492 Victims Served in One Day
152 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
340 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

34 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings
On the survey day, 34 individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

65 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 92% (60) were for Housing
Victims made 65 requests for services — including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more — that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential services that could not be provided were housing advocacy, legal representation, and financial assistance.

In the past year, local programs in Rhode Island were forced to eliminate 2 staff positions. Half of these positions (50%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

An advocate in Rhode Island said, “A survivor in our shelter came to us one morning and said, ‘This is the first day in a long time I awoke feeling in control of myself.’ She had just received news that she was next on the local housing list. That same week, she obtained a new job and reunited with her children. She was happy that programs such as ours exist.”