



**Years...**

***Ways SafeHouse Denver Supports Survivors!***

**Annual Report**  
TO THE COMMUNITY

FISCAL YEAR  
**2022-2023**

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# From Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

Annual reports provide such a wonderful opportunity for reflection. As I enter my second year as SafeHouse Denver's CEO, I can't help but reflect on what a busy and impactful year it has been. I am incredibly proud of all we accomplished to provide healing and safety for survivors of domestic violence.

Together with a dedicated Staff and committed Board of Directors, SafeHouse Denver was able to thrive in FY22-23 and delivered life-changing services to survivors, with compassion and intention. Knowing prevention and awareness can help to move the needle, we made great strides to increase our community presence and education opportunities. We also thoughtfully and steadily welcomed more residents to the Emergency Shelter as we shifted back to co-housing survivors. Our community partnerships continued to improve and grow: this past year, we added a new Crisis Intervention Specialist at the Rose Andom Center, in addition to the Co-located Advocate that is on-site during business hours; we developed a relationship with the Center for African American Health to assist with a growing population of survivors of color seeking our support; and to cultivate excellence in service delivery and workplace culture and safety, we welcomed trainings from the Harm Reduction Action Center, Diversity University, and the Denver District Attorney's office.

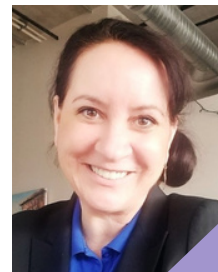
As you'll read in the following pages, the 22-23 fiscal year included a wonderful celebration of SafeHouse Denver's 45th anniversary. Reflecting on our history and witnessing the impact this organization has had in the Denver community since 1977 was a highlight of this last year. As we now look to the future, the Staff and Board are engaged in a robust strategic planning process. Building upon the foundation of the past 45 years, and then using that foundation to look toward the future, has been paramount to these discussions. We are excited to share the vision for the next chapter of SafeHouse Denver's story with you all soon.

Thank you for being a part of the SafeHouse Denver family of supporters! Whether you're reading this as a loyal individual donor, a supportive foundation, or a caring volunteer – YOU have made a difference for survivors of domestic violence. Every single day, a survivor takes the first step to access critical support, or is able to escape, or is safer because of what we do together. We can't do this work without you and we are so grateful you are part of this community.

With gratitude and appreciation,



**Jennifer Caruso**  
CEO



**To better show how SafeHouse Denver impacts the community, look for this numbered icon:**



**To commemorate our 45th anniversary, you can read more about 45 ways that SafeHouse Denver supports survivors!**

**1** *The CEO sets the tone for the entire agency through leadership that reflects our mission.*

## 2022: A Milestone Anniversary



Throughout 2022, SafeHouse Denver celebrated its 45th anniversary of supporting survivors and educating the community. We were humbled to recognize the past, present and future of SafeHouse with our supporters, because we could not provide these vital services without your generous contributions.

**During those first 45 years, SafeHouse Denver was honored to...**

- **Answer 465,222 calls on our 24-Hour Crisis & Information Line**
- **Provide 14,545 people with safety at our Emergency Shelter**
- **Serve 32,547 clients at our non-residential Counseling & Advocacy Center**

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To mark this milestone, we created a special logo with a marketing project team from Charles Schwab as part of their Nonprofit Pro Bono Challenge.

- Sapphire blue is the traditional color for this anniversary year.
- The stars above the number 45 are in groups of four and five.
- The symbol of the crescent moon represents light and hope during even the darkest times.

As we look to the next 45 years and beyond, we are confident that SafeHouse's legacy will continue to support survivors throughout the Denver area.

## Board Members

### **Ramona Gomoll, Chair**

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### **Nate Barker, Secretary**

Spencer Fane LLP

### **Sharla Carlson, Treasurer**

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### **Jill Elwood**

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### **Lauren Noser**

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National MS Society

### **J.J. Simon**

CIBC Bank

### **Joseph Vasquez**

Denver Police Dept.

### **Jennifer Caruso**

CEO, SafeHouse Denver

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*SafeHouse Denver is privileged to have dedicated community professionals working with our leadership to set goals and strategies for the agency.*



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*Supporting survivors takes a variety of skills. From Advocates to operational and development roles, SafeHouse hires individuals who are committed to making this life-saving work possible.*

## Honorary Board

### **Cassidy Bednark/DJ Bedz**

Century 21 Elevated Real Estate

### **Dayle Cedars**

Community Volunteer

### **Susan Noble**

Community Volunteer

### **Carol & Paul Rose**

Community Volunteers

### **Karen Fox Wolfe**

Community Volunteer

## Staff List

**Natasha Adler**, Director Of Survivor Services & Data Management

**Laura Bates**, Co-Located Domestic Violence Advocate

**Cade Bell**, Adult Domestic Violence Advocate

**Shannon Boltz**, Chief Development Officer

**C'Eaundra Caldwell**, Part-Time Evening Advocate

**Jennifer Caruso**, Chief Executive Officer

**Jelga Emiwo**, Domestic Violence Advocate & Intake Coordinator

**Bertha Garza**, Bilingual Domestic Violence Advocate

**Mary Glittenberg**, Adult Domestic Violence Advocate

**Rocio Lozoya**, Lead Advocate & Bilingual Family Advocate

**Solei Palacios**, Bilingual Domestic Violence Advocate

**Rob Purper**, Communications Manager

**Hannah Ramos**, Crisis Intervention Specialist

**Jennifer Reed**, Grants Manager

**Dana Roberts**, Donations & Volunteer Coordinator

**Tina Robinson**, Director Of Finance

**Valeria Rocha**, Director Of Residential Services

**Raul Ruiz-Gonzalez**, Facilities Maintenance Specialist

**Heather Schreck**, Community Engagement Manager

**Stacey Simmons**, Development Associate

**Maddie Sutton**, Individual Giving Manager

**Emily Triolet**, Domestic Violence Advocate & Youth Specialist

**Karen Waggoner**, Overnight Domestic Violence Advocate

**Lizette Waters**, Accountant

**Cymoné Williams**, Chief Program Officer

**Ruth Williams**, Overnight Domestic Violence Advocate

**Nina Woodman**, Part-Time Domestic Violence Advocate

### **Residential Support Staff**

Amena Ahmad, Lead Support Staff

Andrea Barajas

Kailey Marshall

Beverly Cox

Tatum Verbrugge

Mia Krueger

### **2022/2023 Interns**

Emily Lafferandre

Carol Thomson

Katuska Pino

# Program Highlights

## CRISIS & INFORMATION LINE

**10,721 calls**  
from survivors and  
those helping them

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Advocates answer around the clock to offer safety planning, support and resource referral.

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**4,162 callers**  
referred to other  
resources

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When Shelter beds are not available, Advocates reach out to local agencies.

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**Survivors  
Served At The  
Emergency Shelter**

**94 women**

**82 children**

**5 men**

**1 nonbinary individual**



*"Because of you, my son and I are finally SAFE. I wish I could repay you for all that you have done."*

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At our Shelter, survivors receive safe housing, basic necessities, individual and group counseling and referrals to other resources such as medical care and long-term housing.

**671 interactions**  
for individual advocacy-based  
counseling

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Contact is frequent between residents and staff. On average, each client received three referrals to community resources.

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## EMERGENCY SHELTER

# EXTENDED STAY PROGRAM

**17 adults & 20 children** **13**  
resided at the ESP.

These survivors accessed safe housing, community resources, increased stability and confidence. **14**

**100 days** **15**  
was the average length of a survivor's stay.

This is on par with 2021-22 due to ongoing limited access to affordable housing. **16**

**166 interactions** **17**  
for individual advocacy-based counseling

Contact is frequent between residents and staff. On average, each client received two referrals to community resources. **18**

*"You have literally saved my life. You helped me to not give up on myself, and helped me thrive and flourish. I finally feel like myself again."*



**690 survivors** **19**  
received non-residential support.

Advocates provided post-assault outreach, crisis intervention, safety planning, trauma counseling and systems advocacy. **20**

**37 teenagers** **21**  
received education about healthy relationships.

Our growing Youth Advocacy Program showed teens the red flags of dating violence. **22**

## COUNSELING & ADVOCACY CENTER

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**30+ partnerships**  
were maintained.

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Key community allies included

- Denver Police Department
- Florence Crittenton Services
- Rose Arom Center
- Warren Village

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**2,518 people**  
were reached.

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Our Community Education program is staffed by Advocates and staff who tailor presentations to each group's needs.

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**37 presentations**  
were delivered.

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Audiences included companies, nonprofits and community groups.

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**77 cents**

from every dollar received directly supports survivors.



*"I am healing now, and learning to love myself, which I never did before. SafeHouse Denver has helped me in ways I couldn't anticipate or predict."*

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As you'll see on the next page, SafeHouse Denver dedicates considerable time and funding to the well-being of all survivors in our services.

# Finances

## Audited Financial Statements for the 12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2023

### ASSETS

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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,472,212
Receivables - Government grants	\$ 168,771
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 62,553
Investments	\$ 1,208,815
Beneficial interest in Community First Foundation	\$ 69,188
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,102,125 and \$1,031,650 respectively	\$ 2,566,783
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,548,322</b>

### LIABILITIES

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Accounts payable, payroll liabilities, deferred revenue, and capital lease	\$ 221,904
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 221,904</b>

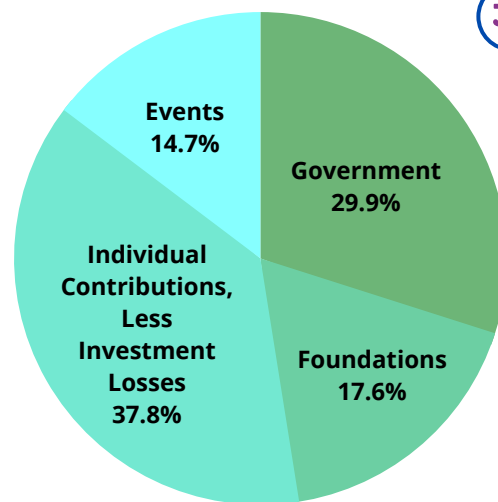
### NET ASSETS

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Without donor restrictions	
Board designated operating and building reserves	\$ 833,046
Undesignated	\$ 4,386,689
<b>Total unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,219,735</b>
With donor restrictions	\$ 106,683
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,326,418</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,548,322</b>

### OPERATING REVENUE

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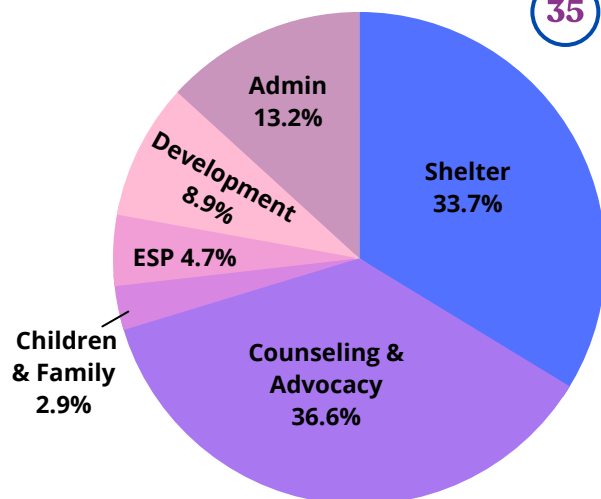


Government	\$ 750,153
Foundations	\$ 440,500
Contributions	\$ 948,185
Special Events	\$ 368,753

**Total Operating Revenue \$ 2,507,591**

### OPERATING EXPENSES

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Shelter Services	\$ 779,355
Counseling & Advocacy	\$ 846,404
Children/Family Program	\$ 66,882
Extended Stay Program	\$ 107,591
Development	\$ 206,508
Administrative	\$ 305,919

**Total Operating Expenses \$ 2,312,659**

For the 7th year in a row, SafeHouse Denver is proud to have ended the fiscal year in a positive position.

The success of the 2022/2023 fiscal year can be partially attributed to increased support from private Foundations and four new Foundation funders (representing a \$71K increase over last year), as well as raising \$52K more funding through special events than the previous year.

Despite a slight decline in government funding and individual giving (representing decreases from the previous fiscal year of \$149K and \$56K respectively) and a \$64K loss on investments, SafeHouse Denver ended the fiscal year with **a surplus just shy of \$195,000**.

This result is even more remarkable as SafeHouse Denver's Staff and program expenses increased, resulting in overall expenses climbing by nearly \$300K for the year. These expenses represent a return to pre-pandemic staffing levels, and a deep-rooted value in ensuring that SafeHouse Denver hires the best and brightest, and that our life-saving programs are well-funded.

**SafeHouse Denver is committed to sustained financial health and strongly stewarding the funds entrusted to us.** These positive results are a signal to survivors that they are supported and worthy of lives free from domestic violence. *We thank the community for your ongoing, dedicated support of our mission.*

## GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

Denver County, Second Judicial District - Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund

Denver Department of Housing Stability (HOST)

Denver Department of Human Services - TANF

Denver Police Department and Denver Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships

FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program

State of Colorado, Department of Human Services - Domestic Violence Program

State of Colorado, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims of Crime - Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

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*From businesses and government agencies to foundations and individuals, SafeHouse Denver is humbled to receive funding for survivors from a wide variety of sources.*

## 2022 TOP-TIER SPONSORS: SAMPLING FOR HOPE

### Gourmet Sponsor

Applewood Plumbing Heating & Electric

### Epicurean Sponsors

Giving Back Group

Wana Brands

## 2022 TOP-TIER SPONSORS: HOPE GALA

### Special Anniversary Sapphire Sponsor

CRL Associates, Inc.

### Gold Sponsors

MasTec Advanced Technologies

SHJ Wealth Advisors

### Auction Sponsor

Gibson Dunn

### Silver Sponsors

Lewis Roca

MDC/Richmond American

Homes Foundation

Carol & Paul Rose

## COMMUNITY GIVING

**\$262,268** raised through year-end giving, including \$127,160 in 24 hours on Colorado Gives Day

**\$440,500** awarded through 29 grants from private foundations

**\$320,290** raised through our 2022 Hope Gala

**\$61,846** raised through our 2022 Sampling For Hope event

**\$82,513** generated through monthly gifts from our 120 Sustainers of Hope

**\$68,509** raised through third-party events and initiatives

**3,930 hours** contributed by volunteers as well as Board Members

**\$37,033** of in-kind donations and pro bono services, given by 86 donors

*\* This list represents only a portion of the many ways that we raise funds. Whether contributions are modest or large, we're very grateful to everyone who supported survivors in any way.*

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*SafeHouse Denver remains the only agency in the city and county of Denver to provide a full continuum of trauma-informed services for all survivors. We couldn't do this work without supporters, so thank you for being part of our community!*

## Programs & Services

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

### Our Services

- o 24-Hour Crisis & Information Line: **303-318-9989**
- o Secure Emergency Housing
- o Extended Stay Housing
- o Advocacy-Based Counseling Services
- o Support Groups
- o Referrals to Community Resources
- o Safety Planning
- o Teen Dating Violence Prevention & Intervention
- o Family Services
- o Community Education & Outreach



**SAFEHOUSE**  
D E N V E R

**Helping adults, children and youth reclaim their right to a life free from domestic violence**

### Administrative Offices

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