ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
Fiscal Year 2015/2016
DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the Staff of SafeHouse Denver, we’re pleased to present our Annual Report to the community for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

In 2015, with your generous support and involvement, we provided safe shelter and non-residential counseling and advocacy services to over 1,570 adults, children and youth experiencing domestic violence. A total of 1,891 individuals attended educational presentations, increasing their knowledge of domestic violence.

These numbers and the additional statistics, stories and program updates shared in this report are a tribute to the efforts and dedication of the key stakeholders that are a part of SafeHouse Denver’s broad community of supporters. Our skilled, professional staff members worked tirelessly to support survivors with best-practice knowledge and compassion. Our Board of Directors governed, guided and supported the stability and growth of the organization. Our volunteers gave of their time and talents to enhance our program offerings and raise funds to support this important work. Our donors and funders generously invested in our mission with their valued resources. Survivors trusted us as we walked alongside them on their journey to safe, healthy and self-sufficient futures.

Engaging this vibrant and diverse community of stakeholders is how we sustain our good work. Engaging this community is also how we’ve grown, with intention and clear purpose.

With an eye toward the future, we’re currently fundraising capital gifts for an Extended Stay Program. This additional facility will offer shelter residents, who are out of immediate crisis, additional time to pursue affordable housing, employment, child care and other resources essential to achieving self-sufficiency. The new facility will also allow us to turn over Emergency Shelter beds more quickly and serve an additional 80-120 victims each year. We plan to open this new facility in late 2017, a fitting achievement for the year we’ll celebrate a major milestone – our 40th anniversary as the recognized leader in providing domestic violence prevention and early-intervention services in the Metro Denver Area.

This is an exciting time of growth for SafeHouse Denver and we’re grateful for the many different ways you support us. Thank you for being part of our community. Your commitment means safety and hope to so many survivors as they work toward building healthy, self-sufficient futures. We look forward to our continued work together as we meet our mission of assisting adults, children and youth in reclaiming their right to a life free from domestic violence.

With deepest gratitude,

Victoria A. McVicker, CEO
Joy Woller, 2015/2016 Board Chair

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EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

“The staff here is wonderful. It felt more like a home than a shelter.”
—Shelter Resident

171 women and 70 children fleeing domestic violence were provided with a safe place to stay, basic necessities, both individual and group counseling support, access to resources such as affordable housing and medical care, as well as time and space to heal from the abuse they experienced.

In response to an ever-pressing need for shelter for survivors of domestic violence, we were able to add an additional bed, increasing our capacity to accommodate 31 women and children at any given time.

A group of five former residents facilitated monthly Alumni Groups for current residents at the emergency shelter. These groups were very well-received and will continue in 2016.

We’re proud of our outcomes based on feedback from those who completed our Residential Services Survey:

• 90% reported “I know more ways to plan for my safety;”
• 100% reported, “I received support to make changes I want in my life;”
• 88% reported, “I feel more hopeful about my life and my future.”

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)

The CAC team continued to provide non-residential counseling and advocacy services, both individually and in group settings. 1,331 adult, child and youth survivors were provided with crisis intervention, emotional support, safety planning and referrals to other critical community resources.

CAC Advocates continued to nurture community collaborations and partnerships. Through a partnership with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), we provided weekly counseling sessions at two CCH locations and group support at another.

CAC Advocates provided staff training and bi-monthly domestic violence consultations for CCH therapists and case managers. Two CAC Advocates continued to provide domestic violence counseling on-site at Denver Department of Human Services’ Castro Building. In 2014, 65 women received direct, one on one counseling from a Domestic Violence Advocate as a result of this collaboration.

The CAC team reached 75 adolescent girls with education about healthy relationships through off-site domestic violence support groups at Florence Crittenton High School for pregnant and parenting teens and the Denver Safe Cities Juvenile Diversion Program.

“My world is so much brighter because of you and SafeHouse Denver.”
—CAC Client to her Advocate
SANDY & HENRY’S STORY

Sandy arrived at our Emergency Shelter facility by bus. She crossed state lines to flee her emotionally and physically abusive husband. With her was her seven-year-old son Henry who had witnessed multiple physical assaults on his mom. One time, he even called 911 to get help. After years of trying to “make things work,” Sandy made the difficult decision to leave their home and her husband. It was time, she decided, to find somewhere safe to heal from the abuse and let Henry be a kid again.

Sandy and Henry stayed at the SafeHouse Denver Emergency Shelter for almost six months, working closely with a Family Advocate. In addition to safe shelter and basic necessities, Sandy received one-on-one support, as well as opportunities to participate in group counseling and education sessions. Little Henry quickly became a strong advocate for himself. He received one-on-one and group support from his Advocate, allowing him to process and heal from the abuse he had witnessed.

In addition to her Family Advocate at Shelter, Sandy worked with a SafeHouse Denver Advocate placed at the Department of Human Services to specifically assist victims of domestic violence receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Together, the advocates supported Sandy as she secured stable housing through the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

Though Sandy left Shelter a number of months ago, she recently stopped by to see her SafeHouse Denver Advocate at the Department of Human Services. Sandy and Henry are still in a safe, stable apartment. She continues to work full time and care for Henry. Though they’re no longer in services, according to her advocate, “Sandy knows that SafeHouse Denver is a safe place and that she can always come to us for support.”

24-HOUR CRISIS & INFORMATION LINE — ADVOCATES AND TRAINED VOLUNTEERS FIELDED 16,504 CALLS TO OUR 24-HOUR CRISIS AND INFORMATION LINE. CALLERS RECEIVED EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, ACCESS TO SAFE SHELTER AND COUNSELING SERVICES, TIPS ON HOW TO SUPPORT SOMEONE EXPERIENCING ABUSE, AND REFERRALS TO OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES.
**FUND DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS**

The first annual *Sampling for Hope*, our second signature fundraising event, was a phenomenal success. A total of nine local restaurants donated their time, talent and product to provide small plates for 175 guests. The event raised over $23,000 and is earmarked for operating the agency’s future Extended Stay Program.

320 guests attended the 2015 *Hope Gala*, our annual signature fundraising event. Through the generous support of our sponsors, attendees and auction donors, the event raised over $260,000 and boasted an expense-to-revenue ratio of 22%. We’d like to recognize our 2015 Gold Sponsors, MasTec Advanced Technologies and Carol and Paul Rose, and Auction Sponsor, Delta Dental of Colorado, for their generous support.

233 generous donors contributed a record-breaking $62,182 through the 6th Annual *Colorado Gives Day*, a statewide day of giving hosted by Community First Foundation and FirstBank.

The Development Team implemented quarterly Donor Recognition and Education events. Through their participation in the interactive ‘In Her Shoes’ role play activity, 62 supporters reported that they gained a greater understanding of the complex issue of domestic violence.

In 2015 we received, 576 in-kind contributions, valued at over $160,000. These gifts included auction items for our fundraising events, as well as donations such as toiletries, clothing and toys for our shelter residents and counseling center clients. In-kind contributions also included professional services such as website maintenance, graphic design, legal services and maintenance and repairs to our shelter facility.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2016**

**ASSETS**
- Cash and cash equivalents $531,351
- Accounts receivable $102,909
- Contributions receivable $4,563
- Prepaid expenses and other assets $41,115
- Investments $733,407
- Beneficial interest in Community First Foundation $49,557
- Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of $625,937 $433,796

**Total assets** $1,896,698

**Liabilities**
- Accounts payable, accrued expenses and deferred revenue $179,501

**Total liabilities** $179,501

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted:
  - Property and equipment, net of related debt $433,796
  - Board Designated Assets $488,600
  - Undesignated $727,847
  - Total unrestricted net assets $1,650,243
- Temporarily restricted $17,397
- Permanently restricted $49,557

**Total net assets** $1,717,197

**Total liabilities and net assets** $1,896,698

**OPERATING REVENUE**
- Mile High United Way (includes individual workplace giving through MHUW) $60,785
- Government $388,824
- Corporations/Foundations $360,719
- Individuals, Special Events, Religious & Service Orgs. $697,017
- Service Fees $33,035

**Operating Revenue** $1,540,380

**OPERATING EXPENSES**
- Family $415,438
- Counseling and Advocacy $450,010
- Children $161,393
- Community Education $67,101
- Emergency Housing $198,942
- Development $159,470
- Administrative $112,560

**Operating Expenses** $1,564,914

The fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 resulted in negative net income in the amount of ($24,534). A loss of ($13,741) in investment income accounted for over 50% of that loss. Depreciation Expense of $46,162 more than accounted for the rest. With Depreciation (a non-cash expense) added back, Net Income would have been $21,628.
Thank you to the following donors who generously contributed to SafeHouse Denver between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. While space limitations allow us to publish only those donors who have contributed at the $500 level and above, we sincerely appreciate all levels of support.

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Highly trained volunteers and program interns contributed over 2,200 hours of service through the 24-Hour Crisis and Information Line and Children’s Program at our Emergency Shelter. Committee members provided 1,044 hours of service on projects related to fund development, special events, donor stewardship and capacity building.

The 2015 Board of Directors contributed 570 hours of their time to board-related activities.

Together, total volunteer time was valued at more than $99,047 (based on the estimated dollar value of volunteer time for the state of Colorado from Independent Sector).
COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Staff and trained volunteers provided educational presentations to partner agencies, school groups, faith communities, health professionals, and businesses. 43 educational presentations were provided, reaching an audience of 1,891 individuals throughout the Metro Denver Area.

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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.

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

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