



STANDING**TOGETHER**
TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT



Annual Report

TO THE COMMUNITY
2022



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Ethan Bertrand

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) Board of Directors, I am pleased to share the 2022 Annual Report.

With your support, STESA has continued to empower survivors, prevent sexual assault, and create a healthier and safer community. In the pages ahead, you will read about the efforts of our dedicated staff members, volunteers, and community partners to advance our mission and expand access to our services.

For the past 48 years, STESA has been a trusted provider of care, support, healing, and justice for survivors. This work continues to be critical today. While we have so much more progress to make as a society and a community, we are making strides in changing the conversation about sexual assault, while improving the ways in which we prevent and respond to sexual assault.

We have worked to reduce the stigma and shame felt by survivors, in addition to championing a community culture of believing survivors when they come forward. We have also worked to prevent sexual assault by educating our community about consent and teaching young people about healthy boundaries. In the aftermath of harm, we have continued to assist in the healing process and empower survivors to pursue their goals.

This work is possible only because of your support and partnership. We are very grateful for the generosity of our community over many decades. On behalf of STESA, I would like to ask for your continued support as we stand together to end sexual assault.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ethan J. Bertrand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ethan Bertrand
STESA Board President

P.S. Your support allows us to reach more people in our community with intervention and prevention services. THANK YOU!



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 harassment prevention laws. Group and individual rates available.

Contact Karla Huizar, Community Education Coordinator,
at 805.963.6832 x12 or email karla@sbstesa.org

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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 2 nights.
- \$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.

DONOR INTERVIEW



Jim Mellilo

It was wonderful to speak with Jim! He always has a story—one that is interesting or educational or both. In talking with him, you often get one of those “I didn’t know” moments. Jim has traveled extensively. He has traveled to 57 countries, always seeing adventure.

Jim is a strong supporter of STESA’s work in the community. He comes across as a modest person with a big heart. However, he will tell you that as a New Yorker, he doesn’t always show his compassionate heart. Inasmuch as he wants to make a financial contribution, he also wants to become involved in the Mission of the organization. He wants to make an impact!

Elsa: *Are you from Santa Barbara? How did you get to Santa Barbara?*

Jim: I’m from Oyster Bay New York. I grew up as an Italian-American in a family of gardeners and truckers, a working class family. I was living in Seattle when my wife and I divorced and she asked for custody of the 206 area code. As a result, I drove south and stopped in many communities; however, I found a great woman, Ms. Brainard. She was one of the first women realtors in SB at the original Santa Barbara Polo Club, which had not been worked on since 1922. I decided to stay.

Elsa: *What do you love about what you do?*

Jim: I like to see results and help people. When needed, I like to act as a fulcrum, putting resources into something and helping make it successful. As an example, at my last company we decided to put the down payment on every employee’s first house. We felt that the way to security is owning your own real estate. The majority of the employees were immigrants so we offered to pay for the first 2 years of college as long as they maintained a “B” average. Education is the best route to upward mobility. I have multiple young people in my life who are successful today because we became a fulcrum for them.

Elsa: *You very generously supported STESA’s hotline for the entire year. Please tell us what inspired that support and why it’s important to you.*

Jim: That’s what America is about. We stand up to bullies and for people who can’t stand up for themselves. It should be everyone’s responsibility to stand up to predators and bullies!

Elsa: *What are some things you want everyone to know about Jim?*

Jim: I grew up as what we called poor—what they now call working class. I have worked hard and smart to be successful. I have a loving couple with a great baby in my life—my “sobrino/a” (nephew/niece). I have tried to be there for

the family since my nephew was 10. He now has two successful businesses. His wife is a nurse and they have a great kid. It's important to take care of kids and it's important to get a good education. I got an education and that's why I reached a certain degree of success.

Elsa: *Tell us about your vision for STESA and its future work with survivors of sexual assault.*

Jim: To offer more services to more people. I would like to help the organization come up with more ways to provide help to those who need it. "Think global and act local" is something I think about—changing a block, a street, a barrio, a town and a community. One by one.

Also, I believe in feeding people for a month or longer, not only feed them for Thanksgiving. The same goes for sexual assault. People need help that night or that day, and then that month and maybe that year. Those resources need to be there because the need is always there.

Elsa: *What do you tell others in the community about supporting STESA?*

Jim: If you're a guy, you've got to ask yourself, what's going on with you. We have to think about how we can make things better. How do we stand up for both women and men? In addition, women and men should be standing together on this issue. We all need to do the right thing so that we can see the results. Act local!

I am also amazed that it is so hard to raise money for STESA and DVS. Both organizations help people. Sexual assault and domestic violence affect so many, both the survivor and the family around them. They have tons of needs, so I can't see why we're not easily raising millions of dollars.

Elsa: *I can see that it is important to you to have a business that cares about others. Say more about that.*

Jim: On the East Coast, you find many of Mellilo's first- and second-generation immigrants. When I moved to the West Coast, I found that I had a lot in common with Latinos. They also have an immigrant past with strong family bonds. You sit down around food and family and you talk. No matter who it is, you'll find them willing to help. That's how we grew up. We just helped each other and I don't see any reason to stop.

Elsa: *Do you have a life motto?*

Jim: No, just do it. I don't mean it like the slogan. I try to do things that challenge me. I wanted to learn to sail. I had never sailed in the ocean, so I sailed from the East Coast to the Canary Islands and the British Virgin Islands and to Hawaii. I had never been to Alaska so I went there and worked for 2 summers as a logger. I had never been to South America, so I hitchhiked from Seattle to Panama and then taught school in Venezuela. Just Do It is what every support organization needs from its supporters.

Elsa: *Is there anything else you want to share?*

Jim: There are hundreds or thousands of people who should be written about. I'm honored. I'm just trying to do my part to help.

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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THE RETURN OF CHOCOLATE DE VINE!

Chocolate de Vine



On **May 20, 2023**, STESA will sponsor its **13th Annual Chocolate de Vine (CDV)** fundraiser in person again. We hope you will join us!

This popular event will be held at the beautiful **Saint Barbara Event Center**, which has a spectacular view of the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Join other STESA supporters and friends in sampling delicious chocolate, drinking wine, eating yummies and enjoying entertainment!



Jenny Schatzle

Featured guest at will be internationally-known motivational speaker, **Jenny Schatzle**, owner of Bond Fitness. Her powerful message teaches women how to change the conversation about their body image, self-worth, and movement.

Additionally, Jenny encourages women to use their authenticity to become their best selves and regain personal power. She will blend her message with the work that STESA does in our community.

MAY 20, 2023

This mouth-watering event will feature a judged competition of chocolate delectables created by local chocolatiers. Highlight of the occasion will be the awards for the **Best Table Top Presentation**, **Outstanding Chocolate** and perennial favorite, the **People's Choice**. There will also be door prizes, and fabulous auction items!



As in previous years, CDV in May 2023 promises to continue the tradition of this very enjoyable event while raising critical funds for STESA's work with survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

With the help of supporters and donors like you, STESA is able to raise funds to support the goal of ending sexual assault in our community.

Stay tuned for more CDV details.

We look forward to seeing you next year at
Chocolate de Vine, May 20, 2023!



chocolate treats!



photo fun with friends!



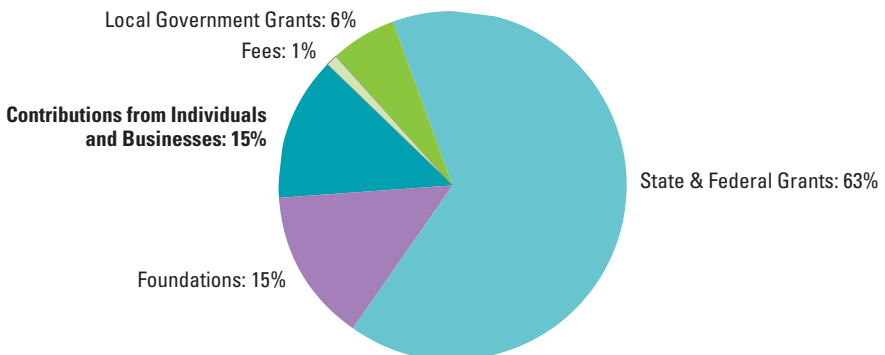
SERVICES WE PROVIDE

In 2021–2022...

- STESA staff and volunteers assisted **471 survivors and their loved ones** with a total of **3,280 services** including counseling & emotional support, medical & legal advocacy and accompaniment, and information & referral.
- There were **2,817 members of our community** who learned information about the impact of sexual assault in our lives and strategies for prevention. Of this number, **1,282 were youth**.
- **Forty-eight 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 **321 professionals** including law enforcement, medical staff and social service professionals.
- **33 volunteers** joined our efforts to end sexual assault and gave **3,385 hours** to STESA. They provided a network of support, including crisis intervention, advocacy and community education, and assisted with office support and special events.

STESA's Total Operating Budget for FY '21–'22 was \$1,246,487.

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.



ONE ON ONE FITNESS STUDIO



Linda Sanders of **ONE ON ONE FITNESS** is kicking off April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, by sponsoring a fundraising effort to raise critical funds for **Standing Together to End Sexual Assault**.

To contribute to this effort, contact **Linda Sanders** at **805.969.9107**.

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.

Location: 1809 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Suite B, Montecito, CA 93108

All proceeds from Linda's fundraiser will go directly to Standing Together to End Sexual Assault.



*Visit **ONE ON ONE FITNESS** and learn more about the benefits of functional training!*



STANDING TOGETHER TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT

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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