

 **OVER** 
28,000
SAFE
NIGHTS.

2012 **AHIMSA HOUSE** ANNUAL REPORT



Helping Human and Animal Victims of Domestic Violence in Georgia Reach Safety Together

OUR MISSION:

PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFTEN HURT FAMILY PETS TO CONTROL AND INTIMIDATE THEIR VICTIMS.

AHIMSA HOUSE, INC. – A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE NAME MEANS “NONVIOLENCE” – IS DEDICATED TO HELPING THE HUMAN AND ANIMAL VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACROSS GEORGIA REACH SAFETY TOGETHER.

OUR STORY:

Ahimsa House, meaning “nonviolence” in Sanskrit, was founded in 2004 by Emily Christie after she lost a pet to domestic violence. Ahimsa House became Georgia’s first and only organization dedicated to helping the human and animal victims of domestic violence reach safety together.

Originally, Ahimsa House maintained a central shelter for animals at a secret location in metro Atlanta. In Fall 2006, we recognized the need to change our program model in an effort to operate more cost-effectively and to better serve victims statewide. In March 2007, Ahimsa House launched the Emergency Animal Safehouse Services program, which houses animals via a network of foster homes and boarding facilities across the state.

TO DATE, **AHIMSA HOUSE HAS PROVIDED OVER 28,000 NIGHTS OF SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL SHELTER FOR PETS IN NEED** AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REUNITE 85% OF OUR CLIENTS WITH THEIR PETS ONCE EVERYONE WAS SAFE.

Ahimsa House holds an animal shelter license from the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

We are a member agency of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and of the Gwinnett, Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton County Family Violence Task Forces, and we are certified as a victim services provider agency by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**Dear readers,**

It was three days before Christmas, and 13 dogs needed to come into our emergency shelter program. Ten of them were three-week-old puppies, along with their mother.

They were too young to house at a boarding facility, and our foster volunteers either had full houses or were out of town for the holidays.

They were two hours from Atlanta in a town with only two veterinarians, and their owner didn't have transportation.



It was a fitting situation to cap off a year in which crisis calls, requests for services, and the number of animals entering our program all went through the roof. But we still made it work. The mother dog and other two adult dogs are safe in one of Ahimsa House's loving foster homes, as we work toward reuniting them with their owner once she is living safely and independently. And thanks to our carefully built partnerships with pet rescue organizations, the puppies have been adopted into forever homes.

I am so proud of what our organization has been able to accomplish with a staff of two people and a service area of 159 counties. With your support, we can keep growing to meet the rising demand for our lifesaving services for pets and people. Read on to learn more about the landmark year behind us and our plans for what lies ahead.

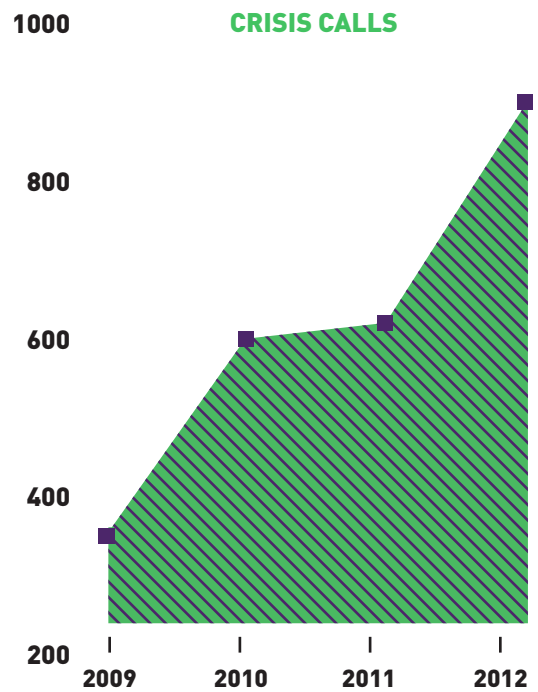
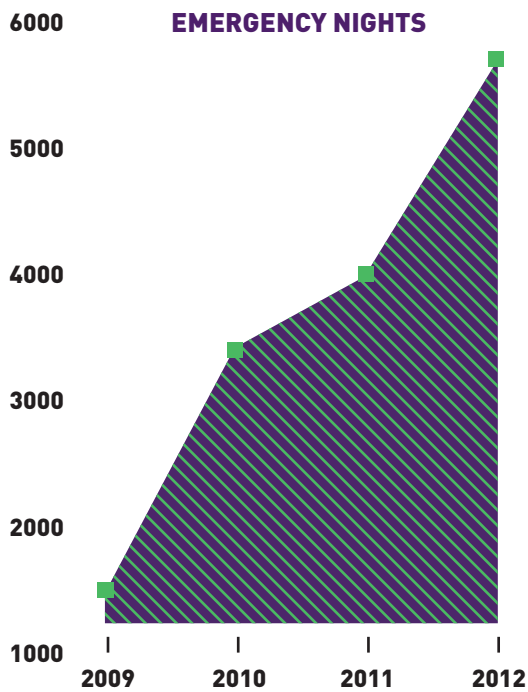
With sincerest thanks for your support,

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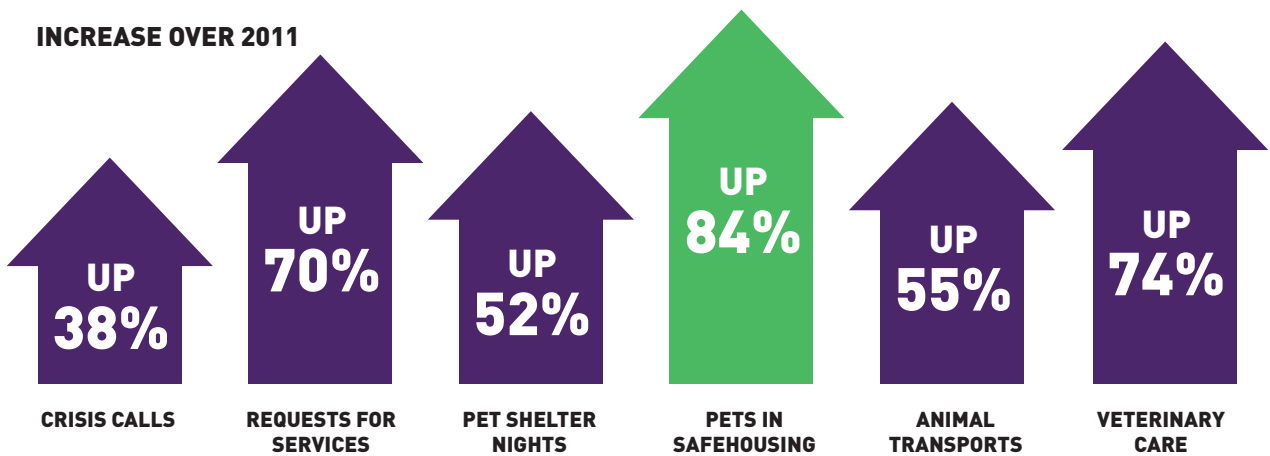
Maya Gupta, Ph.D.
Executive Director

AHIMSA HOUSE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY 2012


2012 Saw Yet Another Year of Increased Demand for Ahimsa House Services . . .



INCREASE OVER 2011



 **90%** of survivors indicate that Ahimsa House made it easier to get their pets to safety.

90% of clients state Ahimsa House services made it easier for them to get themselves to safety. 

PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

AHIMSA HOUSE OUTREACH UP 93% OVER 2011

78 Community Outreach Events reaching over **28,000** individuals.

67 Trainings/Presentations reaching over **1,000** professionals.

Information Booths

Professional Training Events

Agency Consults

Civic Group Presentations

Conference Presentations

Health Fairs

“THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SPEAKING TO OUR SECTION THIS MORNING. **IT WAS VERY INTERESTING AND USEFUL. I KNOW I WILL USE YOUR SUGGESTIONS WITH MY CLIENTS IN THE FUTURE.**”

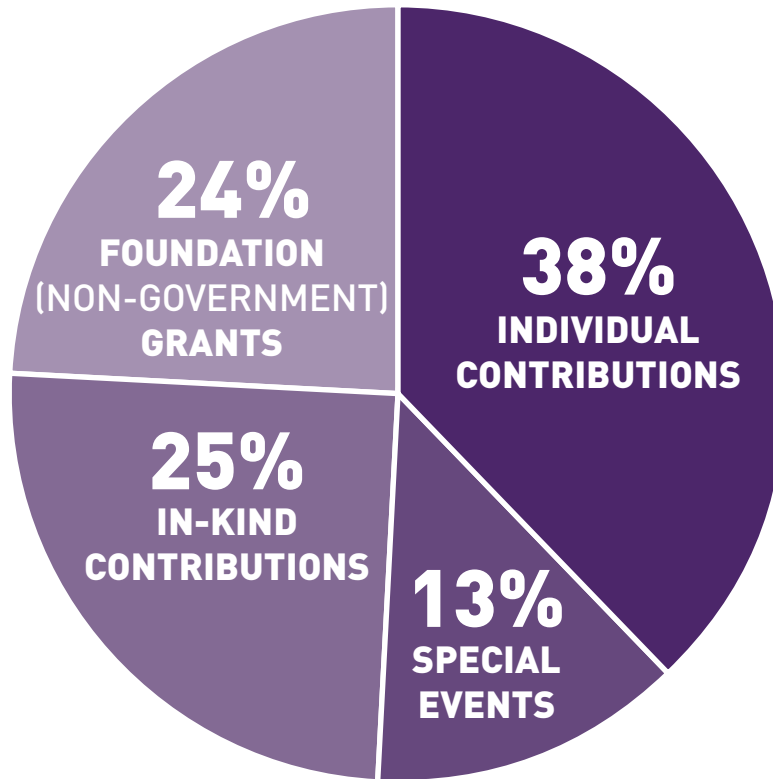
FY 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- In 2012, continuing to develop our support base, Ahimsa House raised over \$70,000 in foundation grants.
 - Executive Director, Dr. Maya Gupta presented a workshop on developing programs like Ahimsa House at the request of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at their biennial conference in July.
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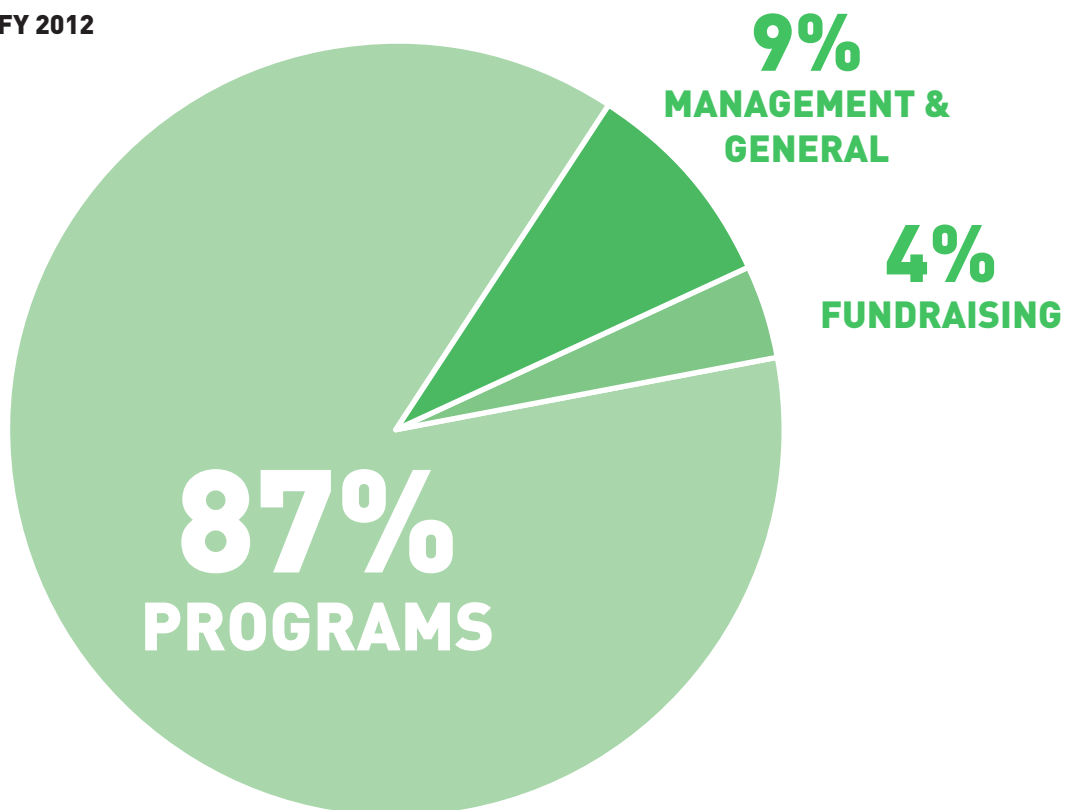
- AHIMSA HOUSE'S FALL FUNDRAISER GOT A MAKEOVER. OUR ANNUAL WALK N' WAG FESTIVAL BECAME WALK, WAG, N' RUN, A 5K RACE (WHERE PETS CAN RUN TOO). **THE RACE SAW NEARLY 300 RUNNERS, DOUBLING OUR REVENUE FROM 2011.**
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- At the annual conference of the Georgia Commission of Family Violence, Executive Director, Dr. Maya Gupta received Task Force Member of the year award for her passionate, dedicated, and unwavering work with the Domestic Violence Task Forces in the fight against domestic violence.
- Ahimsa House received a request for help from one of Georgia's domestic violence shelters that does house pets. Winter was coming and their outdoor kennels were too cold, especially for small and senior pets. We were able to send two specially designed kennel heaters to keep the pets at the shelter toasty warm over the winter.

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FY 2012



EXPENDITURES FY 2012



“DEAR STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS OF AHIMSA
HOUSE, **I WOULD NOT HAVE
GONE THROUGH WITH
GETTING A TEMPORARY
PROTECTIVE ORDER HAD
I NOT HAD YOUR HELP
AND SUPPORT.** I WILL BE
ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.”

~ An Ahimsa House Client



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