Letter from our Director
What a rough year fiscal 2017 was for Mutual Ground and all Illinois non-profits that receive grant funding from the State of Illinois. Domestic Violence programs, across the State, learned half-way through the fiscal year that we would not be paid at all for this particular year - at least not until there was a budget in place. What that meant for Mutual Ground was a $600,000+ deficit for the year with no idea when, or if, those contracted funds would ever arrive. This was a level of uncertainty that we had not faced since 2009. In that year, the organization was forced to close its doors for a period of time.

We did not close our doors this time, but tough decisions had to be made and staffing levels dipped lower than they had been in many years. This resulted in waiting lists and even turn-aways - something we never wanted to do.

I am happy to report that by the very end, we were offered some clarity that came with the passage of the State Budget. We have just now been paid for FY17 and are receiving payments for our current fiscal year’s services. Your help and support saw us through.

We have leaned many things through this horrible State Budget Crisis experience. One very important thing that we learned is that we are an incredibly STRONG organization. We have a STRONG Board of Directors, a STRONG staff, STRONG volunteers, and STRONG support from our community. For all of those strengths, I am extremely grateful. We have a lot of work to do rebuilding programming, expanding our reach, and moving forward. I hope you will continue to join us in that endeavor because I am excited to see what the future holds for Mutual Ground, and to see the organization continue to bring STRENGTH to those we serve.

Michelle Meyer, MBA, ICDVP

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Executive Director
2017 Staff List

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Elia Arcilla & Nixcy Gutierrez

Youth Services
Youth Program Coordinator: Sarah Hipp
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Childcare: Tina Klimpke & Mayra Juarez

Court Advocacy
Court Advocacy Program Coordinator: Sheila Gray
Advocates: Dalila Gerena, Diana Rodriguez & Kendra Coronado

Sexual Assault Program
Sexual Assault Program Coordinator: Amy Medlin
Counselors: Mirna Fernandez, Nilva Perez, Alicia Hirt & Nicollette Muniz

Prevention Education Program
Prevention Education Program Coordinator: Rhonda Annala
Prevention Educators: Jennifer King, Christina Wright, Staci Fulton, Stefanie Monreal & Jasabet Munoz

Volunteer Engagement Program
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"Helping others carries its own rewards, the first of which is a return to humanity."
~ Richard Paul Evans
### Revenues

#### Mutual Ground, Inc.
**2017 Revenue By Source**

- Government Support: $1,193,078
- Grants/Foundations: $653,321
- Special Events/Fundraising: $374,837
- United Way: $56,970
- Contributions: $260,191
- Other: $163,127
- Total Revenues: $2,701,524

### Expenses

#### Mutual Ground, Inc.
**2017 Expenses By Source**

- Program Services: $1,380,244
- Administration/General: $506,323
- Fundraising: $140,488
- Total Expenses: $2,027,055
The Number of Lives Impacted by Mutual Ground

24-Hour Hotline:
5,239 people received crisis intervention, guidance, support, information and referrals.

Emergency Shelter:
203 women and their children had a safe place to call home, with counseling, legal advocacy, vocational and housing guidance, and children’s program.

Emergency Response:
172 victims of domestic and sexual violence who were receiving care in area emergency rooms were provided emotional support, advocacy and resource information.

Counseling & Supportive Services:
1,209 adults and children in our community received no cost counseling, support services and referrals.

Court Advocacy:
1,034 individuals received assistance with orders of protection, child custody, and other complex legal challenges.

Prevention Education:
2,575 education programs were presented to student (K-12) in 102 schools throughout Southern Kane, Kendall and DuPage Counties.

5,944
Nights of Safety.
Last year, Mutual Ground provided 90 adults and 113 children with safe shelter.

323
The Youngest Victims.
Mutual Ground worked with 323 children, in an effort to help them re-claim their childhood.
Our Emergency Hotline provided crisis counseling and assistance to 5,239 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with immediate safety and service needs.

Court Advocates assisted in the preparation and filing of 291 Orders of Protection to help victims of domestic violence stay safe from their abuser.

Mutual Ground provided education to local hospitals, police departments, churches, civic organizations and businesses. Through education, Mutual Ground works to change societal attitudes and beliefs, end the stigma associated with domestic and sexual violence, and help communities learn to identify and support victims.

Last year, 172 victims of domestic and sexual assault received support and advocacy in area emergency rooms.
The Many Ways That You Can Make a Difference

**Annual Gifts**
Fund our core services that provide safety and healing for adults and children who have experienced abuse.

**GEMS - Giving Every Month**
Pledge to donate $40 or more every month for one year to Mutual Ground and receive a custom piece of jewelry, designed by State Street Jewelers, signifying your commitment to our mission.

**Mutual Ground Gala**
A memorable night of food, exciting games of chance, raffles and auctions to raise funds that support victims of domestic and sexual violence.

**Walk for Hope**
Join survivors, victims, and family and friends of Mutual Ground in taking a public stand against domestic violence and sexual assault.

**The Women’s Power Lunch**
Support Mutual Ground and SHARE Fox Valley (Supporting Hope and Respecting Everyone) by celebrating the phenomenal women in our community.

**Volunteers**
Provide support and advocacy to victims in area emergency rooms, help answer hotline phone calls, play with and supervise children, provide pro bono legal and professional services and spread awareness in the community. Interested in getting involved? Call Our Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at (630) 897-0084.

**FY17 Volunteer Updates**
- Trained Volunteers Receiving Certification for FY17: 67
- Certified Male Volunteers: 1
- Non-Certified Male Volunteers: 12
- Total number of volunteers in FY17: 925
- Total number of volunteer hours: 11,169.25
- Total number of volunteer hours - direct services: 7,840.75
- Total number of volunteer hours - indirect services: 3,328.50
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Where the Healing Begins
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After the police gave Dora information about Mutual Ground, she reached out for services. Initially, Dora requested counseling services for herself and her children. When she learned that she could also receive civil and criminal court advocacy, she requested those services as well.

“I want to tell you that two days ago a student told me that she was sexually abused from the time she was 3 to the time she was 6. She said she didn’t know it was wrong. She said that she realized what was happening when Mutual Ground came to her first grade class to talk about safe and unsafe touches. She went home, told her parents, and they called the police. THANK YOU! Thank you for all the work you and everyone else at Mutual Ground does to keep our kids safe!”

“It is difficult to describe the feeling of helplessness that comes when you realize that you are in a life or death situation of domestic violence. The feeling of warmth, safety, and comfort when a beautiful caring person hands you clean blankets to put on a bed in a safe place for you to rest your head is immeasurable...When you wake up the next morning to realize that the safe place is now your home-your launching pad into a new life, the real you begins to resurface. The legal advocacy provides a person to stand beside you-physically, mentally, and emotionally.”

“Your organization is something I really believe in. I used to work at Mercy ER and it was nice to see someone from Mutual Ground come in and talk to an individual that was sexually assaulted because I felt like there was someone on their side. I wish I could help others in this manner, but I am not sure if I am strong enough to do that. It takes specially trained people with a bigger heart then I have. Thank you again for being able to come and talk to the students. It really means a lot to me.”

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