

NEWS

Leading with Compassion in Complex times

A Note from Tracy

This year reminded us that true progress means deeper impact. Across Napa County, survivors of domestic and sexual violence face increasingly complex barriers to safety—rising living costs, limited housing, and gaps in essential services. Many also carry the weight of uncertainty, fearful to leave their homes in today's political climate.

While statewide reports of domestic violence have declined, case severity has increased—with more assaults involving weapons. Sonoma County saw 15 domestic violence fatalities in a single year, and recent tragedies here in Napa underscore what's at stake when safety systems falter.

NEWS continues to meet these challenges head-on. Our advocates spend meaningful time with each survivor, offering trauma-informed care and coordinated support so no one navigates this alone. Every hotline call, court accompaniment, and night of safe shelter is a chance to break the cycle of violence.

This year, we fought funding cuts at the Capitol, walked with 200 community members at Walk-A-Mile Napa Valley, and hosted a conference on stalking awareness. With Leadership Napa



Tracy Lamb
Executive Director



Valley, we launched a pilot children's camp, giving our youngest survivors a safe, joyful summer experience.

Your support ensures survivors are never alone—and together, we're building a safer, more compassionate Napa Valley.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tracy Lamb".

Tracy Lamb
Executive Director

The NEWS Impact



NEWS served
1,654
survivors
of Domestic
Violence and
Sexual Abuse

16,122
community members
engaged in our
community
events

1,177
youth participants
engaged through
1-on-1 counseling,
workshops, and
presentations

41%
of our sexual
abuse clients
are
children

NEWS is
Napa County's
official
**Rape Crisis
Center**

Services

- 24-Hour Help Line & Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Shelter
- Court Advocacy & Case Management
- Housing Assistance & Referrals
- Youth & Prevention Programs
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Response Teams
- Support Groups

Mission Statement

NEWS is dedicated to providing safety, hope, healing, and empowerment for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. Equally, NEWS is committed to promoting safe communities and social change through prevention, intervention, education, and advocacy.

NEWS Youth Advocates have made a great impact on our campus! They provided our students with a safe space and trusted adults to confide in while learning about what a healthy relationship looks like. Our students have benefited from one on one support and our students have benefited from NEWS sharing resources school wide. Thank you NEWS!

- High School Social Worker

Healing & Safety Programs

NEWS Advocates are trained in evidence-based support groups for survivors of all ages. Adults benefit from **Seeking Safety**, a program teaching practical coping skills for trauma and/or substance abuse, while children participate in **A Window Between Worlds**, a trauma-informed program using art and play to help them process experiences and build emotional safety.

Prevention Reach Multiplies Impact

When we teach 1,177 youth about healthy relationships, the ripple effect reaches thousands more—siblings, parents, and peers—amplifying awareness across our community.

The Hidden Work of Legal Advocacy

For every hour in court, our advocates spend 5+ hours:

- Meeting with survivors to review paperwork and the process
- Coordinating with law enforcement and attorneys
- Explaining the court process with survivors
- Navigating language barriers and translation needs
- Arranging safe transportation and childcare for court dates

The Path to Stability

Survivors need more than a bed—they need tools for long-term independence. Our team provides budgeting support, landlord engagement, rental subsidies, and case management to ensure families don't just leave shelter—they stay safely housed. We work with our clients from months to years to gain their own stability & independence emotionally and physically.

Did You Know?

Our 24/7 Help Line is answered by trained, bilingual advocates—not automated systems. Every caller speaks with a real person who can help safety plan and immediately connect them to community resources.

159
Individuals
received
court advocacy services.
Cases include child custody child custody, immigration, and mediation.

88%
of shelter
clients secured
safe housing
upon exit

2,896
nights
of safety
provided in our
Safe Shelter

2,011
calls
answered
Help Line calls
answered by
Crisis Advocates





Milestones & Community Events

Awareness Months - Community Engagement

Throughout the year, NEWS raises awareness during key observances, including Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October), Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February), and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April). Staff and volunteers spread themselves across schools, community centers, and local organizations, providing resources, education, and opportunities for residents to engage with our mission.

Happy Hour for Hope

On October 2nd, 2024, NEWS and our community came together for an evening of warm island tunes, and aloha spirit to kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Hawaiian-themed event, presented by Kaiser



Permanente, brought together local supporters, advocates, and friends to celebrate resilience, raise awareness, and show solidarity with survivors of domestic violence in Napa Valley.

3rd Annual NEWS Walk-A-Mile, Napa Valley, May 4th, 2025

The Napa community rallied for our 3rd Annual NEWS Walk-A-Mile, Napa Valley, wearing statement shoes and creative outfits to show support for survivors. Thank you to our partners: Monarch Justice Center, Napa Valley College, and the District Attorney's Victim Services Division. Thank you to our sponsors Kaiser Permanente, Warrior Spirit Training Initiative, Soroptimists of American Canyon.



February 2025

NewTech High Students participating in TDVAM 2025 painting conversation hearts with health relationship words.



Learn more about our events, volunteer program, or become a sponsor of NEWS!

Looking Ahead 2026

In 2026, NEWS will strengthen support for survivors across Napa Valley through focusing on:

Youth & Healing Programs: Expanding age-appropriate services for children and teens through school partnerships, peer groups, mentoring, and trauma-informed support. Camp Camino will launch as a summer program combining art, mindfulness, outdoor activities, and peer connection to build resilience.

Prevention & Outreach: Educating youth and adults to prevent a crisis through school and community programs, presentations, and awareness campaigns that educate on healthy

relationships, consent, and available resources.

Accessibility & Staff Excellence: Providing bilingual services while investing in staff development covering trauma-informed care, cultural competency, and evidence-based interventions.

Through these efforts, NEWS will prevent violence, provide safety, and empower survivors to rebuild their lives with confidence and hope.



Learn more about the ways you can give: **DONATE TODAY**

How You Can Help

Your support ensures that survivors are never alone and that NEWS can continue expanding services across Napa Valley:

DONATE Every dollar provides crisis intervention, safe shelter, legal advocacy, and youth programs.

VOLUNTEER From Help Line calls to supporting youth groups and shelter operations, your time changes lives.

ADVOCATE Raise awareness, challenge harmful attitudes, and support policies that protect vulnerable families.

SHARE OUR STORY Follow us on social media, attend events, and help spread the word so those who need help know where to turn.

Survivor Stories:

I didn't think I could do it — but now I know I can

When Maria first visited NEWS, she was quiet and unsure, only inquiring about our programs but not disclosing any form of abuse. Weeks later, she returned with bruises on her face after being assaulted by her partner. NEWS advocates

immediately created a safety plan, walked her through her options. Eventually, Maria decided to file a police report and we were able to secure a protective order, and find emergency shelter for her and her three children.

Over four months, Maria rebuilt her life — NEWS Court Advocates helped Maria with custody, child and spousal support, and eventually a new job and her own apartment. Today, she's confident, hopeful, and excited for what's ahead.

Camp Camino: Healing Through Joy and Adventure



This summer, NEWS partnered with Leadership Napa Valley to launch Camp Camino—a first-of-its-kind summer camp designed for children impacted by domestic violence and/or sexual abuse.

For five unforgettable days, ten young campers ages 8 - 14 years old explored Napa through adventure, creativity, and connection horses at Sunrise Horse Rescue, shopping at the Napa Farmer's Market and cooking alongside local chef Ken Frank of La Toque, acting at Lucky Penny Productions, creating art at the

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, and connecting with nature on hikes and visits to the Parr Nature Museum. Each day offered new opportunities for laughter, learning, and healing in a safe, supportive space.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, volunteers, and community partners, Camp Camino was provided completely free of charge.

Every child deserves to experience the magic of summer camp.

Camp Camino ensures that trauma doesn't stand in the way of childhood wonder.

Interested in supporting Camp Camino, contact us at 707.255.3687.

Survivor Stories: *A safe place when she needed it most*

Late one Friday night, Leticia reached the NEWS Help Line after escaping to a neighbor's home when her partner became violent. With no family or support nearby, our crisis advocates were able to immediately secure a safe, confidential hotel room through this one call for help.

Leticia had fled with only the clothes on her back, so we provided emergency clothing, food, toiletries, and a temporary phone. Over the weekend, NEWS advocates supported her as she processed the situation and prepared for her adult children to arrive.

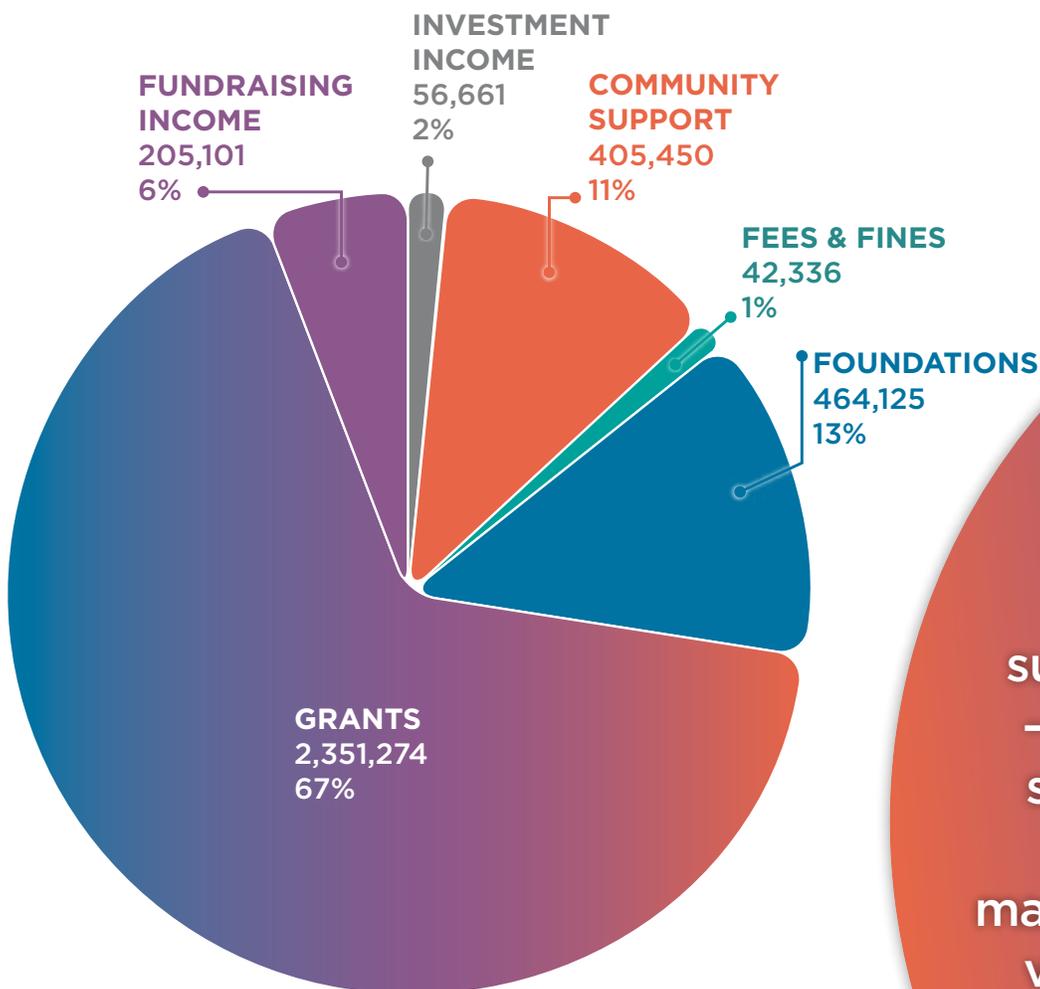
Once her children picked her up, we helped her safely retrieve her belongings and transition to a more stable living situation. Weeks later, Leticia shared that she was back at work and living with her daughter — hopeful and grateful for the support that helped her stay safe.



Financial Snapshot

INCOME	July 2024 to June 2025	% of total
Investment income	56,661	2%
Community Support	405,450	12%
Fees & Fines	42,336	1%
Foundations	464,125	13%
Grants	2,351,274	67%
Fundraising income	205,101	6%
TOTAL	3,524,947	

EXPENSES	July 2024 to June 2025	% of total
Programs	2,727,995	83.8%
Administration	315,500	9.7%
Fundraising	211,240	6.5%
TOTAL	3,253,652	



Eighty-five cents of every dollar you give directly supports survivors — providing food, shelter, advocacy, and support that make freedom from violence possible.

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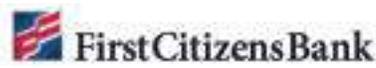


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In accordance with the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (426 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.), NEWS does not mandate participation in supportive services as a condition of shelter residency or emergency services. Therefore, NEWS services are completely voluntary and require the consent of an individual in order to provide services.

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