

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

It has been a fruitful two years leading SafeHouse Denver, and I am excited to update you on the organization's progress.

Our Community Engagement Program enhanced our Youth Program, leading to commitments from Denver Public Schools to facilitate curriculum and hold advocacy hours for students in the upcoming school year. Our community engagement efforts have extended into universities, healthcare settings, business partnerships, and communities in and beyond Denver, raising awareness and overall support for the cause. We believe that educating the community and engaging youth is critical to prevent future instances of domestic violence.

At SafeHouse Denver, survivors are believed, supported, and trusted, and our staff is committed to raising awareness and improving access for survivors. In the last year, SafeHouse Denver's staff, board, and community members worked together to create a robust strategic plan, which will provide tremendous future benefits for survivors.



Our strategic plan includes adding mental health and legal advocacy services and improving access to our Crisis and Information Line by including an online chat feature.

Although the number of beds in our shelter has remained stagnant since the 1980s, we added four new beds this year. The demand for emergency shelter beds exceeds our current capacity, with 150-250 survivors turned away each month. Therefore, a major focus of our strategic plan is to increase our emergency shelter capacity. SafeHouse Denver is fiercely committed to investing in survivors: providing safe emergency housing for as many survivors as we can.

Lastly, we added a Facility Manager to our team who has made amazing progress on repairs across our three facilities with the intention to create a safe and healthy environment for survivors. We've upgraded electrical, security, and appliances, provided CPR and AED training for staff, installed an AED at the emergency shelter, and added Narcan and Fentanyl test strips to our toolkit. We've also opened the Butterfly Boutique for shelter residents, added raised garden beds, and improved amenities for shelter residents. We still have more work to do and with your help, we can continue moving the needle for as many survivors as we can.

Thank you for believing in our work and for helping survivors reclaim their lives. We could not do this critical work without you!



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BUILDING BRIDGES

SafeHouse Denver continues to expand our Community Education and Engagement Program to empower our community with knowledge about domestic violence and amplify survivors' voices. We have worked with the Mayor of Denver, Denver City Council, and the Governor's office to pass proclamations recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and February 2024 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.



This summer, we handed out some fun swag and brochures while engaging with members of our community and survivors at various community events like Women Powering Change, Safe City, Juneteenth Festival, Denver Pride, and more.

SafeHouse Denver has expanded our partnerships with other nonprofit organizations, healthcare facilities, mental health providers, and colleges. These relationships allow us to share resources and build bridges to reach every survivor. We've facilitated our powerful activity, In Their Shoes, to over 200 people. This engaging and thought-provoking activity walks participants through the experience of being in a DV relationship.



To learn more or get involved, please contact Heather at hschreck@safehouse-denver.org

"I want people to know that there's a role for them however they are comfortable. Not everybody is an Advocate, not everybody's a Crisis-Line worker, not everybody's a committee member... but everybody can do something. It takes all the things and people coming together to sustain an organization like this."

Rae

LONGTIME SAFEHOUSE VOLUNTEER

ENGAGING CORPORATE PARTNERS

SafeHouse Denver has proudly partnered with workplace volunteer groups from organizations that put philanthropy into action. Thank you to AstraZeneca, Lockton, Turner Construction, Deloitte, Sherwin-Williams, Amazon, Women in Tech, Trader Joes, Salesforce, and many others.



To learn more and inquire about bringing your group to volunteer at SafeHouse Denver, please contact Dana at droberts@safehouse-denver.org.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF SAFEHOUSE DENVER

As we look ahead at SafeHouse Denver's journey, this year marks a pivotal moment for us as we embrace new opportunities to expand our reach and enhance our services for survivors. Our vision is bold: to create a community where every survivor of domestic violence can access the support they need to reclaim their lives. We believe that by working together, we can build a brighter, safer future for all.

Since joining the SafeHouse Denver team, I have been deeply inspired by the dedication and generosity of our supporters. I am eager to meet with each of you personally, to hear your stories, and to share more about the incredible impact you are making. There are countless ways to get involved with SafeHouse Denver and each role is vital to our mission. Your involvement can make a significant difference in the lives of survivors. Together, let's continue to build a community of hope, support, and lasting change.

I look forward to learning more from you, working alongside you on committees, sitting with you at the Hope Gala, tasting food with you at Sampling for Hope, and soon, we will lace up our shoes at the start line at the inaugural In Their Shoes 5k together with our community partners working for survivors! There is so much to be looking forward to, but above all, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mikayla Llanos
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



BECOME
a sustainer
of hope



MONTHLY COMMITMENT
lifelong impact



"I am still learning to be whole again despite what she did that night or the narrative she construed of me. Gaining help from advocates, financial assistance, and mental health services was an invaluable part of becoming myself once more.

And all of that would not have been possible if not for SafeHouse."

Survivor

FORMER SAFEHOUSE DENVER CLIENT

THE 2024 Hope Gala

Saturday, October 5
The Ritz-Carlton Denver

**Betting on Hope, Playing for Change:
A Night of Support for Survivors**



JOIN A COMMITTEE

Empower Survivors & Create Change

- NextGen Voices at SafeHouse Denver
- Corporate Engagement Committee
- Capital Campaign Committee
- Gala Auction Committee
- Gala Steering Committee
- In Their Shoes 5K Committee



Together, we can create a safer world for survivors.

Thank you for standing with us

IN THEIR SHOES 5K

Coming in 2025

It's rare to find collaboration like the partnerships in the domestic violence community.

Together, we are bringing this joint venture to life.



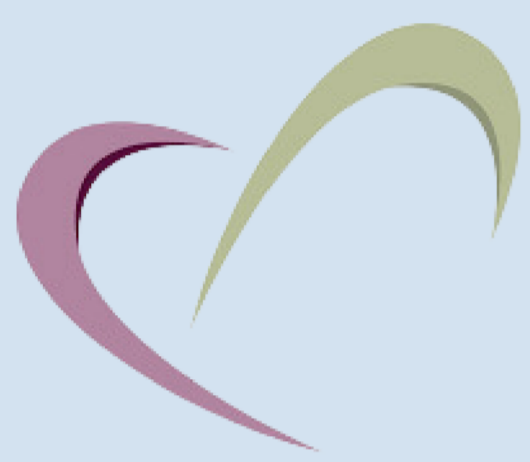
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GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES



SAFEHOUSE DENVER

We hope you join us for this special event and help us send survivors a message of solidarity.

SAMPLING FOR HOPE

2024 wrap-up

Our signature food-tasting event in June was a huge success, thanks in large part to everyone who attended, bid on the auction, and made independent donations.



You helped raise more than **\$54,000** to support survivors of domestic violence



These life-changing funds will provide survivors with trauma-informed, safe, secure, and rent-free housing to begin their healing journey at the *Extended Stay Program*.



Thank YOU for joining us and we hope to see you again in June 2025.

Thank you for standing with survivors of domestic violence.

Your gift today will increase shelter capacity, expand community education and outreach, reach more survivors, engage youth, and strengthen partnerships.








Together, we can build a future free from domestic violence.

Your donation changes lives



Please donate now



-  24-Hour Crisis & Information Line
-  Secure emergency housing
-  Non-residential advocacy-based counseling
-  Short-term extended-stay housing
-  Safety Planning
-  Community Education & Engagement
-  Youth Advocacy Program