



### **Organization Timeline**

- 1981 Human Options founded in Laguna Beach by Vivian Clecak, Carolyn Churm, Margaret Thoreau and Anne Wright with a domestic violence emergency hotline.
- 1982 Emergency shelter opens to provide safe haven for abused women and their children.
- 1984 First domestic violence prevention program for teens launched in Orange County high schools.
- 1988 Cal State Long Beach professor undertakes first independent research study showing client success and identifying need for ongoing services including transitional housing.
- 1993 *Second Step* 16-unit transitional housing program opens in Costa Mesa with \$1.3M grant from HUD; Orange County's first transitional housing program.
- 1996 *Emergency Shelter and Family Healing Center* opens with support from Home Aid and the Irvine Company, replacing Laguna Beach facility.
- 1997 Community Resource Walk-in Center (renamed *Center for Children and Families*) opens in Costa Mesa.
- 2000 *Safe Options for Seniors* pilot program launched for adults, aged 50+.
- 2004 Human Options Men's Task Force (now called *Men in Motion*) launched with "100 Men, 1 Voice, 1 Campaign," raising almost \$500K to date.
- 2008 *Third Step* affordable housing project opens on site of former Tustin Marine Base.  
  
Fourth independent academic research study continues to verify 90% of clients remain violence-free one year or more after graduating from Human Options residential programs.
- 2009 CEO Vivian Clecak receives *Lifetime Achievement in Advocacy Award* from the Institute of Violence, Abuse and Trauma.
- 2011 *Men in Motion* Task Force wins *Ambassador of Peace Award* from OC Violence Prevention Council.  
  
Human Options celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 2012 *Guardian de Justicia* Award, Hispanic Bar Association.
- 2013 Sisterhood support group launched.
- 2014 Vivian Clecak receives first *Ernst and Young Entrepreneur Award* for nonprofit sector