For nearly 35 years, your generous support has made it possible for the New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP) to provide free and confidential services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LBTQ) and HIV-affected survivors of all types of violence throughout the city, state, and nation.

In Fiscal Year 2014 we saw a dramatic increase in media attention to the violence that LGBTQ and HIV-affected people face every day in New York City and throughout the country. As a result, more and more people turned to AVP for support, information and opportunities to get involved to prevent and end violence. We responded quickly to the increasing and critical needs of survivors of crisis intervention, advocacy and support. We were on the streets leading community organizing campaigns to both prevent violence from happening and to support neighborhoods and communities when it occurred. We successfully advocated for the explicit inclusion of LGBTQ survivors in the national response to violence. AVP’s work and strategies continued to evolve to best serve survivors by increasing our community-based intake sites, reaching tens of thousands of people with safety information, creating leadership opportunities for community members and adding a new Legal Services Department to the roster of essential, life-saving services.

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We are excited to share these and so many more accomplishments with you today. This report gives an overview of the work that we do and how your support makes this work possible. Together, we will make a world that is safe for all of us.

With gratitude,

Sharon Stapel
Executive Director

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AVP empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected communities and allies to end all forms of violence through organizing and education, and supports survivors through counseling and advocacy.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Special Events-revenue
Less: cost of direct benefits to donors
Net revenue from special events
Government Grants
Federal
State
City
Contributions
Donated goods and services
Other Income
Total Support and Revenue

EXPENSES
Program Services
Fundraising and development
Total Expenses

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AVP expanded its services to ten locations throughout five boroughs and to specific populations throughout New York City. In Fiscal Year 2014, AVP received 3,047 calls on our 24-hour bilingual hotline, which is more than one call every three hours. We provided vital direct Client Services to 1,445 individual clients, more than a 3% increase over last year.

In Fiscal Year 2014, AVP launched a Legal Services Department initially staffed by one full-time lawyer and a half-time paralegal. We provided legal services to survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual violence in our first seven months. The Legal Services Department provided holistic legal services including obtaining orders of protection, representation in landlord-tenant cases, immigration and legal name changes. Even though overall crime in New York City is decreasing, AVP has received more and more reports of anti-LGBTQ and HIV-related hate violence.

In Fiscal Year 2014, AVP offered free and confidential support groups for survivors of hate violence, sexual violence and intimate partner violence throughout the year, and in Fiscal Year 2014, we began offering our support groups in some of our outer borough locations including Brooklyn and the Bronx.

AVP served as a critical source of information for our communities, bringing much-needed attention to the issues of violence facing the LGBTQ communities. In Fiscal Year 2014, AVP issued 60 community alerts and media releases, received nearly 250 media mentions and reached nearly 7,000 Facebook followers. Additionally, AVP created new, borough-specific outreach materials for the first time.

EXPANDING LGBTQ RIGHTS THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY

In Fiscal Year 2014, AVP engaged in public policy advocacy on the national, state and city levels in ways that created legislative changes and laid the groundwork for important victories in the years ahead.

On the national level, AVP’s Executive Director, Sharon Stapel, worked in coalition with other organizations and lawmakers nationally to introduce an LGBTQ-Inclusive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that was signed into law during Fiscal Year 2013. This is the first federal law ever to contain LGBTQ-inclusive anti-discrimination provisions, and represents years of continuous work by AVP through our National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP).

On the New York State level, AVP continued to work in coalition with many community based organizations to end the use of condoms as evidence of prostitution-related crimes as an executive committee member of the Access to Condoms Coalition. In Fiscal Year 2014, largely as a result of pressure from community members they serve, like AVP working on the issue, the NYPD announced a policy barring confiscation of condoms as arrest evidence in prostitution, prostitution in school zones, and loitering for the purposes of prostitution. AVP was at the forefront of the response that this policy shift still allows police officers to use condoms as evidence in cases involving promoting prostitution and sex trafficking cases and gives them broad discretion when determining how to charge someone.

As an outgrowth of the successful local effort to profile LGBTQ people – especially transgender women and transgender women of color – AVP continues to work to end this policy.

In New York City, AVP worked throughout the year as a member of the coalition of advocacy groups who worked to pass the Community Safety Act (CSA) in order to prevent the next city ordinance that is most inclusive of LGBTQ people. This was especially relevant this year as the community learned that a great deal of gross misconduct occurred at one of the largest units of the Department of Social Services. Additionally AVP worked as a CPR member to give input to the newly established Hernández, the Inspector General’s special unit on the criminal justice components of the Community Safety Act legislation passed with a very strong majority on the city level by the New York City Council in 2013.

On April 30, AVP honored community activists from around the city who were on the frontlines of responding to the killing of Islan Nettles’ death at our annual Community Heroes Award Ceremony. We provided 253 training, reaching 6,885 police officers, first responders, healthcare providers, public and private school educators, private service providers, policy makers, and other community members.

RAISING VISIBILITY AND INSPIRING ACTION

Each day, AVP monitors and acts on incidents of violence throughout the city, state and country to support individuals and communities affected by violence. Along with a four-year rise in violence affecting LGBTQ New Yorkers, AVP responded to two homicides of LGBTQ people, or people perceived to be LGBTQ, during the fiscal year. One of those two homicide victims was Islan Nettles, a transgender woman of color attacked in Harlem on August 17, 2013 simply for being herself, and she died five days later as a result of her injuries. AVP responded by working with Harlem-based and other community organizations to plan a vigil in honor and memory of Islan that was attended by hundreds of people. In the year that followed AVP worked as a liaison between concerned LGBTQ community members and the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office to ensure transparency and accountability to those most affected by this homicide.

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