



Activity Report for Concord
Fiscal Year 2020 * July 2019 – June 2020
Town Appropriation Request: \$1200

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

Social Change

Social Change focuses on a variety of initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, substance misuse and tobacco use while creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. In FY20: 1717 Youth were served through 73 sessions, 258 adults were trained in 24 workshops. Umbrella also has 15 school partners throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

Advocacy

The Advocacy Program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation. In FY20: 519 people served; 60 households including 41 children (101 people housed in emergency shelter).

New to our advocacy program this year, Umbrella added 12 new beds for emergency shelter for families fleeing domestic violence. Also new this year, 6 households including 8 children (14 people) were housed in transitional housing. \$64,974 was given out to support clients, which includes help with security deposits, food, personal belongings, moving expenses, transportation, and rent.

Family- Based Services

Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and southern Essex counties to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Families are connected to needed support including child care through our Kingdom Childcare Connection. In FY20 560 households received Umbrella support to access child care, 120 families connected to children's integrated services and there were 60 new referrals to childcare.

Children participate in supervised visitation with support of the Family Room. FY20 saw 93 children served with supervised visitation.

Economic Empowerment

Economic Empowerment supports women with significant barriers to employment to work on their challenges with wrap-around, no-judgment support. Participants gain experience through culinary service and transition to employment on the pathway to meet their financial goals.

Women package and prepare food for homebound seniors via Cornucopia's Meals on Wheels program and food service at the Ready, Set, Grow Center in Newport. In FY20 the Cornucopia program had 8 graduates, of which 100% gained employment post-graduation. 12 former graduates received follow-up support. Cornucopia produced 37,276 meals (717 weekly average). We have 5 clients in the extended Cornucopia program and 2 new jobs were created.

Women and youth expand marketable skills while earning money towards our mission through our social enterprise, Dolcetti Gelato. \$3,000 earned with 8 pop up events in the summer of 2019.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 15 households in Concord were served by Umbrella in FY20 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Concord's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane
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