2008. Please join us.
We need your dedication.

Call Catherine at 724-837-9540, extension 144.

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Donors from July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Everyone on this list, every individual, every organization, shares a belief in our mission. We could not have moved forward without their dedication to change.

The levels of giving represent the total of gifts from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Businesses
Allegheny Energy
ARAMARK
Arbor Industrial Supplies, Inc.
Arnold Palmer Motors - Office Staff
Baltimore Life Companies - Belle Vernon
Barnes and Noble Booksellers - Greensburg
Bath & Body Works - Greensburg
Beauty Bath & Body - Ligonier
Beeghly & Co. Jewelers
Bononi & Bononi P.C.
Bristol Myers Squibb Company
Bruster’s Ice Cream & Yogurt - Greensburg
C. B. Tracy & Associates, Inc.
Carpenter Construction, Inc.
Cheryl Ann’s - Greensburg
Citizens Bank - New Stanton
Commercial Bank & Trust of PA - Latrobe
Crossroads Boutique
Daniels & Miller, Inc.
## BUSINESSES (continued)

- DeNunzio's Restaurant
- Dick's Sporting Goods - Store #110
- Dollar Bank - Pittsburgh
- East Surburban OB/GYN Assoc.
- Enscue and Long Insurance Group, LLC
- Express, Westmoreland Mall
- Ferragamo Distributing Co.
- First National Bank of PA - Irwin
- Four Points Hotel - Greensburg
- Giannilli's Pizza Palace - Greensburg
- Greensburg Floral
- Highmark, Inc.
- HomeWell Senior Care
- Horning Printing Company
- Ivy's Cafe
- J arrods - Monroeville
- Kattan-Ferretti Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Kelly's Hair Design
- Kenjisuto Auto Repair LLC
- Kennametal Inc.
- Kennametal Employee Association
- Kennametal Inc., AM SG
- Keppele-Graft Funeral Home, Inc.
- Laurel Design Associates, Inc.
- Ligonier Distributing
- Medco Health Solutions, Inc.
- Menasha Corporation
- My Buddy’s Place
- Norwin Athletic Club
- Pantalone's Funeral Home
- Pizza Hut #605074
- Platos Insurance Agency
- Primanti Brothers - Greensburg
- Quality Brand Printing
- Rite Aid Pharmacy - Delmont
- Royal Pizza
- S&T Bank - Derry
- Sears, Roebuck & Co.
- Westmoreland Mall
- Dr. Nicholas Senuta
- SERVPRO of Greensburg
- The Sewickley Spa
- Shear Indulgence
- Sheetz Youngwood
- Shop N Save, Rt. 66
- Sources for Human Resources
- Sun Parlor Tanning Salon
- Target - Greensburg
- The Thorne Group, Inc.
- The Limited - Greensburg
- Tri-County Kitchen

## BUSINESSES

- Tuscano Agency
- Twiggs European Flower Market
- Vacation Station Travel Center
- Vallozzi's Restaurant
- Verizon - Greensburg
- Verizon Volunteers Program
- Victoria's Secret - Westmoreland Mall
- Wal-Mart Store #9228
- Wentrobile Insurance Agency
- Westinghouse Electric Corporation
- Specialty Metals Plant - Blairsville

## FOUNDATIONS

- FISA Foundation
- McEely-Rogers Foundation
- Millstein Charitable Foundation
- Premo J. Pappafava Foundation
- The Elizabeth Shaw Gamble Fund
- Of The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County

## INDIVIDUALS

### IRIS

- ($2,500 and up)
  - Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Petrosky

### DAFFODIL

- ($1,000 - $2,499)
  - Dr. and Mrs. Philip W. Currie
  - Mr. Nicholas Passaro
  - Mr. Scott Phillips
  - Mr. Philip W. Weihl

### COLUMBINE

- ($500 - $999)
  - Anonymous
  - M. r. Frederick Bence
  - The Reverend Sylvia Carlson
  - M. s. Valerie D. Carpenter

### FLAX

- ($100 - $249)
  - Anonymous
  - Dr. and Mrs. Angelo DeMezza

## ROSE

- ($250 - $499)
  - Anonymous
  - M. s. Linda Assard
  - M. s. Rebecca Campbell

## The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.”

- Hada Bejar

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- M. s. Morgan Harrison
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- M. r. Mitchell Harvey
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“How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

- Anne Frank
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Blackburn Center Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides 24-hour hotline services, counseling, advocacy and support groups to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, incest, child sexual abuse, and sexual harassment; emergency shelter is available to survivors of domestic violence and their dependent children. Blackburn Center also provides community education, school student awareness programs, and in-service professional trainings throughout Westmoreland County.

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As we work to transform society, we are aware that some things will remain the same. For example, our shelter will always need to be stocked with provisions, and women who flee from dangerous situations may need basic items they’ve had to leave behind. Right now, our most pressing needs are:

- Food (non-perishable)
- Linens: kitchen, bath and bed (full and twin sizes)
- Women’s underwear (all sizes)
- Women’s nightgowns (all sizes or one-size fits all)
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target and Giant Eagle

Other Ways to Help

- Give us your old car (or motorcycle, van, truck, or boat) and receive a tax deduction. Call us at 724-837-9540 for details. If you do decide to make the donation, we will connect you to Goodwill Industries so you can make arrangements to have your vehicle towed.

- Ask for a copy of this year’s donor letter if you haven’t already received one. The letter contains a return envelope and some good reasons for you to give generously to Blackburn Center. (Or you could just send a contribution in your own envelope.)

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