



STANDING**TOGETHER**
TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT



Annual Report

TO THE COMMUNITY
2023



strength • diversity • empowerment

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Stacey Risotti

On behalf of the Standing Together to End Sexual Assault's Board of Directors, I am pleased to share our 2023 Annual Report. It has been an honor to serve as STESA's Board President this year, as STESA's dedication to eliminate all forms of sexual violence in our community continues to inspire me. I hope you will find a few moments to reflect on the breadth of STESA's accomplishments.

The COVID pandemic shutdown helped me appreciate the importance of our connections and the power of group and individual interaction. In a world where AI appears to be the future for many industries, the work that STESA is doing simply cannot be accomplished without the power of human relationships. Whether it is the voice on the other end of the 24-hour response hotline, in-person advocacy with law enforcement, medical professionals and counseling support, or promoting classroom education and awareness for the next generation, STESA utilizes these connections to Stand Together and empower our community.

STESA relies greatly on our donors to keep our services operational. By standing with STESA, you help provide a beacon of hope for our local community, as well as make a global impact. Our Executive Director's efforts continue to create a lasting impression in Santa Barbara County and in the world, as STESA's guidance has helped provide the model for 53 rape crisis centers opening in Spain.

Along with my fellow Board members, I intend to support STESA in a big way this year. We hope you will do the same.

With Immense Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacey Risotti'.

Stacey Risotti, *STESA Board President*

P.S. The year 2024 marks STESA's 50th year of operation! As we celebrate this important anniversary, ***we call on you to continue to help make it possible for STESA to carry on our Mission for another 50 years!***



Has Your Company...

- *satisfied the legal requirement to provide sexual harassment prevention training?*
- *identified some concerns regarding sexual harassment?*

Have you done your due diligence? In a company of five or more employees and contractors, all supervisors and managers must receive two hours and non-management employees one hour of instruction in the prevention of sexual harassment every two years.

STESA offers virtual and on-site interactive training on sexual harassment prevention for management and non-management employees in English or Spanish that satisfies the California sexual harassment prevention laws. Group and individual rates available.

**Contact Karla Huizar, Community Education Coordinator,
at 805.963.6832 x12 or email karla@sbstesa.org**

believe ♡ *listen* ♡ *support*

DID YOU KNOW...?

**When you make a tax-deductible contribution to STESA,
you help provide the following services:**

- \$100** Bus tokens, taxi vouchers, phone cards, food vouchers for a survivor who doesn't have other means.
- \$250** In an emergency, provides a survivor of sexual assault a safe place to stay for 2 nights.
- \$600** A self-defense class and educational materials for teens.
- \$1000** Access to STESA's 24-hour hotline for one month for survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

STESA—A BEST PRACTICE MODEL...

Fifty-Three Rape Crisis Centers, modeled on STESA, have opened in Spain.

Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) Executive Director, **Elsa Granados** stands together with the government of Spain to open 53 rape crisis centers in Spain, modeled after STESA. <https://www.independent.com/2023/06/22/santa-barbaras-elsa-granados-stands-with-spain-to-end-sexual-assault/>

The Spanish government contacted STESA to begin this ongoing international partnership. STESA's philosophy, rooted back to 1974, is shaping the development of centers in Spain that will support survivors of sexual assault.

According to Elsa, "STESA has helped survivors from all walks of life in our community since its inception almost 50 years ago through an empowerment model. Utilizing this model, STESA's counselors guide survivors in their healing process at their pace and on their terms. STESA is having an impact locally and globally."

Elsa has received many accolades for her work locally and with the Spanish government. The Santa Barbara Independent recognized her as one of the **Local Heroes of 2022**, the United Nation's Association of Santa Barbara gave her the **Peace Award** in 2023, and the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee gave her the **Oak Award** for this work, honoring also her persistence and resilience in conducting community social change.

STESA's Executive Director, Elsa Granados (right) receives the 2023 United Nations Association of Santa Barbara Peace Award. Congratulations also to co-honoree Sharon Allen (left) from the World Telehealth Initiative. Elsa and Sharon were recognized for Innovating Good Health and Wellbeing for the World.



RAPE CRISIS CENTERS IN SPAIN



At the end of November 2023, the government of Spain will award Elsa for her work with them for Social Transformation and Against Gender Violence. Elsa says that although she has received these recognitions, one must remember that STESA's success is due to the hard work of many staff and volunteers past and present.

...many have contributed to making STESA what it is today. We have been guided by survivors of sexual assault and their needs, centered around healing.

We want to ensure that our community, through our educational prevention presentations, is provided with accurate information, so that all can be sensitive to the trauma experienced by survivors of sexual assault. —Elsa Granados

Under Elsa's almost 27 years of leadership, STESA has empowered thousands of survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

24-Hour Hotline: [805.564.3696](tel:805.564.3696) <http://sbstesa.org>

STESA SUPPORTERS

STESA was able to address its mission with the support of these individuals and businesses in the past fiscal year.

Thank you for helping us do this vital work.

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Laura Zabala



CHOCOLATE DE VINE



To support STESA's community work with survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones, STESA will host the **14th Annual Chocolate de Vine** fundraising event. **The event will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 4-7:30 pm.** STESA is excited to connect with supporters to enjoy a sampling of delicious desserts, California wines, and a shared vision to end sexual assault. This event is a delicious way to support a good cause! We hope you will join us.



Jenny Schatzle

CHOCOLATE DE VINE 2023

This much-anticipated event was held in May, featuring internationally known motivational speaker **Jenny Schatzle, owner of Bond Fitness.** Guests listened intently to Jenny's powerful message about supporting sexual assault survivors and creating intolerance for this crime in our community. Jenny inspired the crowd to take action against sexual assault.



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

In 2024, the beloved event will feature a judged competition of chocolate creations by some of the area's best chefs. It will also include heavy appetizers, a live auction, and a fabulous raffle for a trip for two.



With the help of supporters and donors like you, STESA is able to raise funds to support the goal of ending sexual assault in our community.

Stay tuned for more CDV 2024 details.

*...celebrating the day
with wine, chocolate, and friends!*



We look forward to seeing you next year—
**Chocolate de Vine
Saturday, May 18, 2024!**

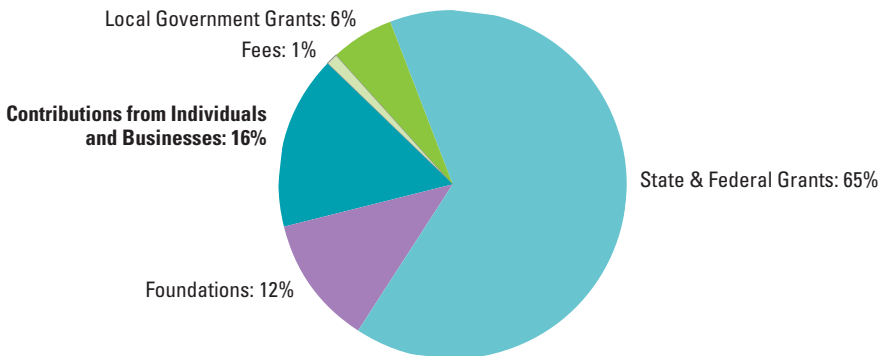
SERVICES WE PROVIDE

In 2022–2023...

- STESA staff and volunteers assisted **385** individual **survivors** and their loved ones with a total of **3,392 services** including counseling and emotional support, medical & legal advocacy and accompaniment, and information & referral.
- There were **4,831 community members** who learned information about the impact of sexual assault in our lives and strategies for prevention. Of this number, **2,283** were **youth**.
- **Thirty-four clients** took steps to regain a sense of confidence and power over their lives by attending counseling sessions and support groups.
- In-service trainings were provided to **457 professionals** including law enforcement, medical staff and social service professionals.
- **22 volunteers** joined our efforts to end sexual assault and gave **1,474 hours** to STESA. They provided a network of support, including crisis intervention, advocacy and community education, and assisted with office support and special events.

STESA's Total Operating Budget for FY '22–'23 was \$1,236,342.

This graph illustrates the importance of local contributions to STESA's operations and provision of services to survivors of sexual assault, as well as the work towards eliminating sexual assault from our society.



ONE ON ONE FITNESS STUDIO



Linda Sanders of **ONE ON ONE FITNESS** is kicking off April 2024, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, by sponsoring a fundraising effort to raise critical funds for **Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA)**.

This year, Linda will be providing her services at

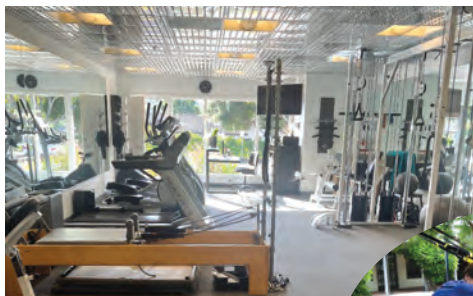
A NEW LOCATION!

1253 Coast Village Rd., Suite 103, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Drop in and meet Linda to learn more about functional training at her studio: TRX, kettle bells, Landmine, cardio blasts, yoga, stretching, and much more. Reach your fitness goals, get in shape and stay in shape with nationally certified personal trainers.

Please help Linda meet her fundraising goal. To contribute to this effort, contact Linda Sanders, oneononesb@gmail.com. *Your participation is vital.*

All proceeds will go directly to STESA!



*Visit **ONE ON ONE FITNESS** and learn more about the benefits of functional training!*



STANDING TOGETHER TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT

Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) is a community-based organization working toward a world free from sexual assault. STESA has served southern Santa Barbara County since 1974. The organization is dedicated to supporting and empowering sexual assault survivors, their family members and friends, and to eliminating all forms of sexual assault from our society.

STESA supports sexual assault survivors throughout the initial crisis and subsequent stages of healing. Through community education, training and activism, STESA is committed to creating attitudes and beliefs which support the prevention of sexual assault.

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