



SASHA CENTER

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES FOR
HOLISTIC HEALING AND AWARENESS

SASHA Center Annual Report 2016

SASHA Center provided direct group services, education and awareness and culturally specific support services to the African American community because of your support!

With your help **SASHA Center** accomplished so much in 2016 including:

- Directly assisting over **300 survivors** and **supporters** of sexual assault victims with our **HIP** (Healing is Possible) Series, **SOAR** (Survivors Overcoming Assault and Rape) Program, and our **SASHA Brothers** (our men and boys series in collaboration with organizations, professional athletes and sports programs throughout the state and country) Sessions.
- Training/technical assistance and referrals to assist with **alternative healing strategies** and **culturally specific services** to self-identified sexual assault survivors. We are very proud that last year our strong collaborations with other organizations such as Capuchins Soup Kitchen, Earthworks Urban Farming Program, Payne Pulliam Schools, Pathways Academy, Delta Prep Academy, Covenant House, Salvation Army, WCSAFE, First Step and our newest organization for the year 2017 The Wellness Plan!
- **SASHA Center** assisted over **500 victims** with our referral system through our **1-888-865-7055** resource number and had over **100,000 visits** to our comprehensive website that provides information and resources to those interested in sexual assault

issues and culturally specific work in communities of color related to trauma and healing.

- **SASHA Center** hosted our annual Poets and Purses Party, our Take Back the Night-Detroit event recognizing **April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in collaboration with Salvation Army and a host of DV/SA agencies. We also hosted workshops, presentations and trainings for local churches, community groups and concerned citizens.
- **SASHA Center** volunteers participated in over **50 community awareness events** providing information and resources.

SASHA Center presented over **50 trainings**, keynote speeches and media interviews to further raise awareness regarding sexual assault in the African American community and our Founder traveled the country training professional athletes on issues related to gender-based violence.

- **SASHA Center** actively participated in various committees including Wayne County Sexual Assault Kit Task Force, Crime Victims Collaboration and the Michigan Coalition To End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

SASHA Center is proud of this work, did much more than the year before and will continue in this positive direction for 2017! We know that in every space we navigate there is a silent survivor of sexual assault that can benefit from **SASHA Center** services. Your support is needed to expand and increase **SASHA Center** services in 2017. Visit our website to donate today. Thank you for all of your support for **SASHA Center** in 2016 and we hope that you will continue to partner with **SASHA Center** in 2017.

Healing is Possible,

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