

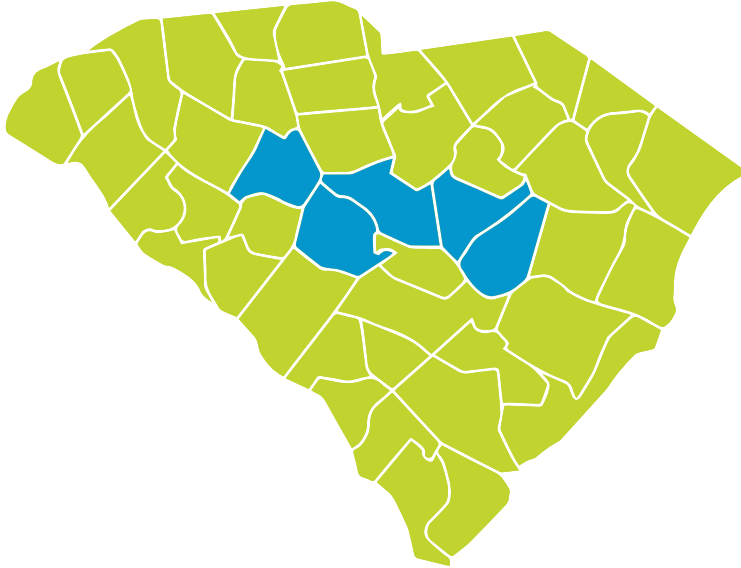


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2018-2019 IMPACT REPORT

# Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

is represented in five counties across South Carolina—  
Richland, Lexington, Sumter, Clarendon and Newberry.



## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Our team of highly trained staff and volunteers help the community to identify and prevent sexual violence. We offer a variety of training opportunities and information for children, parents and adults. **STSM** staff can customize any presentation to meet the unique needs of your audience.

## LEGAL ADVOCACY

**STSM** offers advocacy for survivors and their families in support of their everyday needs. From shelter and housing to employment and legal assistance, it is our mission to get our clients back on a successful track.

## CLINICAL SERVICES

**STSM** staff and advocates serve survivors of sexual violence from all walks of life and at all stages of the healing process. All our services are confidential and provided at no cost to survivors and their loved ones.

## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

**7,654** individuals were impacted through  
**1,230** education & outreach sessions.

**STSM** partnered with **4** elementary schools, **27** middle and high schools, **8** colleges, **48** businesses or faith organizations and **6** correctional institutions to facilitate a variety of community education and outreach programs.



*"Over the 6 week [educational program], I have learned some very informative information (sic) that has helped me better understand why people have certain rules ... to protect individuals. These sessions altered my way of thinking in a positive manner because it'll help me and others be cautious and think before we do things, and to know things like what a healthy relationship is."*

-High School Student



## LEGAL ADVOCACY

**STSM** offered services to survivors by assisting with safety planning, providing court accompaniment and supporting them throughout the legal process.

In August of 2019, a new Director of Advocacy joined **STSM** to further develop **STSM**'s Legal Advocacy Program.

**STSM** provided **842** legal advocacy follow up services including but not limited to, accompaniments to:

- family court
- forensic interviews
- law enforcement investigations
- pre-trial hearings
- protection order hearings
- trials and trial preparation meetings
- solicitor consultations



*“Our goal is to make survivors feel more knowledgeable and supported in the legal system. Whether it is court accompaniment, questions about the criminal justice process, accompaniment when making a police report, or finding an attorney for a survivor; STSM hopes to be able to empower survivors through their healing process.”*

–Marie Sazehn, Esq., STSM Director of Advocacy

## CLINICAL SERVICES



**STSM** provided **24,310** services to **2,482** survivors of sexual assault and their loved ones.

Of these services, the clinical team offered **3,195** counseling sessions and **2,563** group therapy sessions.

*“My counselor was extremely helpful and insightful. She had a lot of experience in this area which was very comforting and reassuring. It’s not easy to discuss these issues for me. My counselor made it comfortable.”*

–Male Survivor, Age 38

## VOLUNTEERS

**STSM** volunteers are critical in furthering our mission to support survivors and prevent sexual violence. Often, a volunteer is the first face a survivor sees after an assault or the first voice they hear on the hotline. Volunteers answer the 24-hour hotline, accompany survivors at the hospital, attend community events to raise awareness of **STSM**'s services and assist staff in all five office locations.

Throughout the past year, **123 STSM** volunteers donated **15,013** hours. Their time is valued at **\$375,325**.

*"I've seen my loved ones struggle to heal after an assault due to a lack of community resources. I'm so proud to be a part of this organization and its vision of healthy survivors, thriving in a community free of sexual violence."*

-STSM Volunteer



## THANKS TO YOU...

**STSM**'s services for survivors and their loved ones are provided at no cost because of volunteers and donors who give generously of their time, talents and resources.

*"Men play a critical role in ending sexual violence. We see, hear, and believe survivors and, standing together, we won't allow these crimes to fester in silence any longer."*

-John Wilkinson, Donor and Former Board Member



Our donors are individuals, corporations and organizations. Donors contribute because they share our vision of a safer and healthier community, free of sexual violence.

For more information on supporting **STSM**, visit [www.stsm.org](http://www.stsm.org) and click on **Donate Now** to get involved.



## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

This year has brought change and growth to **STSM**. We have expanded services and hired an inspiring new Executive Director, Rebecca Lorick. Additionally, this year has challenged us financially; **STSM** experienced a decrease in federal funding. Due to threats that were made to the safety of our staff, we were forced to cancel the **2019 Walk a Mile in Their Shoes**. However, the community rallied around our organization and we were able to raise a record-breaking amount for survivors. Through the ups and downs of this year, the staff and board of **STSM** have remained focused on achieving our mission: to advocate for and support survivors of sexual assault and to prevent sexual violence. With your support and volunteerism, this mission is possible. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for each dollar you have graciously given and each hour you have generously volunteered.

Supporting Survivors Together,  
**Katie Fox, Board President**

**STSM** is committed to being a good steward of the resources entrusted to us and we value those who support our mission with these resources. To view our financial information, please visit our website, [www.stsm.org/about-stsm/who-we-are](http://www.stsm.org/about-stsm/who-we-are)





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