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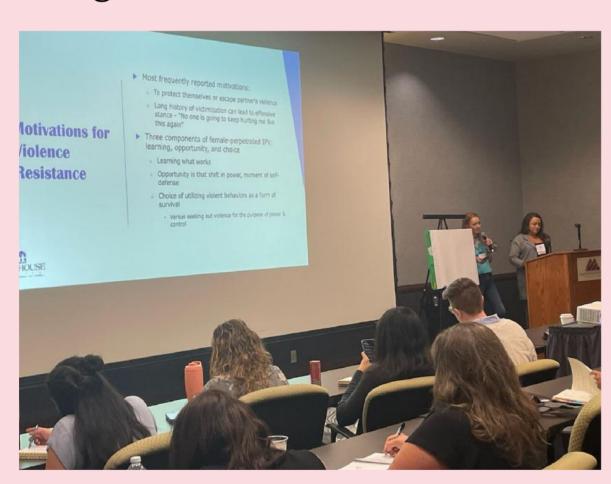


SafeHouse Denver assists adults, children, and youth in reclaiming their right to a life free from domestic violence.

UNVEILING THE COMPLEXITIES OF SURVIVORSHIP

This year has confirmed what we know at SafeHouse Denver; our work is impactful and needed in the community. Through our partnership with the Denver Women's Correctional Facility, advocates shared our Understanding Domestic Violence (DV) course in June of 2023. The class focused on aspects of DV 101, including defining domestic violence, abusive tactics, the cycle of abuse, setting boundaries, coping skills, and real change.

We initially expected to speak with survivors of DV but quickly realized many participants were incarcerated for perpetrating domestic violence. The women shared that they often experienced abuse themselves at the hands of the legal victim, leading up to their crime.

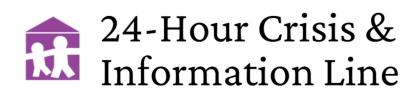


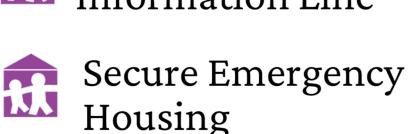
While we do not condone abuse or the use of violence in any way at SafeHouse Denver, this class shed light on lesser-identified motivations such as re-establishing equality, learned behavior, emotional exhaustion, and survival tactics. This perspective was another reminder of the complexities involved in each situation, and how we as advocates can best share the information across our community as the evolution continues.

We also presented at the Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference on our work within the Women's Correctional Facility and shared our findings with other advocates. The conversations were powerful and involved the nuances of survivors who use force, the role of gender dynamics in society, and ways that advocates can continue to serve and inspire survivors as they navigate stigma and complex situations.

DIRECTOR OF SURVIVOR SERVICES

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES



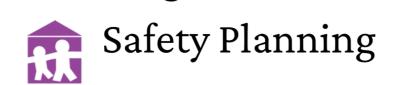










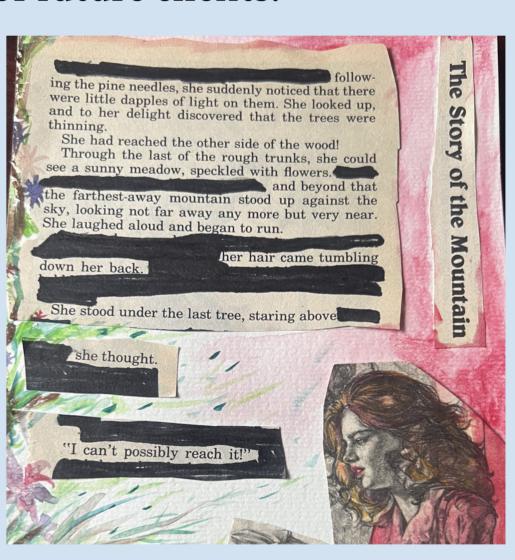


"To SafeHouse Denver Supporters: Thank you for your donations and your time. Because of you, my son and I are finally SAFE. I wish I could repay you for all that you have done. My deepest gratitude for your sweet

EXPANDING CAPACITY PROMOTING HEALING

We are excited to share that our emergency shelter has expanded capacity by adding four beds. While this doesn't seem like a high number, this enables us to support more survivors who we would otherwise not be able to serve in a very limited space. We also were able to redesign many areas in our shelter with a trauma-informed approach to create a more comfortable and relaxing environment to promote healing and a sense of safety for future clients.

Although we have struggled with turnover at our emergency shelter, we have started to bring in new advocates to continue our vital work with survivors. Our residential advocates bring refreshing energy and motivation to the team. They are passionate about supporting survivors at our shelter and our Extended Stay Program.



Our shelter groups continue to be a favorite activity among our clients, and our team has created a group board in the hallway to allow clients to display their hard work. Whether they focus on expressing emotions through art, identifying patterns of abuse in relationships, or learning new ways to communicate, these groups are an incredible resource for survivors.



ALETTER 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!



LONGTIME SAFEHOUSE VOLUNTEER

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.





"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."

ENGAGING CORPORATE

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.

To learn more or get involved, please contact Heather at hschreck@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.







BECONE a sustainer



"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."



Saturday, October 5

The Ritz-Carlton Denver

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



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





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

Together, we are bringing this joint venture to life.







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

IN THEIR SHOES 5K owing in 2025 SAMPLING FOR HOPE 2024 whap-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.



and we hope to see you again in June 2025.

capacity, expand community education and outreach, reach more survivors, engage youth, and strengthen partnerships.

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



Thank you for standing with survivors of domestic violence.

Your gift today will increase shelter

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Secure emergency housing

Non-residential advocacy-based counseling

Short-term extended-stay housing

Safety Planning

Community Education & Engagement

Youth Advocacy Program