

# OUR VALUES

## INTEGRITY

We practice intellectual rigor and ethical behavior by being transparent and accountable to our many diverse stakeholders.

## OPENHEARTED COLLABORATION

Committed to being inclusive, we create and participate in partnerships that improve the lives of Minnesota’s older and vulnerable adults.

## INNOVATION

We are a learning organization that is willing to question the status quo, create alternative solutions and strategies, and take risks in order to achieve our mission.

## RESPONSIVE SERVICE

Our enduring focus is on the well-being of our older and vulnerable adults, so we work tirelessly to ensure we remain respectful, relevant and responsive.

## EXCELLENCE

To be of greatest service to the elders of our community, we endeavor to be dedicated, knowledgeable, curious and creative in all our work.



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## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### OUR VISION

Minnesota Elder Justice Center is a trusted resource that improves lives, communities and systems with, and on behalf of, elders and vulnerable adults.

### OUR MISSION

To mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults.



OUR WORK

The Minnesota Elder Justice Center is a statewide nonprofit organization working to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults. All of our services are free of charge.

AREAS OF FOCUS:

Direct Victim Services

Support and advocacy services to older and vulnerable victims of abuse, and their families, are at the heart of our work. We also provide technical assistance to professionals who work with older adults. **Our staff supported over 300 victims and families in 2017.**

Prevention & Outreach

Our staff provide statewide public awareness and education opportunities to the public so they can be informed, help those around them, and build communities that do not tolerate abuse against older and vulnerable adults. We partner with researchers to provide accurate, relevant and up-to-date strategies to prevent abuse.

**We provided 96 trainings and presentations reaching over 5,570 individuals in 2017.**

Professional Training & Education

We provide entry-level and advanced training to individuals and institutions who work with older and vulnerable adults. Our audiences include professionals representing social services, the legal community, health care, financial institutions, and others. A specialized 8-hour training is available for law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. Half of our trainings are held in greater Minnesota.

**Minnesota's 2017 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference had over 350 attendees.**

Public Policy & Systems Change

We advocate for policy initiatives that benefit older and vulnerable victims of abuse, prevent abuse, and hold perpetrators accountable. Staff work with county and community teams to support a coordinated response to elder abuse. Central to our systems change



work, we coordinate Center Partners, a monthly forum for learning, discussion, and recommendations to strengthen systems to protect older and vulnerable adults.

**In 2017, our staff chaired the Residential Care and Services Electronic Monitoring Workgroup, and served as a member of the Governor's Consumer Workgroup to address maltreatment in long term care facilities.**



OUR FINANCIALS

2017 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Liabilities - \$11,890  
Total Assets - \$182,217  
Net Assets - \$170,327

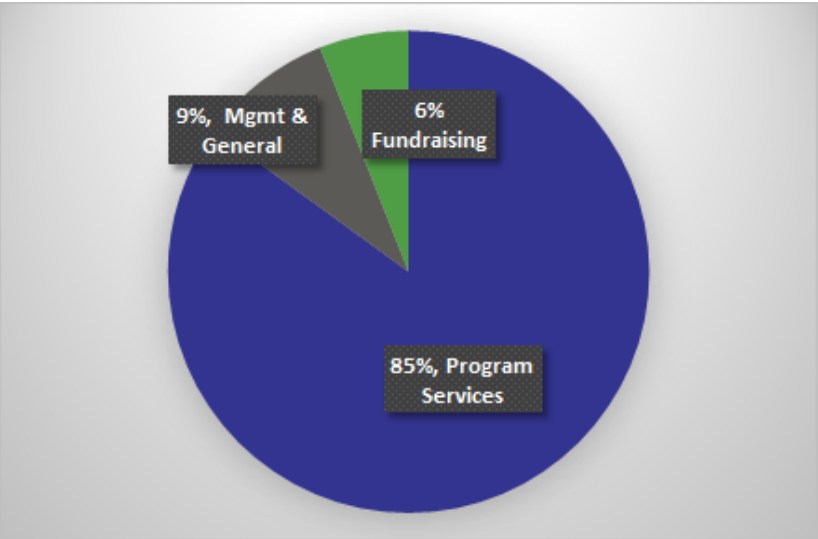
Total Support - \$611,877  
Total Expenses - \$558,166

Breakdown of Support

Government Grants = \$362,549  
Other Grants/Donations = \$212,481  
Other Revenue = \$36,847

How Funds Were Spent

Program Services - \$475,327 = 85%  
Management & General - \$49,682 = 9%  
Fundraising - \$33,157 = 6%



MESSAGE FROM AMANDA VICKSTROM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I am honored to present the 2017 work of the Minnesota Elder Justice Center. This year, like last, was filled with change and growth.

Thanks to the generous support of donors, we were able to expand our work. We have incorporated specialized training for law enforcement and criminal justice systems, increased support and advocacy to victims, and elevated our policy work with the addition of a policy director.

However, there is still much work to be done. Elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation affects 1 in 10 older Minnesotans. When an older adult has a cognitive impairment, the risk of abuse increases to 1 in 5. According to Minnesota Compass, between 2010-2030, the number of adults age-65+ in Minnesota is expected to double. While aging and elder justice issues are still overlooked by many, there is movement both nationally and locally to develop strategies that prevent elder abuse.

At the Minnesota Elder Justice Center, we are working to build a successful organization that provides safety and assistance for the victim, and creates broader system change to prevent abuse. Our work is just beginning, and we thank you for partnering with us as we grow.

Amanda Vickstrom

