

FY17 ANNUAL REPORT



Rape Victim
Advocates

Together, we support
survivors **today** & work to
end rape culture **tomorrow.**





RVA OFFICES

Austin Community Office
Chicago Police Department Area North Detective Division
Downtown Central Office
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County Satellite Office
Northside Satellite Office
YWCA RISE Children's Center

PARTNER HOSPITALS

Community First Medical Center, Portage Park
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, University Village
Methodist Hospital of Chicago, Ravenswood
Mount Sinai Hospital, Douglas Park
Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Streeterville
Presence Saint Joseph Hospital, Lake View East
Provident Hospital of Cook County, Grand Boulevard
Rush University Medical Center, University Village
Saint Mary of Nazareth Medical Center, Ukrainian Village
Swedish Covenant Hospital, Ravenswood
Thorek Memorial Hospital, Buena Park
University of Illinois Hospital (UIC), University Village
Weiss Memorial Hospital, Uptown
West Suburban Medical Center, South Austin

"RVA CONTINUES TO BE, FOR ME, THE MOST INSPIRING
& EMPOWERING ORGANIZATION IN CHICAGO."

MISSION

Rape Victim Advocates (RVA) is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention counseling, individual and group trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. RVA provides public education and institutional advocacy in order to improve the treatment of sexual assault survivors and to effect positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault.

VISION

RVA envisions a world where prevention efforts and global awareness of sexual violence expose rape myths, remove stigmas, eliminate rape, and support all people as equal members of society.

Dear Friends,

In recent months, there has been unprecedented national attention brought to the subject of sexual violence, and this attention has encouraged many survivors to come forward and seek help. Here in Chicago, RVA is well-positioned to provide comprehensive care to any survivor who needs us.

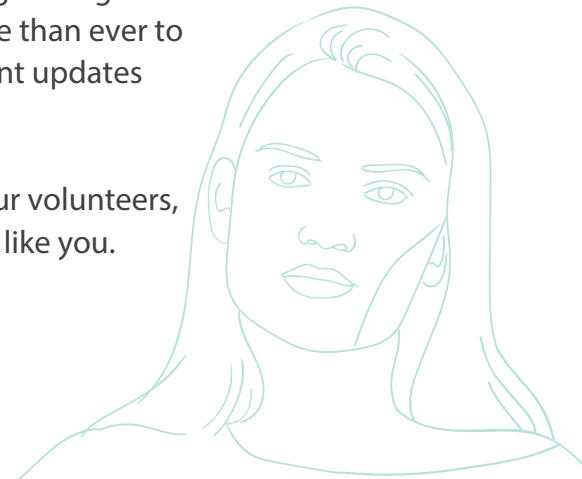
While the Me Too and Time's Up movements have brought new awareness to the epidemic of sexual violence, it remains true that too few abusers are held accountable and far too many survivors lack the resources they need to heal. We also know that it's not enough to focus only on the aftermath of sexual violence—we need to prevent the abuse in the first place.

Since 1974, RVA has been fearlessly supporting survivors and working to end rape culture. In the past fiscal year alone, RVA was able to provide care to 2,043 survivors and their loved ones. RVA educated 16,236 students to prevent sexual abuse and assault, and reached 2,784 individuals through 153 professional trainings. There is so much more to do—so many survivors to lift up and empower, so many children, schools and universities, businesses, and communities to educate on prevention. Together, with our partners and supporters, we are committed and prepared to forge ahead.

RVA is working to create a world where rape is rare and every survivor is believed and supported. In the coming year, RVA will be launching strategic initiatives to increase our capacity to serve. We are energized more than ever to create a better tomorrow and we look forward to sharing important updates with you soon on our plans.

We are thankful for the courage of our clients, the dedication of our volunteers, staff, and board members, and the unwavering support of donors like you.

Thank you for standing with survivors,
Erin Walton, *Executive Director*



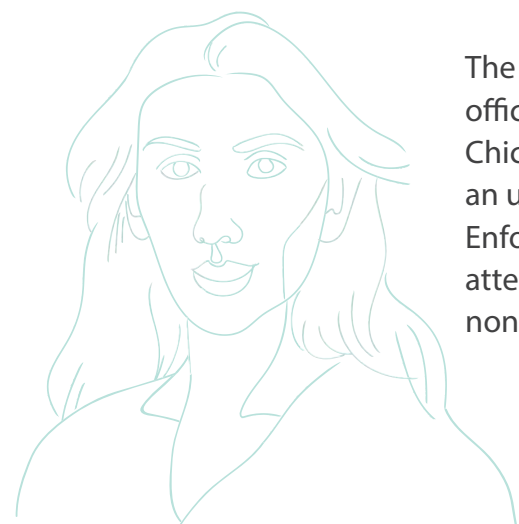
PUBLIC POLICY & INSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY

RVA ADDED A NEW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM, WHERE WE ARE INVESTING IN OUR WORK TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WILL PROTECT AND EXPAND THE RIGHTS OF SURVIVORS.

RVA is excited to formalize our Public Policy program. One of the main laws we advocated for in FY17 was the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act (SAIPA), which passed on January 1, 2017 through the efforts of the Attorney General Office (AGO) Joint Sexual Assault Working Group. This task force was created to address concerns about hospital billing, amending the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA) to address issues around evidence collection and testing in addition to broadening criminal justice reporting options. Members of this task force include representatives from the AGO, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Illinois Hospital Association, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Office, and Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA), including RVA.

The law requires victim-centered trauma-informed policies and sexual assault response training for law enforcement officers and first responders, including 911 operators. RVA has worked throughout 2017 to implement SAIPA within Chicago hospitals and the Chicago Police Department. RVA was the first organization to release FAQs on the law and an updated training manual on the law, and was hand selected to attend and present at the first Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Sexual Assault Investigations Training. In addition to presenting and attending the training, RVA was also invited to attend the first Train the Trainer Session—making RVA one of three non-law enforcement entities in the state to currently house a certified law enforcement trainer under the act.

"I KNOW TOO MANY WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM THIS. THE WORK YOU DO IS SO IMPORTANT."



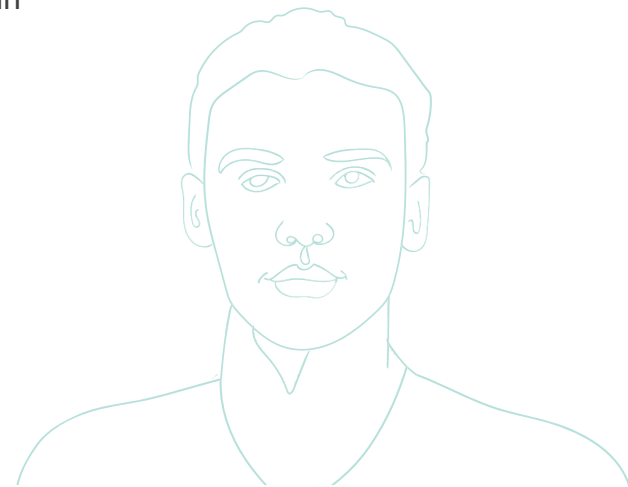
EDUCATION & TRAINING

IN FY17, RVA EDUCATED 16,236 YOUNG PEOPLE (AGES 5-18) ON HOW TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE, CONDUCTED 24 PRESENTATIONS TO 814 COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND REACHED 2,784 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH 153 PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS.

Through our violence prevention and public education programming, RVA strives to change attitudes toward survivors, share strategies for reducing sexual violence, engage communities in discussing healthy relationships, and equip professionals to provide compassionate care. Our presentations and workshops—offered in Chicago Public Schools, community groups, social service organizations, and faith communities—educate parents, students, teachers, direct-service professionals, and clergy to recognize misconceptions about sexual violence and to work to prevent it. In addition, RVA has partnered with several colleges and universities to develop and implement a comprehensive campus response to sexual assault.

This year, RVA produced and began piloting a book on child sexual abuse called “Ricky Tells His Truth.” This book, written and illustrated by RVA staff educators and interns, was a huge success in our prevention education efforts with children. We also produced a video campaign this year, “Prevent Child Sexual Abuse,” aimed at caregivers. The campaign has received more than 40,000 views. These two initiatives helped us reach new audiences. Learn more at www.rapevictimadvocates.org/what-you-need-to-know/prevent-child-sexual-abuse.

“PLEASE KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK THAT YOU DO TO CHANGE OUR CULTURE.”



CRISIS INTERVENTION, LEGAL & MEDICAL ADVOCACY

IN FY17, RVA PROVIDED 912 SURVIVORS WITH LEGAL AND MEDICAL ADVOCACY, AND 678 WERE MET IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM (ER).

In FY17, RVA provided 24-hour crisis intervention to 14 hospitals across the city. Thanks to our 230 certified volunteer rape crisis counselors, RVA provides the highest volume of medical advocacy and crisis intervention services within a single city in the state of Illinois. Staff advocates provide follow-up medical and legal advocacy, including services relating to ongoing medical treatment, medical billing issues and accessing medications, assistance with filing for crime victims' compensation, accompaniment to police stations, throughout the court process, and to obtain protective orders. RVA also provided 1,785 individuals with information and referral services.

In 2017, RVA updated the Training Supplement for Medical Professionals, the only one of its kind in Illinois, with the newest content to reflect passage of the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act (SAIPA). Through the updated training manual, in-person trainings, and printed materials, RVA ensured that all relevant professionals know how to properly implement the resulting new procedures.

"RVA HELPED ME IN CIVIL COURT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO,
YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION."



TRAUMA THERAPY

IN FY17, RVA PROVIDED 575 SURVIVORS WITH TRAUMA THERAPY SERVICES. 98% OF CLIENTS RECEIVING THERAPY REPORTED THEY MADE PROGRESS IN THEIR HEALING BECAUSE OF OUR SERVICES.

Sexual violence is an emotionally devastating experience, with potentially long-lasting consequences, such as post-traumatic stress disorder. RVA ensures that survivors receive effective support by providing free and confidential individual, couples, and family trauma therapy, support groups, and art therapy. Survivors and their loved ones can benefit greatly from the support of our highly trained, trauma-informed therapists.

In FY17, RVA expanded our art therapy and community outreach efforts by growing our trauma therapy team as well as community and victim/survivor knowledge about our services. RVA strengthened our partnership with The Awakenings Foundation, which operates a gallery dedicated specifically to artwork created by survivors of sexual violence. Making Matters, a therapeutic approach that welcomes self-exploration, healing, solidarity, community building, and self-care through the art making process, was born out of this relationship and was featured on CBS News. To learn more, visit www.chicago.cbslocal.com/2017/07/18/art-program-safe-place.

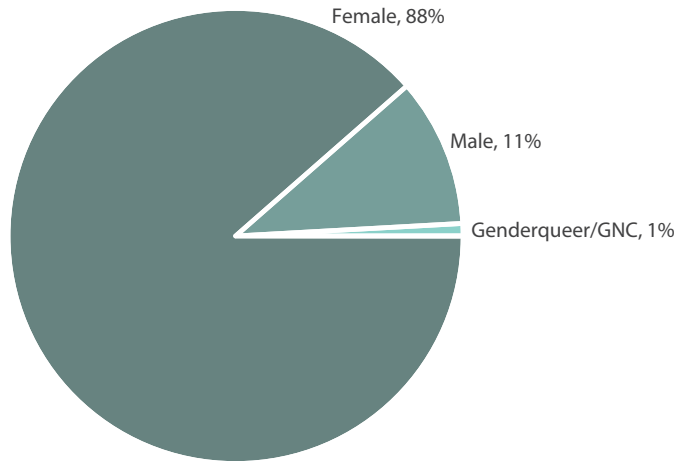
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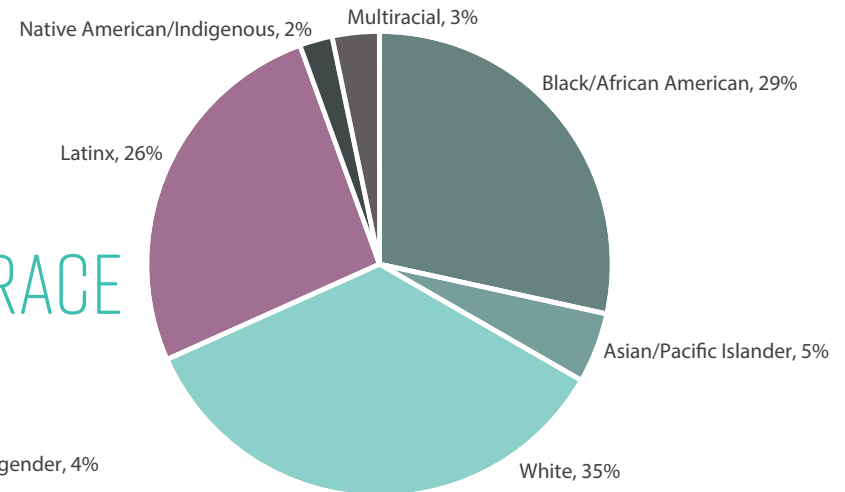
WHOM WE SERVE

IN FY17, RVA PROVIDED 2,043 SURVIVORS AND LOVED ONES WITH CRISIS INTERVENTION, MEDICAL AND LEGAL ADVOCACY, AND TRAUMA THERAPY SERVICES.

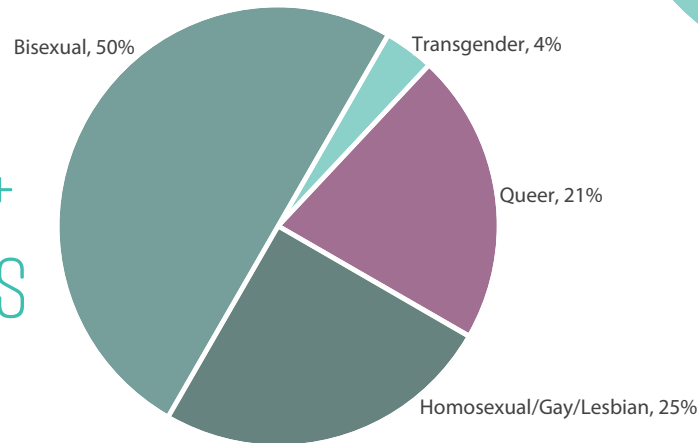
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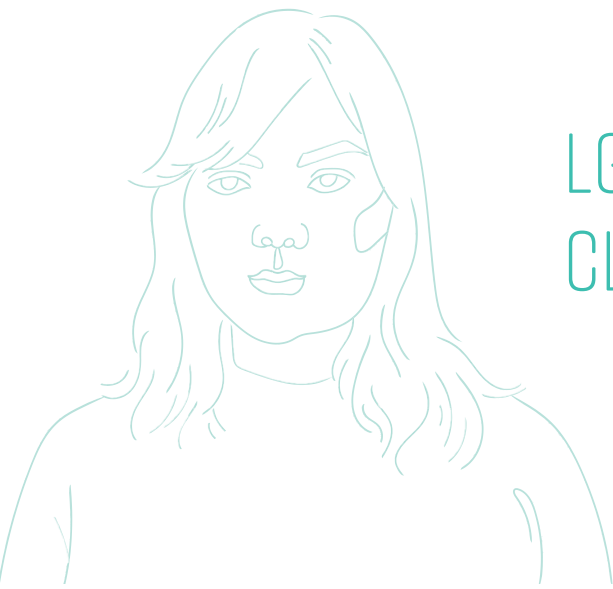
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LGBTQ+ CLIENTS



"THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF WORK THAT RVA DOES IS SO IMPORTANT FOR SURVIVORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT MAKES CHICAGO A BETTER CITY."



FY17 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

	2017	2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$811,071	\$701,138
Grants and Accounts Receivable	641,470	347,234
Property and Equipment, Net	27,184	3,538
Prepaid and Other Assets	42,800	23,463
Rental Deposit	14,034	14,034
Total Assets	\$1,536,559	\$1,089,407

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$17,048	\$11,911
Accrued Expenses	26,162	33,835
Deferred Lease	43,161	45,092
Deferred Revenue	74,853	70,403
Total Liabilities	161,224	161,241
Unrestricted	1,243,419	696,303
Temporarily Restricted	131,916	231,863
Total Net Assets	1,375,335	928,166
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,536,559	\$1,089,407

FY17 REVENUE

	2017	2016
Government Grants	\$1,261,190	\$699,141
Foundation Grants	212,665	331,000
Individual Contributions	154,812	140,048
Service Fees	306,315	137,042
Special Events, Net	110,861	111,644
Interest and Miscellaneous Income	2,433	317
Total Revenue	\$2,048,276	\$1,419,192

FY17 EXPENSES

Program Services	\$1,343,902	\$1,020,258
Management and General	90,234	49,718
Fundraising	166,971	161,003
Total Expenses	\$1,601,107	\$1,230,979

"IT'S TIME TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO PROTECT AND EMPOWER OTHERS."



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

GOVERNMENT & FOUNDATIONS

The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund
Alphawood Foundation
Anonymous Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation
The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
Chicago Foundation for Women
Cook County Health and Hospitals System
The Crown Family
Illinois Attorney General
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Jack and Jill Foundation
Leo S. Guthman Fund
The Lucy Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation
Michael Reese Health Trust
Polk Bros. Foundation
VNA Foundation

CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

Champions for Change is comprised of RVA's most committed supporters who have demonstrated an extraordinary level of leadership. Champions work together to make real change in our communities, confronting rape culture and ensuring compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence. Champions for Change contribute to RVA with a gift of \$1,000 or more annually.

\$50,000+

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\$10,000-49,999

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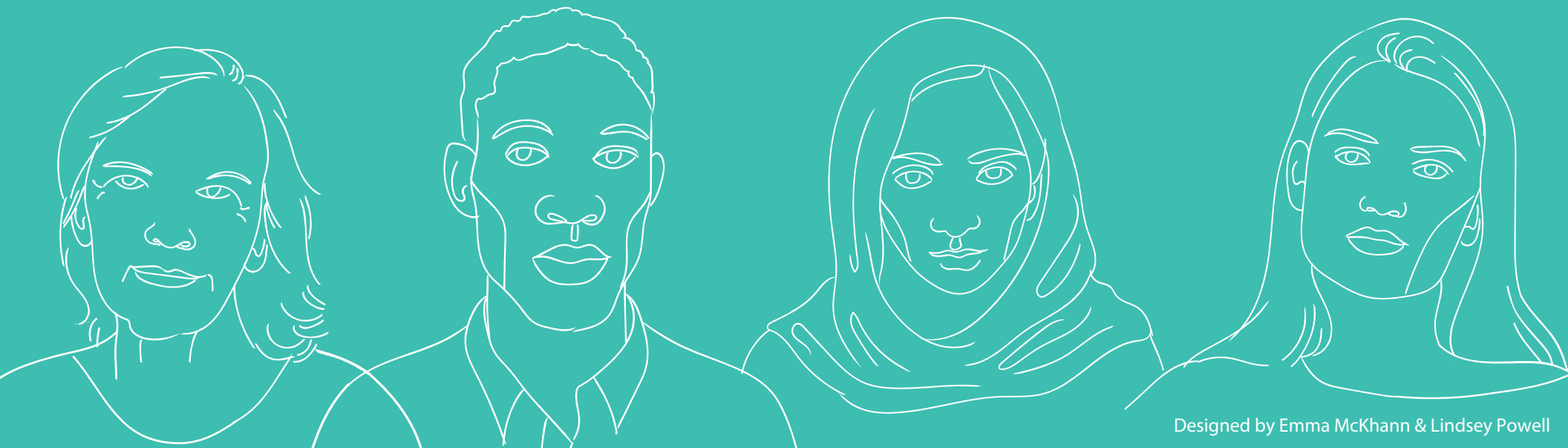
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Rape Victim Advocates (RVA) is a leader in the fight to eradicate sexual violence and end rape culture in the Chicago area. RVA provides crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy, and trauma therapy services to survivors and their loved ones. We also work to prevent sexual violence through our education and training programs and through our public policy agenda. Our services are available in English and Spanish, and are free of charge for survivors and their loved ones.

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