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**ANNUAL REPORT 07/08**

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## A LETTER FROM ASTT

2009 will mark the 15th Anniversary of Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma. We have come a long way from when we started in 1994 with a group of volunteers dedicated to help heal the wounds of torture survivors. Without an office or paid staff, ASTT served no more than 12 clients in its first year. Today, we have a headquarters in Baltimore and 2 satellite offices serving over 200 clients annually. We have 15 staff and an army of volunteers working tirelessly to meet the needs of torture survivors. Apart from providing direct client services, ASTT has also become a leader providing professional trainings and community education programs around torture issues.

In 2008, ASTT had a tremendous year raising awareness and raising funds. During the summer, ASTT held a press conference to mark the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations International Day in Support of Torture Victims at the U.S. Capitol. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer hosted the press conference which was attended by Senator Ben Cardin, Rep. Elijah Cummings, Rep. Donna Edwards, Rep. John Sarbanes and Rep. Chris Van Hollen. It was inspiring to see so much support from our Maryland legislators.

This year we have also been fortunate to receive grants from local foundations in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. and increases in support from individuals and community organizations. Even though the country is experiencing economic challenges, we are grateful that our donors are committed to ASTT and to our clients who most often feel the negative impact of our economy first.

We thank all of you for taking this wonderful journey with us. We look forward to the next 15 years as we strive to meet the needs of our clients and advocate for the abolition of torture worldwide.



Marie Anne Sliwinski  
President, ASTT Board of Directors



Karen Hanscom, PhD  
ASTT Executive Director

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 07/08

## ASSETS

Cash . . . . .	\$104,581
Certificate of deposit, 3.15% . . . . .	\$76,793
Accounts Receivable . . . . .	\$36,666
Prepaid expenses . . . . .	\$3,139
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation . . . . .	\$85,159
<b>TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$306,388</b>

## LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	\$2,509
Mortgage not payable . . . . .	\$60,905
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES . . . . .</b>	<b>\$63,411</b>

## NET ASSETS

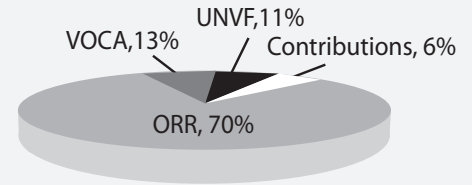
Unrestricted . . . . .	\$139,620
Temporary Restricted . . . . .	\$103,307
Total net assets . . . . .	\$242,927
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$306,338</b>

## DEMOGRAPHICS AND PROGRAM ADDITIONS

In the past year, ASTT provided therapy and case management for 209 clients from 33 countries. 36% came from Cameroon, 30% from Ethiopia, 4% Eritrea, 3% Rwanda and 2% Kenya. The remaining 25% came from 28 other countries. 51% of current clients are women; 49% are men. The two largest age-gender groups are women age 18 to 29 and men age 30 to 39. Case managers recorded goals set by clients as part of a "Personal Wellness Plan." On the average, clients completed 79% of their goals over the course of this twelve-month period.

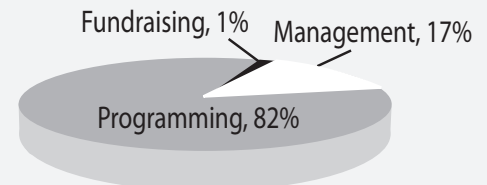
This year ASTT has made great efforts to enhance its programmatic offerings to clients and expedite services for new clients. We have seen the addition of two new positions; a psychologist in our Washington, D.C. office and a case manager in our Baltimore headquarters. We continue to think of new ways to expand our psychosocial and therapeutic group offerings to clients on our waiting list. Our Life Skills group in D.C. continues to be a success with clients attending in record numbers and our photo group has grown beyond photography to explore other art forms through the theme of food.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS 07/08



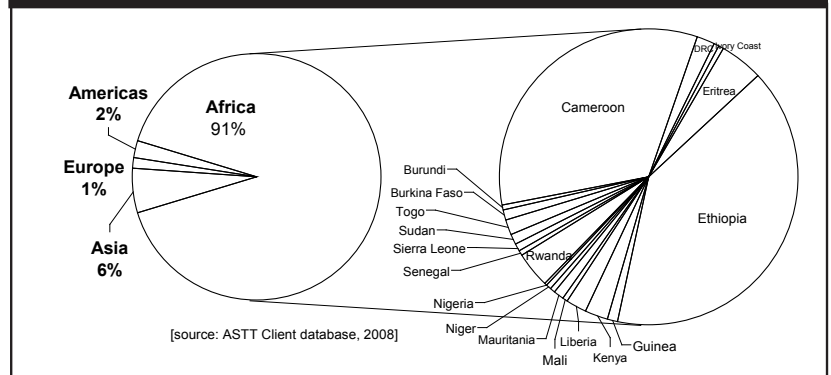
- Office of Refugee Resettlement, \$395,000
- VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) through MD Dept of Human Resources, \$76,461
- UN Voluntary Fund, \$65,000
- Contributions, \$33,596

## SOURCE OF EXPENSES 07/08



- Programming, \$455,740
- Fundraising, \$3,713
- Management/ General, \$95,231

## CLIENTS BY REGION AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Active October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008



[source: ASTT Client database, 2008]

# PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

## STAFF MEMBERS 07/08

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## OUR MISSION

**T**he mission of ASTT is to alleviate the suffering of those who have experienced the trauma of torture, to educate the local, national, and world community about the needs of torture survivors, and to eliminate torture in the world. ASTT was founded in 1994.

At our three offices in Baltimore, Wheaton and Washington, D.C. , ASTT offers:

- counseling and specialized treatment in a safe, caring, and confidential environment;
- psychological assessments;
- expert testimony for asylum cases;
- and facilitates access to social services and resources, including medical and legal assistance, housing, language training, and employment opportunities.

In addition to these direct services for survivors, ASTT also:

- provides specialized training for legal and health professionals in order to increase their ability to respond to the needs of torture survivors;
- raises community awareness about torture, its consequences, and the needs of survivors;
- advocates for the abolition of torture worldwide through publications, the media, conferences, and other forums.

In Baltimore and Washington, D.C., ASTT promotes consciousness of torture as a global concern and provides insight into the situation of survivors here in the greater Baltimore area.

***ASTT has no religious, political, or economic agenda. We do not exclude members of any nationality, religion, or ethnic group. All of our services for torture survivors are provided completely free of charge.***

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