

# M U J E R, Inc.



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Men and Women United in Justice, Education and Reform  
**The One-Stop Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center**



Saving Lives | Seeking Justice | Supporting Healing

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## A Guiding Light in South Dade: MUJER's 2019 Year in Review



**Maria L. Baeza**  
Board of Director's President

As MUJER celebrates another year of services for women, children and families in South Dade, we are grateful for the trust and support we have enjoyed throughout the year from our family of donors and partners.

Our main goals for 2019 have been to strengthen MUJER by constantly improving services, forming partnerships and securing additional resources in order to respond adequately to the emerging needs resulting from domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Serving Our Community.** This past year MUJER took action to fulfill a critical need for transitional housing for women and their families, who became homeless after seeking help and protection from sexual abuse and partner violence. The Office of Violence Against Women awarded MUJER a grant in recognition of our outstanding work in this area.



**Rolando Contreras**  
Board of Director's Vice President

MUJER's efforts for **Sustaining Our Momentum** is led by the board of directors and a complementary group of supporters, FRIENDS of MUJER. Through consultation, recruitment and cooperation, FRIENDS OF MUJER aims to increase private funding and guarantee MUJER's long term sustainability. Thus far, a total of 55 friends have joined this effort. Our goal is to reach at least 100 friends which would yield \$40,000 of much needed unrestricted funds.

**Maintaining Partnerships.** MUJER, continues to expand and maintain partnerships with other community members and organizations. In 2019, MUJER, together with the office of Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, who provided \$2,000, embarked upon a campaign to ensure that all members of our community are counted by the 2020 Census, especially the hard to reach undocumented immigrant segment of our population. The highest possible participation in the 2020 Census Count will influence the amount of federal funds earmarked for our community's needs.



**Susan Rubio Rivera**  
Executive Director

The 2019 Annual Report highlights the services, activities and funding sources that make it possible for MUJER to remain loyal to its mission and to continue to be a beacon of hope, encouragement and renewal to all seeking relief from domestic and sexual violence.



## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

**“So proud of all the work you do for the victims of domestic violence. Thank you for devoting your life to advocate for those whose voice has momentarily been silenced. Truly inspirational.”** Sonia D.



MUJER's families received turkeys during Thanksgiving with the assistance of Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava District 8. Thank you Commissioner for always helping!



Every year MUJER celebrates Christmas with Homestead families. Several organizations participate and for over 20 years the Girl Scouts have invited Santa Claus who always brings lots of toys and other gifts.



Beverly and her children are grateful for gifts received at MUJER's table during Christmas season.



MUJER makes a special effort to recognize the many difficult situations women face in our low income neighborhoods. So on Mother's Day MUJER staff invites women for some tender loving care including hair and makeup sessions plus a luncheon in their honor.



## SUSTAINING OUR MOMENTUM



Eric Zuniga shares his experiences growing up in a Domestic Violence home and the services he received from MUJER.

**MUJER partnered with Taylor Gang of Evensky & Katz/Foldes and Crown Liquors to organize an Intimate Night of Wine and Chocolate Tasting at their offices in Coral Gables to support MUJER's work on behalf of women/children victims of Domestic Violence. Dr. Steve Stein, a wine scholar and professor retired from UM led the wine and chocolate experience.**



**FRIENDS OF MUJER is composed of women and men who share the philosophy and mission of MUJER and who will promote the organization by participating in fund raising events in order to ensure its sustainability and the services it provides to the community. Eventually, the goal of Friends of MUJER is to include up to 100 friends and to raise \$40,000 annually in unrestricted funds.**

**MUJER continues to raise funds through GIVE MIAMI DAY sponsored by the Miami Foundation. This wonderful day of giving calls on all of us to step up and donate to help our community improve the lives of its citizens.**



### Looking Forward to MUJER's Plans for 2020

In early March 2020, just as the 2019 Annual Report was being finalized, the Miami-Dade County government declared an emergency due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The order mandated all citizens to stay at home from work to avoid becoming infected with the COVID-19 virus. Understandably, the pandemic emergency required MUJER to extensively revise its operating plans while this emergency was in effect.

MUJER met this challenge by upgrading its virtual technology capacity to serve its clients while safeguarding the health and well-being of both clients and staff. In addition to working remotely, MUJER secured personal protective equipment from the AIDS Health Care Foundation for distribution to the immigrant community, as well as using a \$100,000 grant from United Way's Pandemic Fund for rent and food assistance to the most defenseless in the community. For a detailed report, please visit [MUJERfla.org](http://MUJERfla.org).

Looking forward, we realistically anticipate that our future plans must include living and working with Conovid-19 for the remainder of 2020 and possibly well into 2021. We are confident MUJER's Board and Staff will continue to provide crucial leadership in identifying and addressing the critical needs of the community. MUJER will continue to give priority to victims of domestic and sexual violence, the safety and well-being of the women, children, and families it serves.

## Maintaining our Partnerships

### Funding partners



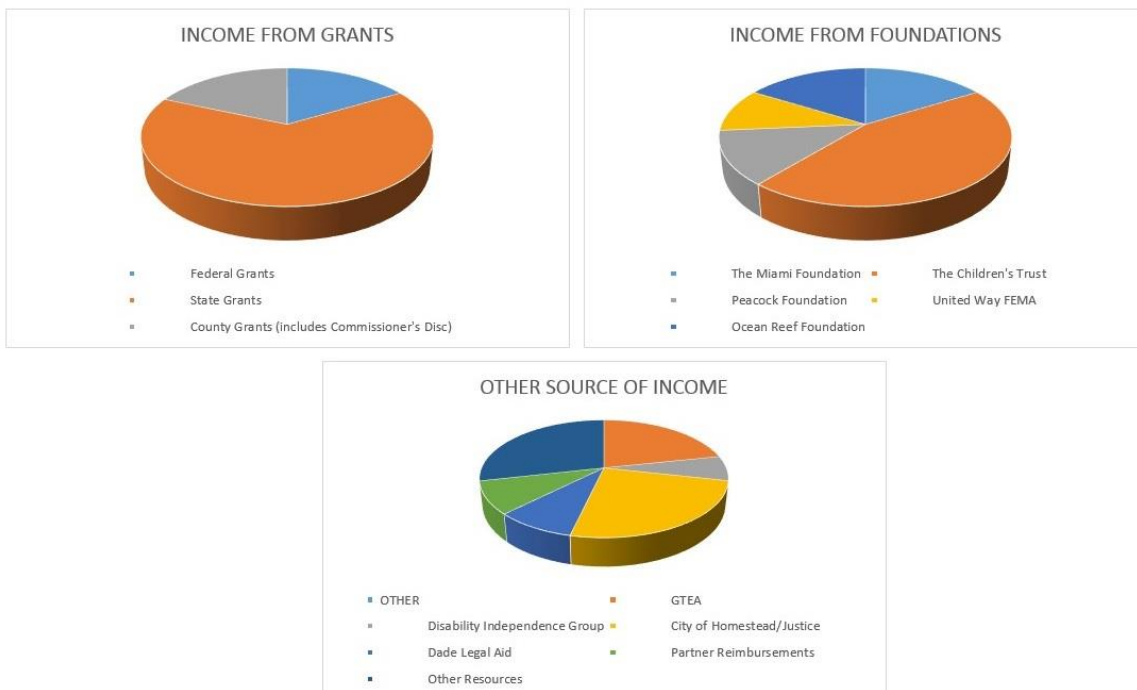
### Service partners

**MUJER and Start off Smart, Inc. (SOS)** meet today's challenges by sharing resources, contacts and support of each agencies mission. Together, we are able to coordinate services between the agencies, ensuring that all needed resources that a family may need are provided in an efficient and effective manner. There are no cookie-cutter answers for families in crisis, but working together we can ensure that families are supported in order to eliminate the abusive situation. **"Just knowing MUJER is there to work elbow to elbow with SOS makes all of our work a little bit easier."**

Sandi Nanni – Executive Director of Start off Smart, Inc.



### MUJER's sources of income





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## **OUR MISSION**

*Empowering individuals through advocacy, direct response to domestic and sexual abuse and support services that strengthen families.*

## **Board Of Directors**

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## **Services provided at MUJER**

- Individual and Group Therapy
- Care and Services Coordination
- Safety Planning
- Civil, Legal & Family Services
- Emergency Assistance
- 24/7 Helpline and In-Person Crisis Intervention and Advocacy
- Survivor-led Support Groups
- Immigration Services
- Victim Compensation
- Accompaniment for Victims to Legal, Medical, and other facilities.

Services provided at MUJER

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