



Our Long-Term Vision Has Become Reality!

We are proud and excited to announce that SafeHouse Denver has purchased a building to house the Extended Stay Program (ESP). The final step in our full continuum of care for survivors of domestic violence, ESP will provide qualified Emergency Shelter residents with short-term housing as they work to access more permanent living situations for themselves and their children.

When a survivor enters our Emergency Shelter, she is in a crisis situation, often leaving her whole world behind. Of the many challenges she must overcome to rebuild her life, housing can be the most difficult. In Metro Denver, multi-year waitlists for transitional housing, Section 8 or other government programs, high rental rates, competition for units, and high occupancy rates can seem like insurmountable challenges.

Set to open in early June of 2018, ESP will give survivors the additional time and space they need to achieve their longer-term housing goals. The two-bedroom



apartments in the six-unit building will provide residents with privacy and independence as they work toward their personal self-sufficiency goals. They will continue to have access to the individual case management, group support and advocacy that SafeHouse Denver, as well as our partner agencies, provide. They will be continuing their journey with strong, caring support.

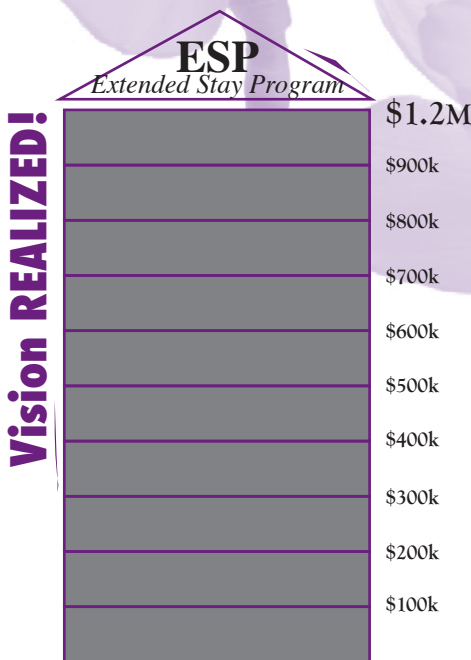
The opportunity to move into ESP gives survivors more access to community resources and time to rebuild new lives, free of abuse and fear. Our hope is that each survivor will feel more in control of their own destiny – a feeling that may have eluded them for a long time while they experienced abuse. At the same time, the opening of ESP will allow SafeHouse Denver's Emergency Shelter to serve more adults, youth and children in acute crisis. As the only agency in the City and County of Denver providing both emergency shelter and non residential counseling for survivors of domestic violence, the increase in shelter beds will expand our reach into the community and benefit more survivors in the community.

The ESP would not be possible without the commitment of all of our amazing supporters. SafeHouse Denver's

selection as the 2017 recipient of **Bank of America's Neighborhood Builder Award** contributed significantly to our ability to purchase the ESP facility. The program provides \$200,000 in flexible funding over two years, as well as volunteer engagement, leadership development and capacity building. SafeHouse Denver has directed the first-year funding to the purchase of the building and second-year funding toward operating the program.

The ESP was also made possible through the incredible generosity of the **Anschutz Foundation**, who made the first leadership gift of \$200,000 at the start of the agency's capital fundraising effort, as well as the **Daniels Fund**, who awarded us the final \$200,000 grant that brought us to our \$1.2M goal. Other prominent foundation funders include: the **Fidelity Foundation**, **Nord Family Foundation**, **Gates Family Foundation**, **AJL Charitable Foundation** and **Fox Family Foundation**. Numerous individual and corporate donors generously contributed to the facility as well.

We look forward to keeping you informed as we work toward the opening of the ESP, and deeply appreciate your continued support of survivors of domestic violence. ■



Message from Our CEO



Dear Friends,
What an exciting time to be a part of SafeHouse Denver! As our front page article highlights, with the purchase of our Extended Stay Program (ESP) facility in December, we are now poised to offer a full continuum of care for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Soon after I assumed the position of CEO at SafeHouse Denver in January 2008, the Board and Staff met and crafted our vision of a separate facility for Emergency Shelter residents who were out of immediate crisis. We envisioned a place that would offer them safety, access to community resources, and more time on their journey toward rebuilding their lives free from domestic abuse.

Before we had the opportunity to move forward, the economic downturn forced us to remain focused on our current programs and services, provided through the CAC and Emergency Shelter. It was 2012, our 35th Anniversary Year, when the Board, Management Team and I took initial steps to plan for our future Extended Stay Program. For the next few years, we focused on building an operating reserve fund to ensure that we would have the ability to sustain and support this much needed new program.

We launched our capital fundraising efforts in early 2016 with a \$1M goal to purchase, renovate and furnish an existing apartment building. As our campaign continued, we increased our goal to \$1.2M in order to create a capital reserve fund for future repairs and aesthetic improvements. We were very fortunate to purchase a building that is in pristine condition, lovingly cared for by the former owner of many years. The fact that we purchased the facility at the close of our 40th Anniversary Year is especially meaningful to me, both personally and professionally. Knowing that many families will ultimately achieve healthy, abuse-free lives motivated everyone involved with this effort to work tirelessly to reach this milestone! The strength and courage of the many survivors we serve inspired us, especially when it seemed that funding for ESP might be out of reach.

After dreaming of this new program for ten years, our vision has become a reality, one that will positively impact survivors of domestic violence for many years to come. When we open our ESP doors to qualified survivors in June, emergency shelter beds will turn over more quickly, allowing us to provide services to more individuals experiencing domestic violence in the community. This is truly another step forward in meeting our mission of helping adults, children and youth reclaim their right to a life free from domestic violence.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Staff and the individuals we serve, **thank you** to everyone who contributed to our Extended Stay Program. We look forward to sharing much more about the program in future communications with all of our supporters.

With Deepest Gratitude,

Victoria A. McVicker
Chief Executive Officer



New Look New Feel New Attitude

Drumroll, please! We are very excited to share that, after more than 20 years, our annual Hope Gala is undergoing a significant “facelift”. The 2018 Hope Gala will have a New Look, New Feel, and New Attitude that you won’t want to miss! We’re mixing our favorite traditions with many fun and innovative changes. And you’re among the first to see our brand new logo, compliments of Alexandria Mundy, a talented graphic designer at Bellco Credit Union.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 13, 2018**, and join us at **The Art Hotel** adjacent to the Denver Art Museum and Central Library. The Hope Gala will continue to be our signature fundraising event, one that supports survivors of domestic violence throughout the year. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels in the coming months for more specific information on the event and how you can be involved as a sponsor, auction donor, volunteer or attendee. 🏠



News Notes

Warren Miller Film Screening Benefitting SafeHouse Denver



The 11th annual Warren Miller Film Screening, held this past January, raised over \$7,000 to support survivors of domestic violence. The event was planned, coordinated and hosted by **Chris and Brenda Volgenau**, longtime volunteers and 2017 Susan Noble Community Impact Award recipients. Chris and Brenda work tirelessly each year, raising awareness of our cause, as well as critical funds.

Third Party Events: Our Deepest Gratitude

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for hosting a third party event or initiative on our behalf since October:

Bellco Credit Union, Body Logs, Broadsided Comedy, City Attorney's Office Trivia Tournament, Conscious Real Estate/Allison Parks, David "DJ Deuce" Jacobson, Elitch Gardens & 95.7 The Party, Elite Roofing, Esme Dance Company, Jacalyn Gallegos, Mawule, Melia Baker, Rocky Vista University's screening of *The Vagina Monologues*, Sing-Out for SafeHouse, Sold by Simmons, Sonata Film Screening, Stapleton MCA/Winter

Warmer, University of Colorado Denver School of Pharmacy, WedForGood, Westerra Credit Union, Women's Day of Service, Wmoen In Beer, for Women.

Beacons Community Space

We want to extend our deepest thanks to **Beacons Community Space** for generously donating their facility for our quarterly donor recognition and education events. Their beautiful new venue is located inside the Parkside Mansion. If you're in the market for an event space, please help show our gratitude by considering the space. Visit their website at www.beaconscommunityspace.com to learn more.

Legacy of Hope Society

Please consider making a gift that will extend well into the future by joining our **Legacy of Hope Society**. To date, more than 20 members have generously made SafeHouse Denver part of their estate plans, ensuring that SafeHouse Denver will always be there for those that need us. There are several ways you can make planned gifts to SafeHouse Denver and become a member of the *Legacy of Hope Society*. For more information, call Valerie Chilewski, Chief Development Officer, at 303-302-6116.

Looking To Buy Or Sell A Home In 2018?

Lunnon Realty will donate \$250 from every home closing in 2018 to a local nonprofit. Clients will be able to choose to direct the donation from the purchase or sale of their home

to SafeHouse Denver. A \$250 donation will provide a support group for 10 adults and 10 children at the Emergency Shelter, so please consider Lunnon Realty for your real estate needs.

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Board of Directors Update

Danielle Vaughan, Senior Vice President-Human Resources with *FirstBank*; **Jamie Slavin**, Mortgage Sales Manager with *Bellco Credit Union* and **Nate Barker**, Litigation Associate Attorney with *Messner and Reeves LLP* were recently elected to our Board of Directors. Congratulations and Welcome!

Special thanks to **Joy Woller** of *Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie* for six years of outstanding service, including two as Board Chair; and to **Brandon Thall** of *Delta Dental* for two years of dedicated service. 🏠

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Sampling for HOPE

**Thursday, June 14, 2018, 6-9pm
Westin Denver Downtown**

R We want to extend a warm invitation to join SafeHouse Denver for Sampling for Hope, a casual food tasting event. Enjoy a night of tasty bites and sweet treats from Denver's best chefs and caterers to support survivors of domestic violence. Proceeds from this event will be directed to operating the Extended Stay Program!

You won't want to miss a night of delicious tastes from restaurants like *Benihana*, *Fire at the ART Hotel*, *Lala's Wine Bar & Pizzeria*, *The Lobby*, *Yours Truly Cupcake*, and more! 🍷

SafeHouse Denver Programs & Services

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

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- 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

24-Hour Crisis and Information Line 303-318-9989
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Ways to Support SafeHouse Denver

The generosity of our donors, sponsors, funders and friends is essential to our work. Every gift is important, so please consider making a donation in one of these ways.

- Make a financial contribution: mail a check using the enclosed giving envelope; call 303-302-6126; or donate online at safehouse-denver.org
- Commit to a monthly gift and become a Sustainer of Hope by selecting the option on the enclosed giving envelope or donate online at safehouse-denver.org
- Make a planned gift by naming SafeHouse Denver in your will or estate plans. For more information, please contact Valerie Chilewski at 303-302-6116 or vchilewski@safehouse-denver.org.
- Designate SafeHouse Denver as your charity of choice during your employer's workplace giving campaign. Simply note SafeHouse Denver on the pledge form.
- Ask your employer to match your contribution.
- Donate in-kind goods. Visit our website and click on 'How to Help' to view our current Wish List.
- Donate your used cell phone at any Verizon store. The company's recycling program generates grant funds for shelters like SafeHouse Denver.
- Earn even greater tax relief on a donation of \$100 or more. Write 'Enterprise Zone' on your check or make a note in the 'comments' field of your online donation.
- Volunteer! Learn more at safehouse-denver.org