Dear Friends,

It has been a harrowing year, both for PCAR and its network of rape crisis centers. As we celebrated our 40th anniversary, we braced for a possible delay in funding as state budget negotiations showed little progress leading to the June 30th deadline. The absence of funding for rape crisis centers in the upcoming fiscal year (which stretched through nearly all of December) signaled hard times ahead. But as we prepared ourselves for the worst, you gave us hope.

Through your investment in help, hope and healing, you made better the lives of survivors and are bringing our society closer to being free from oppression in all its forms.

Thank you.

Please take a few moments to learn more about our work during the last fiscal year. We invite you to visit our website, pcar.org, to hear more about how, with your help, PCAR is providing help, hope and healing around issues of sexual violence.

Together, we can end sexual violence.

Sincerely,

Delilah Rumburg
Chief Executive Officer

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There is help, hope and healing available to survivors because of you.

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Thank you to all our supporters.

What is your legacy?
You can provide help, hope and healing for generations to come.

Contact Delilah Rumburg for more information about making a legacy gift: 717-728-9740 x119, drumburg@pcar.org.
Founded in 1975, PCAR advocates for the rights and needs of sexual assault victims and works to end sexual violence. PCAR partners with a network of rape crisis programs to bring help, hope and healing around issues of sexual violence to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. PCAR:

- Assures that communities have access to quality victim services and prevention education by providing funding, training, materials and assistance to a network of rape crisis centers that serve all of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties.
- Provides resources and training on sexual assault-related issues to professionals across the Commonwealth.
- Promotes public policies that provide protections and services to victims of sexual violence, hold offenders accountable and enhance community safety, and works with media to increase public awareness, access to accurate information and ethical reporting practices.
- Operates the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC).

Save the Date

- The 2016 National Sexual Assault Conference will be held on August 31-September 2 in Washington, D.C. For more details, visit pcar.org and nsvrc.org.
- The 10th annual Vision of Hope Gala & Auction will be held in the Chocolate Ballroom at the Hershey Lodge on April 2, 2016. For more details, visit pcar.org/vision-of-hope-fund.

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PCAR’s training and technical assistance (T&TA) team provides support, training and resources to professionals and rape crisis centers. Our team focuses on understanding the needs and conditions of specific communities to support tailor-fit prevention efforts.

PCAR staff answered 1,135 requests for T&TA and hosted a statewide sexual assault conference featuring 24 workshops and 125 attendees for a total of 593 hours of T&TA during FY 2014-15.

Training team helped prevention educators think through the different requirements of effective prevention and share how they implement prevention in their communities.

Staff also led meetings for child counselors and advocates focused discussing barriers caregivers and children face when accessing services and involving parents and caregivers in their child’s healing.

Visit pcar.org for resources used during these meetings.
The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape is actively lobbying for the reform of the statute of limitations in criminal and civil cases relating to sexual assault.

PCAR joined Pennsylvania legislators April 15 at the Harrisburg Capitol for a press conference to support legislative efforts to extend the time victims of child sexual abuse have to take civil action against their abusers.

Rep. Mark Rozzi’s House Bill 661 would raise the age at which an adult victim of child sexual abuse could file a civil claim from 30 to 50 years old. Rep. Tom Murt’s H.B. 951 calls for a two-year window for past victims to have the opportunity to file civil suits.

Proposed amendments to the statute of limitations legislation have the support of numerous groups, including PCAR, the District Attorney’s Association and Fraternal Order of Police. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania have lobbied against the proposed legislation.

PCAR met with PA legislators and the governor’s policy and budget staff to advocate for a 10 percent funding increase for rape crisis services. Services include a 24/7 hotline, support and counseling to victims and their families; accompaniment to the hospital or court appointments; and prevention education in the community.

PCAR held more than 50 meetings with legislators and coordinated with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence to inform Congressional staff about the needs of sexual assault and domestic violence centers.

PCAR promotes policies that provide protections and services to victims of sexual violence, hold offenders accountable and enhance community safety. PCAR advocated for the following bills in fiscal year 2014-15.

**Safe Harbor (Senate Bill 851):** This bill, sponsored by Sen. Stewart Greenleaf, decriminalizes minors who are prostituted by sex traffickers and provides relief to restore a victim’s dignity and autonomy. Instead of being treated like criminals, these minors, who are often subjected to coercion in the forms of violence, drugs and threats, have the right to services, not prosecution.

**Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act (Act 27):** PCAR advocated for the passage of House Bill 272 which amended the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act (Act 27) passed in 2006. This provides a sexual assault evidence collection program to promote the health and safety of victims of sexual assault and help in the prosecution of those accused of sexual assault. PCAR will consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to develop minimum standard requirements for all rape kits used in hospitals and health care facilities in the Commonwealth.

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**AEquitas spins off as independent non-profit**

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape is proud to announce that AEquitas: The Prosecutors’ Resource on Violence Against Women became an independent 501(c)(3) organization on October 1, 2015.

In 2009, PCAR founded AEquitas and was responsible for financial management while AEquitas project staff implemented training, case consultation, technical assistance and the development of practical resources for prosecutors and justice professionals around the world.

AEquitas provided over 24,517 hours of technical assistance and developed, refined and contributed to countless resources accessed by professionals in more than 158 counties. AEquitas has also hosted and presented during more than 804 training events for more than 53,632 prosecutors and professionals.

PCAR and AEquitas will continue to work closely together as collaborative partners to help identify emerging issues and strategies that could affect investigations and prosecutions of sexual violence related cases.
PCAR grants more than 65 percent of its revenue to its 50 rape crisis centers for victim services and prevention activities.

**Revenue**

- Federal grants: $6,961,906 — 38.46%
- State grants: $8,763,000 — 48.41%
- Miscellaneous grants: $1,439,335 — 7.95%
- In-kind contributions and donations: $81,938 — 0.45%
- Fundraisers, sale of materials: $250,784 — 1.39%
- Assessment income: $147,859 — 0.82%
- Miscellaneous revenue: $456,497 — 2.52%

**Total:** $18,101,319

**Expenses**

- Rape Crisis Centers: $11,673,004 — 65.46%
- PCAR: $1,291,209 — 7.24%
- NSVRC: $2,055,290 — 11.53%
- AEquitas: $1,199,488 — 6.73%
- Management and general: $1,269,151 — 7.12%
- Fund development: $343,964 — 1.92%

**Total:** $17,832,106

**Over 18 percent of revenue supports national prevention work.**

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) and AEquitas: The Prosecutors’ Resource on Violence Against Women provide the support, training, mentorship and resources necessary to expand and enrich national efforts to prevent sexual violence and prosecute offenders.

The NSVRC leads the U.S. in providing professional support to local and state anti-sexual violence organizations. NSVRC holds the nation’s largest library of resources on sexual violence and prevention and collaborates with partners nationwide to create research-based resources that focus on how to prevent and respond to sexual violence.
Achieving a world free of sexual violence requires the participation of people, communities, companies, civic groups, religious institutions and you. PCAR is acting now to make the world a safe place, and we need your help — you are part of our Vision of Hope!

HELP keep professionals ready to serve survivors.

HOPE for a world free of sexual violence.

HEALING the trauma of sexual assault.

PCAR partners with state officials and serves on committees and task forces to effectively coordinate state responses to sexual violence.

PCAR conducts, evaluates and disseminates prevention materials and trains staff to implement effective strategies.

Donors provide training opportunities for rape crisis centers including therapeutic and counseling skills.

Learn how PCAR makes help, hope & healing possible at pcar.org.

Learn how PCAR is providing help, hope and healing across the Commonwealth and the nation at pcar.org.

VISION OF HOPE FUND

Your donations to the Vision of Hope Fund have funded critical research, effective prevention strategies and promoted adult responsibility and accountability to prevent child sexual abuse.

8 PROJECTS funded for prevention

1 in 5 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday

The Vision of Hope Fund enables PCAR to educate communities, conduct research, support victim services and create new and effective prevention strategies.

Make a donation today

Donors may now designate gifts to support any of PCAR’s activities to promote help, hope and healing for people of all ages around issues of sexual violence.
Give the gift of help, hope and healing.

Name: ____________________________________________
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City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Here is my donation to the Vision of Hope Fund.

☐ $35  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ $250  ☐ $500  ☐ $_____ Other
Please make check payable to Vision of Hope Fund, or use your credit card.

☐ Mastercard  ☐ Visa  Card #: ______________________________
Exp. Date: __________  CVV Code: ____________________________

☐ I have included PCAR in my will.
☐ I am interested in receiving information about how to include PCAR in my will.
  ☐ Please contact me.  ☐ I wish to remain anonymous.

Your Signature: __________________________________________

Mail to: Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, 125 N. Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025
Online: www.pcar.org

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