



Help Us Continue
Our **JOURNEY**
Toward Building
A **SAFE**,
Healthy,
ABUSE-FREE
Life

SafeHouse Denver's New **Extended Stay Program...**
Your Opportunity to Support Short-Term Housing and Continued Services
for Survivors of Domestic Violence



The Need...

Since its founding as an emergency shelter for battered women in 1977, SafeHouse Denver has been dedicated to providing the **highest quality of domestic violence prevention and intervention services to the Denver community**. With the addition of a non-residential Counseling and Advocacy Center (CAC) in 1993 and an ongoing focus on community education and outreach to those at high-risk of domestic violence, **SafeHouse Denver is the only agency in the City and County of Denver that provides both safe shelter and non-residential services**. As we approach our 40th Anniversary in 2017, we're proud to take the next step in ensuring that those ready to leave the shelter have access to the short-term housing and continued services that are critical to creating a safe, self-sufficient future for themselves and their children. With the future opening of an **Extended Stay Program (ESP)** facility, our longtime strategic vision for a **continuum of care will become a reality**.

Our emergency shelter is designed to serve victims in immediate crisis with an intended length of stay of 30 days. As our **safety-driven philosophy** allows families to apply for extensions, in reality, we are implementing an extended stay program in our shelter right now.



also causes families who are doing well to be re-traumatized as new residents enter the shelter.

The lack of safe, affordable housing is the greatest barrier facing survivors of domestic violence seeking to leave an abusive relationship. In Metro Denver, multi-year waitlists for Section 8 or other government housing, high rental rates, competition for units, and high occupancy rates can be insurmountable challenges.



87%

The increase in number of domestic violence victims that SafeHouse Denver has served since 2010.



20%

Our Emergency Shelter accounts for 20% of the scant 127 domestic violence-specific beds in the five-county area we serve... and we are *always* at capacity.



5,581

The number of requests for safe shelter that we had to refer to other resources in 2015.



120

The number of additional women and children that we estimate the Emergency Shelter will be able to serve each year due to the opening of the ESP.

Your Opportunity to Help

GIVING LEVELS

Leadership Gifts - \$100K and above

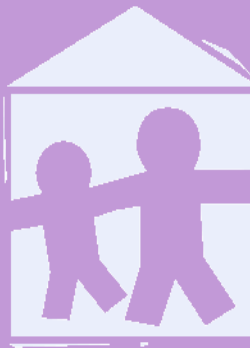
Circa 2017 Society - \$75K to \$99,999

ESP Partners - \$50K to \$74,999

Circle of Hope - \$25K to \$49,999

Unit Sponsors - \$10K to \$24,999

Friends of ESP - \$5K to \$9,999



"As longtime supporters of SafeHouse Denver, we recognize the critical role this outstanding agency plays in our community. We're very proud to partner with SafeHouse Denver as they move forward with making ESP a reality in our community."

Ted Harms, Executive Director, The Anschutz Foundation

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

"Buy A Brick," a thoughtful way to remember or honor a family member, friend or colleague. Your \$1K gift will secure a brick with a small plate inscribed with the name/s of those you'd like to honor. Bricks will be placed on the ESP property.

Donor Recognition

- ◆ Name engraved on permanent plaque with placement and font size corresponding to gift level
- ◆ Name listing on virtual plaque on website
- ◆ Name recognition in 2016 and/or 2017 Annual Report (depending on gift date)
- ◆ Invitation for a pre-opening personal tour
- ◆ Invitation to the building's opening/ribbon-cutting and other celebratory events
- ◆ Complimentary seats at the 2017 SafeHouse Denver 40th Anniversary Gala (based on gift level)

**All gifts are fully tax-deductible and will be restricted toward the purchase of the ESP facility.*

...The Impact of Your Support



- ◆ ESP will help **reduce homelessness** in our community and ensure a brighter future for domestic violence survivors and their children.
- ◆ **Families** will have a safe environment and more time to access long-term housing, employment, childcare and other self-sufficiency-related resources.
- ◆ The individual units available through ESP will provide families with more **privacy and independence** as they work toward self-sufficiency.
- ◆ The availability of safe housing and ongoing support services will be critical to a survivor's overall **physical and emotional health**, as well as their ability to heal from the abuse they've endured.
- ◆ The continued support and services available through ESP will **lower the risk of children becoming victims or abusers** later in their lives. Studies show that more than 60% of children who have experienced family violence go on to repeat this pattern.
- ◆ ESP will promote **stronger partnerships with other community organizations** as residents have increased time to utilize their services.
- ◆ The support of a caring community will be **motivating and healing** to survivors as they realize they're **not alone** and others are invested in their success.

"As a friend of SafeHouse Denver, you understand the complex issue of domestic violence prevention and intervention. With that in mind, we hope you'll support us by making a one-time gift toward the purchase of our Extended Stay Program building. We're confident that this new program will be the next step in helping survivors achieve safe, healthy self-sufficient, abuse-free lives."

*Victoria McVicker
CEO, SafeHouse Denver*



Project Overview

- ◆ SafeHouse Denver's ESP will be housed in a 6 to 8 unit apartment building in a safe Denver neighborhood with good access to public transportation. Our goal is to purchase the building with cash, thus avoiding any debt. Greenwood Village-based Gold Crown Management will help us identify and secure a building when all funds are raised.
- ◆ We estimate the cost of purchasing, renovating and furnishing a building to be \$1M. The Anschutz Foundation has approved a \$200K conditional grant to be funded when all other funds are raised. Our capital fundraising efforts are targeting individual donors, as well as companies and foundation funders.
- ◆ Potential ESP occupants will be selected through a thoughtful and competitive process in an effort to maximize individual and overall program success. All applicants must have a clearly documented plan for self-sufficiency which will be reviewed and approved by the Director of Shelter Services and the ESP Case Manager.
- ◆ Only SafeHouse Denver Shelter residents who are employed or receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid and on transitional housing or other types of housing-related waiting lists may apply.
- ◆ The anticipated length of stay will be one to four months with longer periods possible on a case by case basis.
- ◆ The property will be professionally managed by Gold Crown Management on a pro bono basis.

"Our Extended Stay Program is a great opportunity to invest in the future of SafeHouse Denver, reduce homelessness in our community, and most importantly, help domestic violence survivors build healthy, abuse-free lives."

*Michael Baker, President,
Gold Crown Management &
Secretary, SafeHouse
Denver Board of Directors*

"SafeHouse Denver has been an important community partner since the Rose Adom Center was only a vision. The agency's presence as the on-site provider of domestic violence services will result in increased referrals for safe shelter and ongoing services. The Extended Stay Program may ultimately serve some victims who initially came to the Rose Adom Center."

*Maggie Morrissey, Board Chair,
Rose Adom Center*

Specific Service Components

- ◆ Safe, secure, rent-free, independent living in fully-furnished studio or one bedroom apartments with easy access to public transportation.
- ◆ A two-week supply of basic necessities such as toiletries and grocery staples, as well as bus tokens, to help residents make the immediate transition into the ESP.
- ◆ On-site ESP Case Manager, offering individual counseling, support groups, advocacy services and referral to self-sufficiency-related resources through SafeHouse Denver's Counseling and Advocacy Center and a host of other community partners. Services will be offered on-site at the ESP facility, at our CAC and off-site at partner agencies.

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SafeHouse Denver Programs and Services

SafeHouse Denver offers comprehensive services in English and Spanish at both our Emergency Shelter and our non-residential Counseling and Advocacy Center.

- 24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: 303-318-9989
 - Secure Emergency Housing
- Individual Counseling and Advocacy
 - Support Groups
 - Safety Planning
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Teen Dating Violence Prevention Services
 - Children and Youth Services
- Community Education and Outreach

Helping adults, children and youth reclaim their right to a life from domestic violence since 1977.

www.SafeHouse-Denver.org