



**Project: PeaceMakers,  
Incorporated (PPMI)  
Fiscal Year Annual Report  
July 1, 2019 through  
June 30, 2020**

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## **OUR MISSION**

The Mission of Project: PeaceMakers, Incorporated (PPMI) is to interact with all aspects of the community in an endeavor to enhance the quality of life by addressing Domestic Family/Intimate Partner Violence (DF/IPV). Through education, intervention, empowerment and prevention, we are able to teach and apply a healthy, positive life-changing approach in helping break the cycle of violence in our homes and our communities.

## **OUR MOTTO**

**“We want to ‘BE’ the change in your life!!!”**

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

In Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020, as with most agencies, PPMI went through a major transition in March of 2020, due to COVID-19. The challenges that arose from this pandemic devastated our underrepresented community, but through it all, we remained completely opened by quickly adjusting to the challenges one week before the first “Safer at Home” order was put into place on March 20, 2020. Upon hearing the rising cases of COVID, on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, we began holding all our classes by free conference calls. This new method allowed us to minimize the walk-in traffic to only intakes, Temporary Restraining Orders, and individual counseling sessions until the “Safer at Home” orders were less restrictive.

With the help of many gracious donors, we were able to secure PPE supplies in mask, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc. for our staff and any person who came through our doors for assistance. By March 31<sup>st</sup>, we had purchased our first Zoom license that allowed us to continue our 40-Hour Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) Victims’ Advocacy Training. After obtaining the initial Zoom license, we purchased three more licenses, which allowed us to switch our daily classes from free conference calls to Zoom video web conferencing. The new Zoom video web conferencing provided a more interpersonal setting for our clients. During this same time, we were able to change our conference rooms to provide six-feet or more distance that allowed us a maximum of six-persons to attend each class. With both changes of safe distancing and Zoom video web conferencing, we were able to provide our client with a hybrid method of teaching all our 14 classes, per week, and the reception from our clients was very well received!

Due to our hybrid method, we began receiving referrals from other agencies to accept non-contractual clients with many of them requesting a fee waiver, as the other agencies were unable to provide their normal services in accordance with the “Safer at Home” restrictions. During the months of April to June we accepted 47 COVID-19 referrals from other agencies and provided 23 fee waivers.

The greatest accomplishment during this fiscal year was our ability to quickly adapt and be flexible at the onset of COVID-19, which allowed us to assist many clients within and outside of our agency. Truly over the last 25 years that our agency has existed we have and are BLESSED to be able to continue to advocate for DV/IPV clients and their families!!!

## GOALS:

Our goals for fiscal year 2019 – 2020 were:

- Fundraisers and Grants for Overhead Administration and Personnel
- New building to service more clients at NO COST!!!
- Teamwork: Case Management/Outreach/Communication
- Additional training in the crossroads of Human Trafficking and DV/IPV
- Additional training in the crossroads of LGBTQ and DV/IPV

We were successful in fulfilling 80% of our goals, as COVID-19 created a minor roadblock in fulfilling the remainder of our goals for a new building and cross-training in Human Trafficking. However, the 80% of achieving our goals was monumental during this pandemic and we are humbled to provide the detailed outcome of each goal:

### Goal 1: Finances - Fundraiser/Grants for Overhead Administration and Personnel

The below financial table shows the change of income through contracts, fundraisers, grants from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020. Although three contracts ended on June 30, 2019, we sustained and increased our income through fundraising, COVID-19 grants and one COVID -19 loan. We also decreased our expenses, due to becoming a Certified Green Business in the City of Los Angeles. For the ending Fiscal Year of 2019 – 2020, we increased our ending net income minus the \$60,000 COVID-19 loan by \$30,993.00, and we further increased our personnel as of April 2020 from 11 to 12 employees (six part-time and six full-time) and one volunteer.

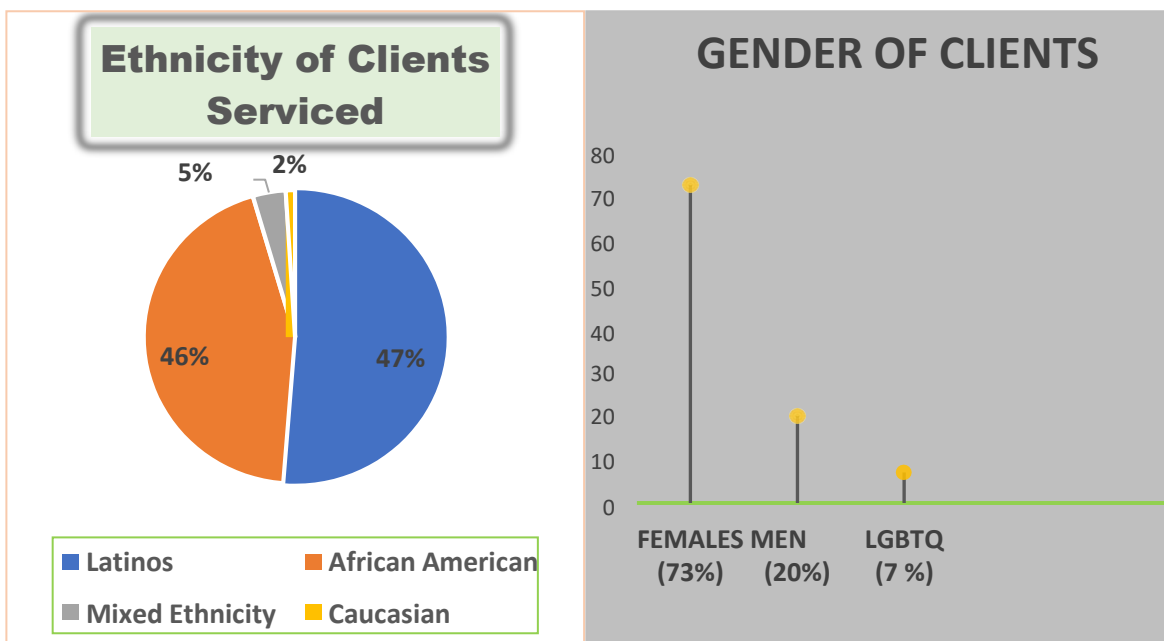
FUNDING	2018-2019	2019-2020	Amount	Percentage Change
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$28,574.00</b>	<b>\$1,219.44</b>		
DONATIONS	\$18,938.37	\$2,870.92	-\$16,067.45	-85%
DV Daily Classes	\$15,246.77	\$31,194.81	\$15,948.04	105%
DV/IPV 40-HR Training	\$7,800.00	\$7,865.71	\$865.71	11%
DV/IPV 40-HR Grant (VNC)	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	One Year Grant	
CalWORKs DVSS	\$236,109.51	\$244,320.49	\$8,210.98	3.4%
CalWORKs SUD	\$0.00	\$44,715.46	\$44,715.46	100%
DART	\$125,504.24	\$0.00	Contract Ended in 2019	
Arrest Grant	\$4,131.41	\$0.00	Contract Ended in 2019	
Grants & Miscellaneous	\$2,454.31	\$17,923.61	\$15,469.30	630%
Fundraising Donations	\$865.00	\$3,654.86	\$2,789.86	322%
LGBTQ Grant	\$1,919.18	\$0.00	Contract Ended in 2019	
Other Income	\$1,583.53	\$3,452.57	\$1,869.04	118%
SBA PPP	\$0.00	\$42,326.00	One time Grant, due to COVID-19	
SBA LOAN	\$0.00	\$59,900.00	One time Loan, due to COVID-19	
Accounts Receivable	\$3,112.00	\$20,670.13		
Refund	\$333.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$447,771.44</b>	<b>\$480,114.00</b>	<b>\$32,342.56</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$446,552.00</b>	<b>\$389,121.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,219.44</b>	<b>\$90,993.00</b>		

## Goals 2: Teamwork: Case Management/Outreach/Communication

As we prepared for the beginning of 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year, we added two new classes to our curriculum: Financial Empowerment and Basic Word/Excel. Unfortunately, we were unable to routinely facilitate our basic word and excel class, due to COVID-19, as this is a hands-on teaching component with clients. Our Financial Empowerment class is very successful and is taught in English and Spanish to all clients during the normal cycle of our curriculum. The added component for financial empowerment allowed us to increase our case management aspect in assisting clients to be financial independent by budgeting, saving, reviewing, and securing insurance policies for their family's needs.

Although, our monthly outreach activities were hampered by COVID-19, we continued to see an increase in clients both contractual and non-contractual. Contractually we were unable to accommodate 83 CalWORKs clients, due to budget restraints. However, in June of 2020, we were awarded a new three-year contract through the Department of Health – Office of Women Health (DPH-OWH) in the amount of \$443,800 that has allowed us to service at least 110 CalWORKs clients per month. At times it has been a struggle to maintain 95 CalWORKs clients, due to COVID-19, but we are grateful for all the clients we are and will continue to service under this new three-year contract increase of budget funding through DPH-OWH that began July 1, 2020.

It has truly been amazing to not only continue the DV/IPV victim's advocate work for 25 years, but especially during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year at the onset of this pandemic. Through it all, we averaged 191 clients per month. Out of the 191 clients, 73% were women: 20% men and 7% LGBTQ. Our clientele increased by 10 percent this fiscal year. The following graphs reflect the average gender and ethnicity of our clients served:



The above noted information reflects an increase of African American clientele from 44% to 47% and an increase of Mixed Ethnicity from 3.5% to 5% this fiscal year. During this year we serviced 434 unduplicated clients compared to 383 in 2018-2019 (increase of 51 clients); yet our gender percentage remained unchanged from the previous fiscal year.

**Goals 3: Additional training in the Crossroads of LGBTQ and DV/IPV**

We are honored and humbled to be a part of the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council – LGBTQ Committee where we receive information and training to assist our LGBTQ DV/IPV victims. Our coordination and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LGBTQ Center, Long Beach, has enhanced the quality of service that we provided to our brothers and sisters throughout their community this fiscal year. This is a continuous goal of PPMI to be achieved day-in and day-out, as we stand with and for all DV/IPV victims who have been overlooked and underrepresented for far too long!!!



## **THANK YOUs!!!**

We would like to thank all our supporters for helping us achieve our 2019-2020 goals, and beyond!!! We would not be able to continue God's work without your amazing support of volunteering, monetary and tangible donations; grants, contracts, and above all, your kindness and love for the service we provide to the underserved population in our community!!!

### 2019-2020 List of Supporters, Donors and Grantors:

Damonn Porter – Volunteer  
LaTonya Fowler – Volunteer  
Anthony Armstrong - Volunteer  
James Hundley – Past Chairperson, deceased  
Loretta Malone – Past Board member, deceased  
Current Board Members- Cheryl Gray, Chairperson, M. Carolyn Andrews, Secretary,  
Da'Lana Walker, Treasurer, Toni Watson and Orlando Hadnot  
Los Angeles Police Department, 77th Street Community Station  
Voices of Neighborhood Council, 90037 & 90044  
Yetunde Price Resource Center  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health-Office of Women's Health  
Anonymous business organizations (clothing and food)  
Rita Hall, Delta Sigma Theta Members and Female Law Enforcement Officers  
Trinity Community Church and Affiliates  
Holy Tabernacle of God Missionary Baptist Church  
Steve and Janice Miller  
Deborah Chapter, #13, OES, PHRA, CA  
Symphony Chapter, #43 OES, PHRA, CA  
Golden State Grand Chapter, OES, PHRA, CA  
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of CA  
Muharrum Court #139, DOI, AEAONMS, CA  
The Men of Oluremi's Longhouse  
The Centurians  
Etoile Abraham  
Coalition of Mental Health Professionals  
All Donors for our Christmas Toy Drive  
Bate-Meyers Management  
Jemba Against Domestic Violence  
Coalition of Mental Health Professionals  
Links Incorporation, Inglewood Chapter  
Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Psi Zeta Chapter  
USC Gehr Family Center for Health Systems Science & Innovation  
Keck Medicine of USC, Dr. Tanaz R. Ferzandi and Dr. Jennifer Kim  
Just USA, Christine Chung and Jennifer Chavez (PPE supplies)  
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)



## Improvement and Goals for 2020 - 2021

Now that we are into the 2020 -2021 fiscal year, we are focused on maintaining quality over quantity, as well as fulfilling two specific long-term goals to continue our mission and motto. We have outlined them to be as follows:

### A. Improvement areas of quality:

- Teamwork: Facilitation/Resources/Communication with Clients and Staff
- Organize and Detail to work assignments
- Prioritize daily and weekly tasks

### B. Our Goals:

- New Building to service more clients
- Fundraising to provide free service to clients

In closing, we would like to take a moment to remember all those who have lost a loved one, due to COVID-19 through the virus, as well as the increase in DV/IPV incidences. We all know the challenges each of us face, daily, to assist others in need, especially through this epidemic. **But the real question is, if not us, then who will?** For 25 years we have been a staple in our community to help DV/IPV victims and their families, and again, none of this could be possible without all our volunteers, employees/team, board of directors, grantors, and donors!!! We are truly grateful that you have believed in our mission and continue to support our efforts, as we continue to provide the quality of life for DV/IPV Victims and Survivors of the underrepresented populations.

Respectfully,



Bernita R. Walker, Chief Executive Officer



Kelie J. Sturgis, Chief Operations Officer