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From the Co-Executive Directors

Dear Friends,

As we look back on fiscal year 2011 – our first year leading Casa Myrna as Co-Executive Directors – it's tempting to assess what we did in terms of how much we did. Guided by a new mission statement, *delivering solutions to end domestic and dating violence*, we were active on many fronts, from residential solutions for women and children made homeless by domestic violence to supportive services designed to build sustainable self-sufficiency.

How effective were our efforts? Rather than reporting to our donors, friends and supporters on just the number of individuals we served and hotline calls we answered (though we do provide those numbers elsewhere in this report), we thought we'd look at some of the milestones achieved last year by survivors of domestic violence and the dedicated Casa Myrna staff members who worked with them. These are some of the achievements your support helped make possible:

- 69 women made the courageous decision to leave abusive partners and come to Casa Myrna, bringing 65 children with them
- 45 completed adult education classes
- 41 opened their first-ever bank account
- 16 found permanent housing, along with 16 children
- 10 completed the YMCA's Training, Inc. program

If you're looking at that list and wondering how you helped make any of this happen, we have some answers for you. Once again this year, our generous family of donors helped ensure that our three residential programs were there to meet the needs of women and children fleeing violent, abusive homes. Corporate and foundation grants helped fund our financial literacy and housing advocacy programs. Collaborations with local non-profits like the YMCA provided pre-paid tuition for job skills classes. Just as we encourage the individuals we serve to build networks of support in the community that will sustain them after they leave Casa Myrna, we too build networks of support to sustain and advance the work we do.

From all of us at Casa Myrna, thank you for being a part of our network.





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Ad Campaign Speaks to Teens

In 2008, Casa Myrna made a commitment to run ad campaigns twice a year on mass transit systems statewide. Four years later, we remain the only domestic violence program in Massachusetts engaged in sustained outreach at this level. The campaigns publicize the SafeLink phone number and bring



domestic and dating violence out of the shadows, helping to break through the isolation typically felt by those trapped in abusive relationships. Ads run in both Spanish and English.

In 2011, we added bus shelters outside of Boston high schools for an ad campaign that was geared to youth. A group of teens from Boston Public Health Commission's Start Strong Boston

brainstormed with Casa Myrna staff to come up with a message that would resonate with their demographic... the result speaks for itself. In text.

Rockin' Robyn

Many of the donors listed in our Annual Report this year are there because of a wonderful effort on the part of one of our Board members. Robyn Riseberg (pictured) decided to celebrate a certain milestone birthday in 2011 by running the Boston Marathon to raise



money for Casa Myrna. Joined by longtime friend and running buddy Abigail Goodman, the two trained relentlessly through one of the most brutal winters in recent memory – and fundraised just as relentlessly. They raised a combined total of over \$27,300.00... which works out to about \$1,050.00 for every mile Robyn ran on April 18, 2011!

Tina's Journey to Success



Tina came to the United States from Nigeria over a decade ago with her young daughter. The new life they built eventually came to include a man Tina married. At first things were fine. Then the abuse started - and got steadily worse. She began to fear for her safety, and for that of her daughter. At the same time, she didn't feel there were any

options available to her. In her culture, women were taught that a husband had absolute authority over his wife. The idea that she had options and choices available was foreign to her.

In the aftermath of a police call to her home two years ago, Tina found herself at Dorchester District Court. There, she met **Chris Logue**, a law student at Northeastern University who was completing an internship at Northeastern's Domestic Violence Institute. He knew all about Casa Myrna, and referred Tina to our Counseling Services program, where she began working with the Program Coordinator, **Joanne Schindler**. A highly respected licensed social worker whose work has received accolades over the years, Joanne has been at Casa Myrna for over a decade. The clinical internships she offers graduate students are highly sought after each year.

"I don't even know how to describe Joanne," says Tina. "She has been my strongest strength. She kept encouraging me." Joanne referred Tina to Paola Mateo, who runs Casa Myrna's SOAR (Stability, Opportunity, Achievements, Results) program. With Paola's help, Tina was able to enroll in the YMCA's Training, Inc. program, an intensive 20-week program teaching workplace skills in a simulated business environment.

She graduated from the program in December 2011 and is now working full-time as an administrative assistant at a local nonprofit. She's far from done, though: she's studying for an associate's degree in medical information at Bunker Hill Community College, and plans to get a bachelor's degree in that field from UMass Boston.

Tina's story is a wonderful example of how Casa Myrna staff members work together to maximize access to opportunities for those we serve. In the words of Tina, "If I hadn't come to Casa Myrna, I don't know where I would be today."

Expenses FY '11

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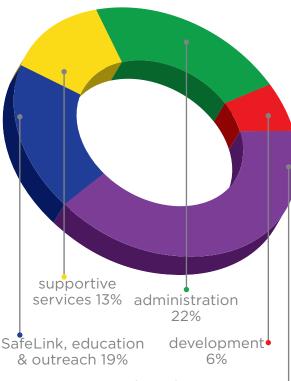
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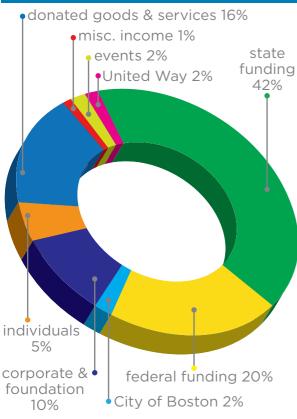
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BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2011

| CURRENT ASSETS | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Current Assets | \$ 571,519 |
| Accounts Receivable | 307,451 |
| Investments | 1,609,611 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 7,946 |
| Total Current Assets | 2,496,527 |
| OTHER ASSETS | |
| Property and Equipment | (net) 1,221,742 |
| Norman Knight Endowment | 253,882 |
| Total Other Assets | 1,475,624 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$3,972,151</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Current portion of notes payable | \$ 468,557 |
| Accounts Payable | 28,960 |
| Line of Credit | 0 |
| Accrued Expenses | 131,289 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 628,806 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | |
| Notes Payable, net of current portion | 202,783 |
| Total Liabilities | 831,589 |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Unrestricted | 2,879,087 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 31,475 |
| Permanently Restricted | 230,000 |
| Total Net Assets | 3,140,562 |
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| PROGRAM | YEAR FOUNDED | NUMBERS SERVED |) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Transitional Living Program Capacity: 6 women, up to 9 children | 1977 | Women Children TOTAL | 11 19 30 |
| Mary L. Foreman Emergency Shelter Capacity: 10 women, up to 13 children | 1981 | Women Children TOTAL | 42 29 71 |
| Teen Parenting Program Capacity: 8 women, up to 13 children | 1993 | Women Children TOTAL | 16 17 33 |
| Legal Advocacy Program | 1991 | Clients in CM Residential Programs Clients from the Community Legal Help Line Calls TOTAL | 24 157 326 507 |
| Counseling Services | 1991 | Clients in CM Residential Programs Clients from the Community TOTAL | 48 73 121 |
| SafeLink Domestic Violence Hotline | 2000 | Domestic violence direct service calls | 31,709 |
| Housing Search Assistance and Advoc | 2006 | Women from CM Residential Programs Women from the Community TOTAL | 54 46 100 |
| S.O.A.R. (Stability, Opportunities, Achievements, Results) | 2007 | Women from CM Residential Programs Women from the Community TOTAL | 55 48 103 |
| Community-Based Advocacy | 2007 | Family Justice Center, Boston Community Health Centers Local District Courts Other Community Clients TOTAL | 76 61 196 120 453 |
| Education and Outreach | 1995 | 21 DV101 workshops 33 Teen dating violence workshops TOTAL Participants | 726 576 1302 |

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