FY 2013–2014
Annual Report
Dear Friends,

This past year, the Catherine Place Board of Directors, staff and partners looked deeply at the question, “What is it time for now?” That reflection resulted in the adoption of our new logo along with its stated intention of Catherine Place being a place where women find Hope, Healing and Connection.

In our reflection process we were also inspired to lift up the core values so lovingly offered to us by our Founding Mothers – the Tacoma Dominicans. We celebrate what women are able to accomplish where these values prevail . . . and highlight a few of the ways weaving these together made a positive difference in women’s lives last year. You can see the wisdom, vibrancy and strength of these values reflected in the stories and faces of the women on these pages.

As we continue our work of responding to the evolving needs of women and families in our community we think of you, our friends, partners and donors – and we smile. We are ever grateful for your generous, loving support of Catherine Place.

Peace & gratitude,

Judy Mladineo Kelli Hoekstra
Director Board Chair

empowerment integrity respect affirmation
equality compassion openness
freedom creativity collaboration safety
Empowering Women

In the past year, Catherine Place welcomed more than **867 women for Individual Support & Advocacy**. We offer compassionate listening, respect and affirmation as each woman shares her story and is empowered to move forward.

Collaboration with more than **92 local organizations** allowed us to provide service to over 1,500 women in our community.

More than **210 women** took advantage of opportunities to connect and share experiences and wisdom in our ongoing circles and groups, including WomenSpirit Circle, INSCAPE Poetry and Lovingkindness Meditation.

**420 women** joined us for workshops and events addressing self-care, creativity, safety, nonviolent communication, global women’s issues and more.

Healing Arts Practitioners provided **more than 223 hours of service** in the form of Yoga, Healing Touch, Reiki, and Qi Gong sessions, honoring the vital mind-body-spirit connection.

**85 women** participated in Juntas en Transicion (Together in Transition), Pierce County’s only ongoing domestic violence prevention and support program offered in Spanish.
In our continuing efforts to support healthy relationships and strengthen communication skills, Catherine Place hosted an all-day training on Non-violent (Compassionate) Communication. Participants have followed up with discussions and small group practice sessions.

Addressing the deep need we have for self-care and compassion in these demanding times, Catherine Place welcomed 150 people to our first Self-Care Luncheon: Nurturing Ourselves, Caring for Others. The event featured Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, founder of the Trauma Stewardship Institute.

In new efforts, we participated in The Wave Foundation’s Cycle the Wave Bike Ride to end violence against women and, with the help of long-time friends and Tacoma Community House, hosted our first ONE BILLION RISING FOR JUSTICE gathering as part of the global V-DAY Movement to break the chain of violence against women.

This year women found new ways to expand and express their creativity in our new Music for the Soul and Cooking with Soul Series. We were also happy to host writing workshops, basket weaving, art collage, a poetry reading, a book signing, and many celebratory events.

Throughout the year, Catherine Place advocates spoke out for equality and justice in the community, while providing resources for legal, financial, and housing assistance to women.

Our connections continue to grow locally, nationally and even globally. This year we welcomed women from throughout the U.S. and were happy to host our sisters from Hearts for Zambia and from Maher Ashram in India who shared their stories with our community.
“Thank you for being there when I really needed a person with whom I could be honest about my suffering ... I am becoming happier, healthier and more able to take care of myself. Peace, joy and love to all of you who work to make this beautiful haven available for any woman.”

~ Sandy

“The whole experience of the Women’s Circle was one of the most beneficial experiences I have ever had. . . . These circles are definitely vital in helping women who at a point in their life, have not yet learned to believe their potential is unlimited and they can be anything they believe they can.”

~ Renea

Elizabeth, one of the approximately 650 women affected by violence who turned to Catherine Place, found emotional support and encouragement to attend school and find a job. When she thinks of her experiences here, she feels “protected, strong, happy, relaxed, and loved.”

“After one of our meetings this spring, three women told me they were enrolling in college and a fourth shared that she was starting her own business. It inspired us all!”

~ Marisol, Juntas facilitator

“Inspired in part by the self-care luncheon, I have been making efforts in several areas of my life to balance my schedule and live a more healthy life.”

~ Margaret
Catherine Place Financial Summary
Fiscal Year July 2013–June 2014

Through an ongoing commitment to conservative spending and an increase in donations, we ended our fiscal year above our budgeted net income, while financially supporting the position of an Executive Director. We gratefully acknowledge the Tacoma Dominicans who continue to provide the services of our amazing Director Emerita.

Last year we continued to receive funding from the STOP Violence Against Women Grant and Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, and were new grant recipients of the Puyallup Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, Union Pacific, and the WAVE Foundation. We are grateful to our many supporters and partners who sustain our work with women.

**SUPPORT & INCOME**

- Donations $69,082
- Corporate Gifts & Grants $54,165
- Program Revenue/Contracts $29,059
- Special Events $20,293
- **TOTAL CASH INCOME** $172,599
- In-Kind Professional Staff $50,000
- **TOTAL SUPPORT & INCOME** $222,599

**EXPENSES**

- Program Services $116,044
- General Operations $47,061
- Development $46,568
- Facilities $15,746
- **TOTAL EXPENSES*** $225,419

*Includes $50,000 of In-Kind Staff
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July 2013-June 2014

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“I think of you often. You are an inspiration and bedrock of support in my life. Keep up the amazing work — the world needs you.”

~ Molly

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"By lending a compassionate, listening ear to someone and a shoulder to cry on when needed, we help them and ourselves at the same time."

~ Ileana
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Carole Wright  
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Sharon Zwick

“Catherine Place truly offers women hope, peace, smiles and plenty of hugs! There is no place like this. I am forever grateful for the friendships.”

~ Nan

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BilliePhant Designs  
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Celebrity Cake Studio  
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Corina Bakery & Bistro  
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Thank you again for your generous support!

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Katie Downs Waterfront Tavern & Eatery
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Seattle Seahawks

“I never imagined that there could be a place that would serve as my anchor both during a difficult transition and later. So many helpful connections have come from Catherine Place radiating out like spokes on a wheel.”

~ Jonelle
Volunteers: Generous Hearts, Helping Hands

This year, our **190+ volunteers contributed more than 3,660 hours of their time.** Enormous gratitude goes to all the **amazing volunteers** who gave time through **gardening, hospitality, office assistance, event planning, development and advocacy**, resulting in 2013 Summer Open Houses, a Gratitude Tea, and another amazing Boombaballa. You are the heart and soul of Catherine Place and we couldn’t do it without you!

“This is what Catherine Place is like, the hug that is kind and fierce, soft and strong (kind of what women are - loving, caring, warm, soft, AND safe, strong, solid, and fiercely protective).”

~ Sally

Our Mission

Catherine Place seeks to improve the quality of life for women, particularly those who are materially poor, in transition or facing the challenges associated with violence, loss, unemployment, immigration and illness.

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