





Rise-NY

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Comprehensive Domestic Violence Services Since 1979

Message from the Executive Director

2024 marked the 45th Anniversary of Rise-NY, formerly known as the SOS Shelter, Inc.. 2024 was a rewarding and challenging year for the Rise-NY staff. They operated for a good portion of the year without an Executive Director flourishing under the leadership of Becca Staudt, Acting Executive Director. To say Becca did an admirable job would be an understatement. We are forever grateful for the leadership she provided to the organization. On January 6, 2025, I had the privilege of joining this highly functional team and I have found the organization to be full of exceptionally competent staff who have a passion for leading survivors of domestic violence to new heights. Their shared passion and empathy for survivors is truly humbling to watch and I look forward to leading this organization in the years to come. I cannot thank the staff and board enough for the welcoming gestures and vote of confidence and look forward to working with everyone.

Rise provides many services to survivors, including safe shelter, advocacy, counseling, and community education. We look forward to spreading our message of hope for all survivors and look forward to working towards our mission to assist families who experience or are threatened with domestic violence and to increase the community's awareness of this pervasive problem.

Sincerely,
John Choynowski



Message from the Board President

As we reflect on 2024, we are incredibly proud of the progress and impact Rise has made in supporting survivors of domestic violence in our community. We began 2024 with a pivotal search for a new Executive Director and the planning of our agency's 45th Anniversary Gala—a celebration of resilience, progress, and hope. The event was not only a celebration of our long-standing commitment to the community, but also a resounding financial success, raising \$32,000 to further our cause. Additionally, we made significant improvements to our shelter, upgrading both the roof and kitchen. These upgrades are essential to maintaining a safe and sustainable environment for the individuals.

Looking ahead, we are excited to embark on developing a new three-year strategic plan in 2025. Our focus will continue on expanding community education and outreach, while strengthening our partnerships with other local agencies to maximize our impact.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the collaboration between our dedicated staff and the board. Together, we work to drive our mission forward—combining strategic leadership with hands-on execution to create meaningful impact. Additionally, the staff's unwavering commitment continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of survivors and their families. At Rise, we will continue to work collaboratively to ensure that every initiative is aligned with our core values, maximizing our ability to serve our community and fulfill our mission. Thank you for joining us on this journey—we look forward to an even brighter future together.



Sarah Difabio, Board President

Purple Tie Gala



Rise-NY celebrated its 45th year of providing comprehensive, trauma-informed care to the Broome County Community and beyond on October 10, 2025 at the Riverdale Hall. A good time was had by all celebrating the lasting impact that Rise-NY has had in the community and it's impact on Domestic Violence Survivors. We look forward to the next 45 years and beyond!

Our Impact in 2024

2529 hotline calls were answered by our trained staff.

2239 people reached through **34** trainings throughout the year.

5,005 safe shelter nights were provided to **161** adults and children

315 Individual and group counseling sessions

5,885 Advocacy services provided to **1973** survivors

11,033 Healthy meals were fed to residents our our shelter program.



Success Story



I would like to thank the staff at Rise for all the work that they do. I sincerely believe that Rise helped save my life. It provided me with a safe and secure place to stay when I was getting out of a really bad, abusive situation. Not only that, it helped provide me with the resources I needed to restart my life, because when I had gotten out of my abusive relationship of 10 years I had no one left to turn to, as is often the case with survivors of domestic abuse. I had no money and my health was in a concerning state. They helped me get Medicaid and my first apartment in the area. I stayed there for about a month and the safe, clean and home-like environment helped give me confidence that there was a hopeful future ahead of me, alone, away from my abuser. They helped educate me about the cycles of abuse to help me avoid a similar situation in the future, and offered legal resources to protect me as well, helping to reinforce my fragile feeling of security at the time. And since I had barely anything except the clothes on my back when I got there, they were also able to help provide me with clothes and personal care items, and even some things for my new apartment when I was moving out. I honestly believe I owe my life now, as an independent hard working woman away from her abuser, to the work and support of the good people at Rise.

2024 Highlights



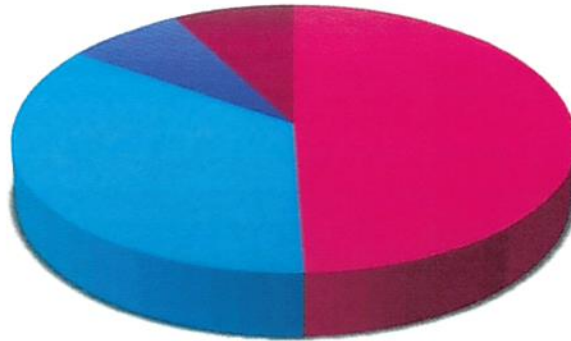
Rise was honored with the Community Changemaker award at the Let Us Dream conference held at the BU Downtown Center.

Quoting Rebecca Staudt in the Changemaker Community Spotlight:

"Without our incredible staff, we would not be able to provide services to a very vulnerable, and oftentimes overlooked, population. It takes an average of seven times before a victim permanently leaves an abusive relationship, and it takes a special person to be able to sit with someone through their experiences and trauma. Staff are trauma-informed and victim-centered, providing a non-judgmental space with information and education, to make sure that whomever reaches out leaves the conversation feeling heard, validated and with additional tools. This is why we have decided to spotlight all of our staff as Changemakers."

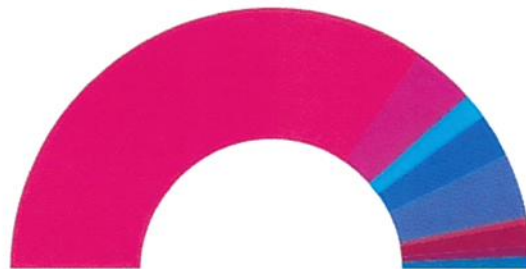
2024 Financials

Revenue \$1,356,835.14



- Residential Program Per Diem (49%)
- State and Local Grants (35%)
- Federal Grant Funds (8%)
- Fundraising and Donations (8%)

Expenses



- Payroll
- Employee Benefits and Development
- Office, Administrative and Professional Services
- Food, Housekeeping and Assistance to Individuals
- Building Care and Maintenance/Utilities
- Equipment and Maintenance
- Utilities
- Property and Professional Insurance