SASHA Center was able to provide sexual assault support group services, prevention and education awareness events and culturally specific activities to survivors of sexual assault in the African American community for the last fiscal year because of your support!

With your help, SASHA Center accomplished our goals and served the community, sexual assault survivors and organizations in 2019 including:

- Directly assisting over **300 survivors** and **supporters** of sexual assault victims.
- Provided culturally specific programming to survivors through our strong collaborations with the Detroit Institute of Arts, Grace Lee Boggs Academy, Payne Pulliam School, Salvation Army, Say Detroit, and First Congregational Church of Detroit. This also made it possible to reach clients who are often missed by mainstream organizations because of issues such as transportation and other barriers. Our facilitators go to where the clients are-in community and provided needed support groups to those who identify as rape survivors as well as assist with resources for the support people in their lives.
- Our SOAR (Survivors Overcoming Assault and Rape) Program, and our SASHA MEN (our Male Engagement Now-men and boys series was conducted in collaboration with former NFL Player De’ Andre Levy and his partner Desire’ and with
funding from the National Football League. Support from A CALL TO MEN and other churches and organizations throughout the state and country made it a huge success!

- 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 we were able to take 6 survivors of sexual assault on a **Culture Cures/History Heals Healing Tour** to NOLA, where we explored topics such as slavery, resilience, storytelling, ancestor reverence and activism and organizing for black women and girls.

- **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 semi-annual Bike Tour, our Take Back the Night-Detroit event recognizing **April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in collaboration with the **DIA** and **Survivor Elle Travis** with a host of DV/SA agencies in a panel discussion. 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 2020! We know that in every space we navigate there is a silent survivor of sexual assault that can benefit from **SASHA Center**
services. Our goal is to raise awareness and bring visibility to black women and girls who have been invisible and unseen. Your support is needed to expand and increase SASHA Center services in 2020. Visit our website to donate today. Thank you for all of your support for SASHA Center in 2020 and we hope that you will continue to partner with SASHA Center in 2020.

Healing is Possible,

Kalimah Johnson

Kalimah Johnson, LMSW, ACSW
Founder and Executive Director

SASHA Center
(Sexual Assault Services for Holistic Healing and Awareness)

www.sashacenter.org

1-888-865-7055