Between Friends
Building a community without domestic violence
ANNUAL REPORT FY '10
Mission Statement

Between Friends is a nonprofit agency dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence and building a community free of abuse.

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Heather was nine years old when she first came to Between Friends. Throughout her young life, she had witnessed her father slap and beat her mother, while yelling and threatening to hit harder. Heather was scared of her father and was shy and anxious around other people and in school. She had trouble making friends and didn’t like to talk about her feelings—not even with her mother, who became worried about her daughter.

It was after Heather’s mother left her abusive husband and started coming to counseling at Between Friends that she enrolled Heather in children’s counseling. To her mother’s relief, Heather began to open up to her counselor. She expressed feeling unsafe and fearful that her father would hurt her or her mother again. With help from her counselor, Heather identified ways she could feel safe. She also told her counselor that she wanted to be able to talk to her mom—about everything.

Heather and her mom have started to see great things happening in their lives. As they continue to receive help from their Friend’s counselors, they have started to share their feelings with each other. Heather is now following the rules at school and has even made a couple of friends. Heather and her mom moved in with an aunt and no longer live with the abuser.
Dear Friends,

Eleanor Roosevelt said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” So in fiscal year 2010, the Between Friends board and staff took some time away from the relentless gray hues of the economy and state budget, and decided to spend our year dreaming.

We started large - from planning to impact the world to being the very best domestic violence agency in our corner of the world. We analyzed a variety of complex social and political issues impacting our work and the families we serve. We explored the land of OZ and found our way back home to one very important but simple truth – we save lives. So we based our plan around the dreams articulated by the women, children, men and adolescents that we see every day.

Between Friends worked with The Alford Group consulting firm to help us create our second agency-wide strategic plan. The plan focuses on how we can more effectively develop our programming, volunteer leadership, marketing and fundraising to meet survivors’ needs. We know that we must increase the impact and scope of our programming as well as our funding in order to meet the growing need for services.

Our three-year plan includes these strategic objectives:

**PROGRAM:** 1) Analyze our current programs and outcome measures to close gaps in services for survivors/reduce duplication of services, 2) Create intervention programming for youth throughout all services, and 3) Develop more partnerships with agencies providing services our survivors need.

**FUNDING:** 1) Develop a stronger individual giving program, 2) Identify new corporate partnerships and strengthen existing relationships, and 3) Develop revenue based on fees for some services.

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS:** 1) Further develop a media and communication plan including standardizing all messaging and communication materials and building new relationships with the media, and 2) Create additional cultivation events to introduce more people to Between Friends.

**VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP:** 1) Develop a board growth plan, 2) Benchmark other Young Professional and Advisory Council groups in order to review and strengthen our own, and 3) Establish an active Leadership Council to raise money for our programs.

In closing, Gifford Pinchot said, “The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only if we make ourselves responsible for that future.” Join us in taking responsibility for the future so we can do more than just dream of a world without domestic violence!

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Frank Kern  
Board President

Kathleen A. Doherty  
Executive Director

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Programs & Services

Between Friends’ comprehensive services address the various needs of domestic violence victims and their children as well as the community at large. Friends is committed to empowering survivors to better their lives and breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

During fiscal year 2010, Between Friends provided the following programs for 5,147 individuals affected by domestic violence:

1. REACH (Relationship Education: A Choice for Hope)
2. Women and Children’s Program
3. Court Advocacy Program
4. Crisis Line
5. Healthcare Education Project
6. Community Education Program
PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY PROGRAMS IN FY 2010

- REACH PROGRAM: 40%
- COURT ADVOCACY PROGRAM: 1%
- HEALTHCARE EDUCATION PROJECT: 12%
- WOMEN & CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: 3%
- CRISIS LINE: 8%
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM: 36%
REACH—Relationship Education: A Choice for Hope

The REACH Program offers a continuum of single-sex and coeducational classroom-based discussion groups for young people to learn about healthy relationships and how to avoid and get out of abusive dating relationships.

Since 1995, Between Friends has provided education and prevention programming for over 72,000 youth throughout the city of Chicago. In fact, REACH is the largest and most comprehensive program of its kind in Illinois.

Highlights from fiscal year 2010 include:

• Expanding our Youth Creating Allies for Relationship Education (YCARE) peer leader curriculum by offering extended programs to deepen the impact for youth;

• 83% of adolescents were able to identify warning signs and dynamics of an abusive relationship; and

• Providing education and prevention programming for 1,898 youth and 80 adults.

Breaking the Cycle

Chicago youth learn about the cycle of violence in relationships and how to recognize the warning signs of abuse.

Photo by Mark Hensel.
Women and Children’s Program

The Women and Children’s Program provides comprehensive family services to assist survivors and their children in overcoming the effects of violence in their homes and to end the cycle of family violence in future generations. Between Friends offers individual, family, and group counseling; direct assistance; and financial literacy.

Friends expanded our language capacity this year, and now offers counseling services in Spanish, English, Arabic, and French. Between Friends is the only domestic violence agency in Chicago with an Arabic-speaking counselor.

A few of our successes from fiscal year 2010 are:

• Expanding our **Realizing Your Economic Action Plan** (REAP) financial literacy program by hiring an additional counselor and increasing the REAP groups from four to six sessions to help women achieve financial independence.

• 100% of children improved on their ability to express their feelings after receiving counseling services and 98% of adults learned three strategies for protecting their children; and

• Serving 118 women and 52 children.

Healing Through Art

*Through card making, mothers and children create a safe space to bond and heal from the trauma of abuse together. Many children chose to make “thank you” cards for those who donated school supplies to Between Friends.*
**Court Advocacy Program**

Through the Court Advocacy Program Between Friends helps survivors, in English or Spanish, to secure a Criminal or Civil Order of Protection at the courthouses in Rolling Meadows and downtown Chicago. In fact, Between Friends is the only domestic violence agency that offers civil advocacy services in Rolling Meadows.

Women learn about their rights under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act and get help filling out legal paperwork. Our Court Advocates accompany them to court and follow up on their case. We also connect survivors with family law attorneys through our free legal clinics in Rogers Park and Rolling Meadows.

Accomplishments from fiscal year 2010 include:

- Hosting a training on bankruptcy to help survivors learn about the costs and benefits of various bankruptcy options from a panel of legal experts;

- 91% of our survivors learned about their rights going through the court system; and

- Providing court advocacy services to 415 clients, including helping 44 victims access free legal advice through our legal clinics.

Advocating Through the Court Process

*Between Friends’ Court Advocate, Maria Venegas, guides a survivor of domestic violence through the legal process to help her get an Order of Protection.*
Crisis Line

Since 1991, Between Friends’ Crisis Line has served as a crucial, life-sustaining tool that allows us to provide immediate emotional support, resources, and referrals to domestic violence victims in crisis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Crisis Line refers families to Between Friends’ additional services, including counseling and court advocacy. We also connect survivors to community resources they may need, such as: shelters, healthcare services, legal assistance, employment services, and substance abuse treatment.

Highlights from fiscal year 2010 are:

• Linking 1,863 callers to critical community resources;

• Sharing resources with the Illinois Domestic Violence Help Line, allowing us to continue to provide 24-hour service 7 days a week; and

• Training 31 individuals to answer the Crisis Line through our 40 hour Domestic Violence Trainings.

Support in the Midst of Crisis

“The Crisis Line is incredibly valuable. It’s a lifeline, source of information and referral, and a wonderful way to help someone sort through feelings and ideas of how best to take action.”

Jane Barthes,
Crisis Line Volunteer
Healthcare Education Project

Between Friends’ Healthcare Education Project continues to be the only program on Chicago’s far north side created to prepare the healthcare field to safely and sensitively respond to the needs of domestic violence victims. Since 2002, we have partnered with St. Francis Hospital and other medical providers to prepare more than 1,700 nurses, physicians, and other healthcare professionals to respond to the needs of survivors.

2010 Highlights include:

• Training 52 health care providers at St. Francis Hospital to recognize and respond to domestic violence;

• 100% of the participants said that they plan to screen their patients for domestic violence in the future; and

• 96% of medical personnel learned two resources available to victims of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Medical personnel from St. Francis Hospital join with Between Friends’ staff members to tie purple ribbons and domestic violence statistics on trees outside of the hospital to raise awareness about domestic abuse.
Community Education Program

Between Friends works with a diverse array of community members to raise awareness and build a strong constituency for ending the cycle of domestic violence. Through the Community Education Program the staff educates youth, area human service providers, law enforcement and criminal justice officials, educators, clergy, businesspeople, and more. Between Friends provides individualized presentations, trainings, and tablings. This year, the Community Education Program reached 585 individuals from across Chicago.

A few examples of trainings we provided during 2010 include:

• “Domestic Violence 101” to community members at the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA);

• “Teen Dating Violence 101” for teen moms and their mentors at Family Focus; and

• Participation in the National Organization for Women (NOW) Panel Discussion for clients and visitors at the Center on Halsted;

Call & Response: Being an Advocate Everyday

Colleen Norton, Prevention & Education Manager at Between Friends, leads a discussion about how to empower survivors of domestic violence during an educational event organized by the Younger Woman’s Task Force and Between Friends’ Young Professionals Group.
Between Friends is grateful to more than 90 of our volunteers who have spent thousands of hours this year serving on our Board of Directors, answering calls on our Crisis Line, helping to plan events, providing childcare, organizing food drives, and assisting with office work.

Local organizations and members of our community have donated $59,805 worth of food, toiletries, school supplies, and games for our women and children in need.

Our **Young Professionals Group** (YPG) plans and supports agency events that raise funds and increase awareness about domestic violence. YPG members network with other young professionals; develop skills in marketing, event planning, and fundraising; and gain junior board experience. In fiscal year 2010, YPG raised over $9,500 for Between Friends.

Young Professionals Group

**Our Young Professionals Group** plans events like this night out at Hamburger Mary’s to benefit Between Friends.

Bubble Ball Committee

**Thanks to the 2010 Bubble Ball Event Committee and many more supporters we raised over $90,000 this year to fund Between Friends’ programs and services.**
Volunteers & Special Events

Breaking the Silence

Ribbon Tying on the Magnificent Mile

*In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Between Friends partnered with the Fourth Presbyterian Church for the fourth year to display purple ribbons on the trees outside of the Church and to raise awareness among the many passersby on Michigan Avenue.*

Lights of Hope

*Between Friends hosted a candlelight vigil called Lights of Hope to honor the thousands of women who die each year at the hands of their abusers.*
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Anonymous
Andrea France
Ellen Clark
Kathy Doherty
Nancy Freeman
Melinda Kramer & Bob Ernst
Don Lord
Christy Roberts
Earl Rusnak
Melinda Shanklin
Bill & Orli Staley

* The Circle of Friends is our major donor society for individuals who have elected to join and contribute $1,000 or more outside of special events.
Individuals

Donations of $5,000 and Above
Carl Greer
George & Terry Rose Saunders

Donations of $1,000 to $4,999
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Eleanor Revelle
Besse & Peter Roche
Charlene Salzman
Jon Sauser
Paul & Kathleen Savard
Ruth Savolaine
Ken & Dale Scheiwe

Barbara & Walter Scott
Elizabeth Seager
Karen Seck
Joslyn Shelton
Victoria Siliunas
Deborah Sims
Mark Stolar
Terrill Stumpf
Bob Swanson
John Tansey
Martha Trueheart
Peter Tyor
Christine Wawronowicz
Janice Wegesin
Catherine Young
Liz Zweifler

In Honor Of:
The ABA Commission on
Women Staff
Elaine Bankoff
Ann Behrens
Florence Berland
Barbara E. Boates
Beth Brandel
Carol Coker
Ruth Colby
Deborah De Acetis
The Diamond Family
Camille J. Doherty
Cheryl Doherty
Mingi Doherty
Sheila Doherty
Suzanne Doherty
Judy Dolins
Mrs. Robert T. Duffy
Henrietta Edelman
Pamela Ex
Enjoli Jo’Maria Figueroa
Patricia Foley
Andrea France
Ellen France
Fern France
Nancy Freeman
Patricia Gervasi
In Honor Of continued
Loretta Grant
Sandra Greenblatt
Diane Hora’s birthday
Andrea Knohl
Betty LaVere
Celina Maggi
Jean Mauck
The Met Family’s Grandmother
William Miller
Caroline Moellering
Phyllis G. Murray
Paula Narjerian
Yolanda Owens
Aracelis Palacio
Gloria Pascarella
Marianne Perper
Heather Porteus

Buddy & Lynn Portugal
Marie Read
Jean Richek
Dorothy Robinson
Congresswoman Jan
Schakowsky’s birthday
Amy Owen Schatz
Jill Schoeneman Parker
Mary Ann Stumpf
Margaret Swanson
Emma Underwood
Caroline Villa
Beth Waltemath
Arabelise Warzynski
Ruth Wegesin
Bill Wojtas
Linda Wright

In Memory Of:

Megan Fawver
Charlotte Greyson
Sally Isaacs
Brenda King Timmons
Bonnie Jones
Deborah Morgan

Janel Spaeth
Connie Wachs
Sol Wernick
Lottie Zaber
Jim & Betty Ziegert

Government Funding

Chicago Department of Human Services
Illinois Attorney General
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Illinois Department of Human Services
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Alphawood Foundation
Chicago Community Trust
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Fourth Presbyterian Church
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Target
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Citizens for Deborah Sims
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky
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Christy Roberts
Roger Beck Photography
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### Liabilities & Net Assets

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### Expenses

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* Contributions include foundation and corporate grants, donations from individuals, women’s organizations, and faith-based institutions.
History

Between Friends was founded in 1986 by a group of women who started a grassroots volunteer fundraising group to support battered women’s programs on Chicago’s north side. Over time, they expanded their efforts and evolved into a direct service provider with a state-wide toll-free crisis hotline and a counseling center to support survivors.

Today, Between Friends has further evolved our programs and services so we can assist victims of domestic violence, children, teens, healthcare professionals, and the Chicagoland community at large. Friends’ comprehensive programs and services currently include counseling, court advocacy, prevention, healthcare education, our extensive teen dating violence prevention program, and a toll-free crisis line. To date, we have served over 143,000 individuals through these programs, all offered free of charge. Friends’ offices are located in Rogers Park on Chicago’s north side.

Philosophy

Between Friends provides a safe, violence-free, supportive, self-help environment for women and children in crisis. We are focused on serving vulnerable individuals, including women and youth. Between Friends helps women and children to recognize that their experience is shared and that the problem of domestic violence is social and political.
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Building a community without domestic violence

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