



STANDING**TOGETHER**
TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT



Annual Report

TO THE COMMUNITY
2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Stacey Risotti

On behalf of **Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA)**'s Board of Directors, I am pleased to share our 2024 Annual Report. It has been an honor to serve as STESA's Board President again this year as STESA celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Thank you for taking a moment to review this annual report and explore what we we've been up to in our 50th year.

As I write to you all, I remain nonplussed in the wake of our most recent election results. Throughout the election, STESA remained focused on the work this community counts on us to do. We knew that whatever the outcome, we would remain united with you in our advocacy on behalf of survivors while continuing to rise to the challenge of eliminating all forms of sexual violence in our community.

A recent Instagram post on the [@sbstesa](#) site highlighted a quote from American author, Bell Hooks. It read, "*Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion.*" STESA has remained in communion with you all for the past 50 years. In this report, you will see examples of this collaboration—in STESA's community engagement, our donor activity and our unforgettable **Chocolate de Vine** celebration, which showcased STESA's founding members Muff Bizwell, Nora Hochman and Barbara Lindemann.

The past 50 years of services could never have occurred without the support of our donors. Board members were active this year, highlighting some of those generous supporters with awards that we named "**50 for 50th**". I encourage you to check out [@sbstesa on Instagram](#) to see some of the donors and supporters we have highlighted.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensure that STESA's past is also part of the future.

With Sincere Gratitude,

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

Stacey Risotti, *STESA Board President*

P.S. Your support of our vision makes STESA's work possible. **Thank you!!**

In 2023–2024...

- STESA staff and volunteers assisted **327** individual **survivors** and their loved ones with a total of **3,516 services** including counseling and emotional support, medical & legal advocacy and accompaniment, and information & referral.
- There were **5,140 community members** who learned information about the impact of sexual assault in our lives and strategies for prevention. Of this number, **3,879** were **youth**.
- **Fifty-five 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 **229 professionals** including law enforcement, medical staff and social service professionals.
- **23 volunteers** joined our efforts to end sexual assault and gave **1,581 hours** to STESA. They provided a network of support, including crisis intervention, advocacy and community education, and assisted with office support and special events.

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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 1 night.
- \$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.

SHIFTING BOUNDARIES—ACTS OF PREVENTION

STESA is implementing an evidence-based curriculum *Shifting Boundaries: Lessons on Relationships for Students in Middle School*. This prevention program outlines multiple strategies to support young peoples' ability to engage in school-wide prevention activities and classroom lessons.

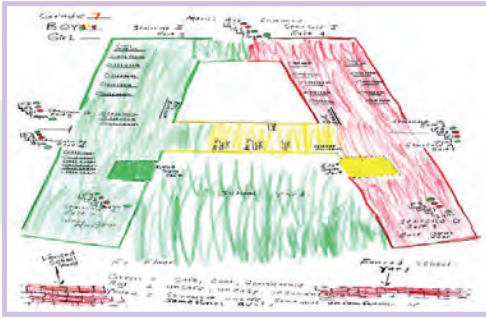
In the classroom, students participate in lectures designed to empower them to voice their boundaries, reduce teen dating violence, and challenge gender roles through interactive exercises, role play, and open discussions. **The school wide campaign involves school personnel and students as they work together to identify unsafe areas within and near the school.**

The program fosters a school climate that supports sexual assault prevention efforts, promotes healthy relationships, and offers all a safe space to learn and grow. STESA has adapted *Shifting Boundaries* to meet student needs by translating the materials into Spanish, as well as adapting the length of the sessions to meet the needs of the schools.



STESA has designed interactive games and revised hand-outs/work-sheets to better address the existing school culture at **the four area junior high schools—Goleta Valley, La Cumbre, La Colina, and Santa Barbara**. Students have used an exercise called **Hotspot Mapping** to identify areas on or near their campus that do not feel safe. Once identified, STESA works with school officials to change unsafe aspects about those areas. In one instance, students identified an area near gym lockers and school officials added school personnel to that area to increase safety.

STESA's Program for Middle School Students



Student artwork illustrating school “hotspots” and personal boundaries

In another instance, after participating in the STESA sessions, the students developed a presentation for a school assembly. **All students were involved in some aspect of the presentation—speaking, developing the artwork for the presentation materials, putting together production schedules, providing input into the content of the presentation, etc.** The students took pride in teaching their peers what they learned.

They indicated that all at the school should take part in the *Shifting Boundaries* sessions because they felt they were valuable in interactions with peers, school officials and parents.

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

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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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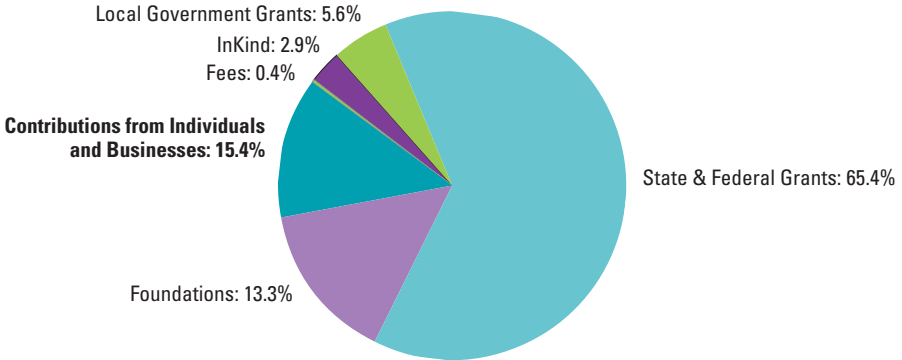
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STESA BUDGET 2023–2024

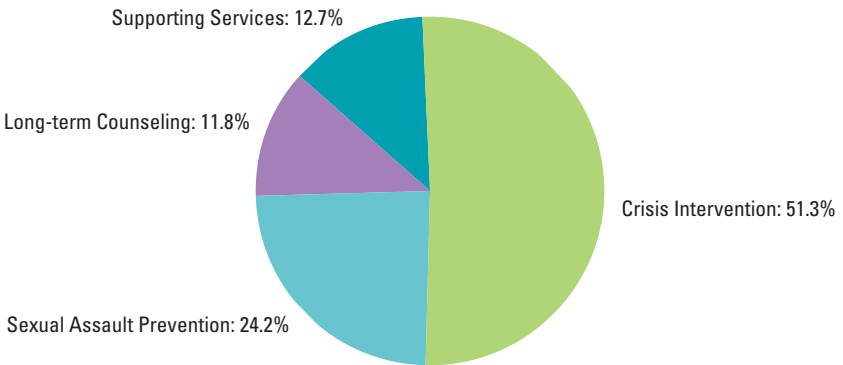
STESA's Total Income for FY '23–'24 was \$1,327,148.

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.



STESA's Total Expenses for FY '23–'24 were \$1,175,276.

These expenses show the client-centered expenditures that provide immediate, as well as on-going services to the survivors of sexual assault and their families.



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ONE ON ONE FITNESS STUDIO



Linda Sanders of **One on One Fitness** is kicking off **April 2025, Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, by sponsoring a fundraising effort to raise critical funds for STESA.

Drop in and see Linda to learn more about functional training at her studio: TRX, kettle bells, Landmine, cardio blasts, yoga, stretching, and much more at Linda's location at **1253 Coast Village Rd., Suite 103**.

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!*



STESA's Supporters Standing Together at Successful 50th Anniversary Celebration Chocolate de Vine Event

On May 18, 2024, STESA held its **50th Anniversary Celebration** at the **Chocolate de Vine fundraising event**. STESA was honored to have over 150 guests and supporters at the event, sharing their love for delicious artisanal chocolate, California wine, and passion for eradicating sexual assault from our community.

In honor of this milestone, STESA has been highlighting 50 of its longtime supporters, volunteers, and donors during STESA's 50th year—STESA's **50 for 50th**. More information about our honorees can be found on STESA's **Instagram account, @sbstesa**. At the Chocolate de Vine event, STESA presented two special awards as part of this 50 for 50th series of recognitions—to **Jim Melillo** and **Nora Hochman**.

Jim Melillo is one of STESA's strong financial supporters, who generously helps to fund STESA's services for survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

Nora Hochman, one of three founders of the **Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center (SBRCC)**, which was rebranded to **Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA)** in 2018 in response to community feedback. In her speech, Nora described the creation of SBRCC as a passion project she undertook, as she phrased it, "to avoid doing a term paper" for the Women and Society course at Santa Barbara City College taught by Barbara Lindemann. The impetus for a rape crisis hotline was the dire need in the community for this resource.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!



Chocolate de Vine Photo Booth Fun!



The next Chocolate de Vine Event will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, 4-7:30pm at the St. Barbara Event Center. This beloved event in 2025 will feature a judged competition of chocolate creations by some of the area's best chefs. It will also include heavy appetizers and a live auction.



We look forward to seeing you next year—
Chocolate de Vine
Saturday, May 17, 2025!

24-Hour Hotline: 805.564.3696 <http://sbstesa.org>



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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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In Memoriam

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