



The residents of Merrill Gardens, a local retirement community, have adopted the FJC and have held events to support our clients and their children. They hosted a “baby shower” and donated diapers, clothes and many other useful baby items. They also held a toy drive, literally filling their bus with toys for our clients during the holidays. A very special thanks to Merrill Gardens’ residents and staff.



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CRYSTAL JUDSON Family Justice Center

2015 Annual Report



Letter From the Board Chair & Director

March 15, 2016

Dear Friends of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center:

It is with pleasure that we provide you with our 2015 Annual Report. Assembling the information you will be reading on the following pages provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our work and the events of the previous year. Evaluating our successes as well as our challenges is critical to ensuring that the work being done at the Center is meeting the needs of the people we serve.

Since first opening our doors in December of 2005, we have been using feedback from client exit surveys and client focus groups as well as input from the advocates who work at the Center to assess the value/effectiveness of our programs and services. This work is guided in large part by these Family Justice Center Guiding Principles (developed by the National Family Justice Center Alliance):

Safety-Focused: Increase safety, promote healing, and foster empowerment through services for victims and their children

Victim-Centered: Provide Victim-centered services that promote victim autonomy

Culturally Responsive: Commitment to the utilization of culturally relevant service approaches that are measurable and behavior based

Intervene and Prevent: Engage all communities through outreach and community education

Survivor Driven: Shape services to clients by asking them what they need

Transformative (willing to change): Evaluate and adjust services by including survivors input and evidence-based best practices

Client Services

Offering a quiet, safe location for victims of domestic violence and their children, the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center provides wrap around services for clients to meet their unique and individual needs. These services include:

- Domestic violence education
- Civil legal services
- Victim support in criminal cases
- Protection orders
- Access to financial services from DSHS
- Spiritual support
- Assistance from Prosecutor's Office
- Safety Planning
- Support groups and counseling
- Sexual assault information
- Emergency housing assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Assistance with child support through the Division of Child Support
- Interpretation/translation services
- Access to law enforcement

Client Quotes

"My advocate was very informative and knowledgeable about my concerns and needs. She was warm and easy to talk to. I am very thankful for coming here today. Keep it up you guys are making a difference!"

"Everyone here helped me and was so kind to me. I was a little apprehensive when I walked through these doors, but here with everyone and their smiles, it made my day and my situation was more hopeful. Thank you."

"I am so happy I found out about this place. I haven't felt this confident that I can have a life beyond the abuse. I feel hope that I can have my life back."

2015 Revenue

Donations/Other.....\$	53,400.00
Federal Funding.....\$	269,814.00
Local Funding.....\$	924,152.00
Total.....\$	1,247,366.00

Volunteers

The FJC owes a special thank you to its wonderful volunteers, chaplains and interns, who offer a warm heart and a sympathetic ear to our clients.

In 2015: FJC Volunteers donated 719 hours.
Volunteer Chaplains donated 1,072 hours.
Interns logged 1,900 hours.

Clients served in 2015

2,639 client visits to the center
4,077 Helpline calls
795 children visited the FJC

Outreach Work

- 804 Criminal Justice victims served by Prosecuting Attorney advocates at the FJC
- 2,151 FJC outreach clients

Relationship-Based: Maintain close working relationships among all collaborators/agencies (law enforcement, prosecution, community-based violence programs, shelters and other social services)

Prevention-Oriented: Integrate primary, secondary and tertiary prevention approaches into all initiatives, programs, and projects

Kind-Hearted: Develop a Family Justice Center community that values, affirms, recognizes and supports staff, volunteers, and clients

Empowered: Offer survivors a place to belong even after the crisis intervention services are no longer necessary

Offender Accountability: Increase offender accountability through evidence based prosecution strategies

These principles are more than simply words on a page, they help shape every aspect of the vital work we do in serving victims of domestic violence and their children. It is an honor and a privilege to be a place of hope, help and healing for the many thousands of women, men and children we have served since 2005.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report and urge you to join with us as we work toward a community solution to end domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Rick Talbert
Pierce County Council Member
Chair, Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Executive Board

Susan Adams, Director
Crystal Judson Family Justice Center

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- Associated Ministries
- Catherine Place
- City of Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Services Department
- Day One Washington
- Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) & Division of Child Support (DCS)
- Ft Lewis Family Advocacy Program
- Good Samaritan Behavioral Health
- Korean Women's Association
- Our Sisters House
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Pierce Youth Outreach
- Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Pierce County Sheriff's Department
- Pierce County Superior Court Clerk's Office
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- Tacoma Community College
- Tacoma Police Department
- University of Washington/Tacoma

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We apologize for any errors or omissions.