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MISSION STATEMENT

ADVOCATE SAFEHOUSE PROJECT'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS FREE FROM VIOLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, EMPOWERMENT, AND SAFEHOUSING.

SERVICES

• 24-HOUR HELP LINE

Received 383 calls from the 24-hour Help Line during 2016. In addition, ASP handled more than 2,800 calls with a total of 477 clients. (431 domestic violence survivors and 46 sexual assault survivors)

• VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Completed two 30-hour Advocate Trainings in April and October 2016. Twenty different volunteer advocates were active. These volunteer advocates provided a total of 5,532 hours of service to ASP. In total, all ASP's volunteers gave the agency 7,413 service hours.

• COUNSELING PROGRAM

Offered two women's support groups in Garfield County for 36 women for a total of 132 session contacts. Additionally, 94 survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence received individual counseling for a total of 419 sessions.

• SAFEHOUSE PROGRAM

Provided 41 survivors (20 families with 21 children) over 2,020 nights of emergency safehousing.

• LATINA OUTREACH PROGRAM

Reached 85 Latina survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence with services. Thirty-one identified themselves as immigrants.

• EDUCATIONAL PREVENTION PROGRAM

Conducted 164 educational presentations for 1,950 individuals in Garfield County, and 30 community awareness activities such as local media interviews and health fairs with the focus on developing "healthy relationships".

• OUTREACH PROGRAM

Offered 256 outreach (non-residential) clients (women, men and children) individual and group counseling, advocacy, information and referrals.

CLIENT LETTER

This letter was written from a woman who resided in our Safehouse Program. The note is written verbatim except for her name.

Crystal

Thank you for EVERYTHING!!!! This card is certainly not being enough for me to write everything I have to say to you.

You are one of the most amazing women I have ever met and I am so grateful to have you in my life. Over the last two years you have seen my struggle firsthand and even when I wasn't ready to move forward you gave me your support. Thank you for never giving up on me, and thank you for helping me get back to being me. Thank you for always being there when I needed you, of going out of your way to be there for me.

You have helped me learn more about myself and when I am capable of then anyone in my entire life (the exception to this statement used to be Steve, but not anymore). You have helped me grow and learn from my experiences, to be thankful for the lessons I have learned rather than be angry and resentful of learning the hard way. You taught me that the process I went through, my process, is normal and each person's process will be different and that is OK. I know I don't always show my emotions very easily, but when I do you are so comforting. I know I have a lot of work ahead of me, and it can seem daunting at times, but I remember I have you to help me and I am relieved. I am thankful for getting to know you and look forward to the day we can be friends, just friends, because I know we will be for life.

Please always remember - you made my miracle happen. Thank you for giving my life back to me and wonderful son.

Love,

Emily

HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

In June 2016, Crystal Young, Advocate Safehouse Project's Advocacy Director, was honored with the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence's 2016 Leadership in Victim Advocacy Award. Crystal received this prestigious award at the Colorado Advocacy In Action Conference in Vail, Colorado. She was nominated for her innovative and extensive work with domestic violence survivors in Garfield County.

PROMOTORA PROGRAM

Advocate Safehouse Project received a Promotora Grant from the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) to hire a bi-lingual and bi-cultural woman to develop and/or strengthen culturally engaging outreach, advocacy, and safety services to Spanish-speaking survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Estefania Acosta was hired as the Promotora Advocate in February 2016 to bridge the cultures and did an outstanding job training eight Promotora volunteers. The Promotora volunteers worked in the community to promote healthy relationships and connected many survivors to Advocate Safehouse Project.

"ONE LAST GRANT"

Advocate Safehouse Project was given a very wonderful and unexpected grant in 2016 from the Helen K and Arthur E Johnson Foundation on April 21, 2016 of \$50,000. In the grant letter written by Jack Alexander, Johnson Foundation's President, he wrote, "As you know, the Helen K and Arthur E Johnson Foundation will be closing its doors on June 30, 2016 after nearly seven decades and four generations of supporting Colorado nonprofits organizations. The Board of Trustees is pleased to distribute one last grant to Advocate Safehouse Project in honor of our long-standing partnership in acknowledgement of the wonderful work you have done."

2016 MOTHER'S DAY MILE & 5K

2016 marked the 17th Annual Mother's Day Mile and 5K. Several changes were introduced ... cupcakes instead of pie; Glenwood Springs Community Center instead of the area around Glenwood Medical Associates; and the addition of a 5K race. In spite of the rain, thunder, and lightning, over 250 people came out to walk or run in honor of Moms and in support of Advocate Safehouse Project. After 17 years of "Miles and Smiles" ASP's Board of Directors made a decision to take a hiatus from the Mother's Day Mile.

15TH AND FINAL HORSE SHOW A SUCCESS!

2016 was the 15th year - and one of the best - for Advocate Safehouse Project's Benefit Horse Show! The weather cooperated the entire weekend...believe it or not! Over 80 horse and rider combinations trotted, cantered, and jumped around our beautiful courses breaking our record for participation. It was a great day for everyone including the horses! 2016 also marked the end of an incredible tradition and because Martha McCoy led the charge for so many years, she was honored with a lovely vase with flowers. Many thanks to Martha for all of her dedication & smiles.

MOUNTAIN WEST SANE ALLIANCE

During 2016 Advocate Safehouse Project partnered with at least 10 other local stakeholders to bring about the re-emergence of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE) through the Mountain West SANE Alliance. The SANE Program was discontinued in Glenwood Springs in 2012 and it has taken four years of collaboration to bring back this important program that provides forensic exams to for sexual assault victims in Garfield County. It is now located at the Garfield County Public Health building in Rifle.

HELPING OUT WHERE WE CAN

Advocate Safehouse Project's 24-hour Help Line has been a mainstay of our programming since the beginning. For several months in 2016 we were able to help Response (Pitkin and Western Eagle Counties' domestic and sexual violence program) by handling their Help Line calls. During that time Response was able to train staff and volunteers so that they are now at full capacity with their 24-hour Help Line.

DVAM CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

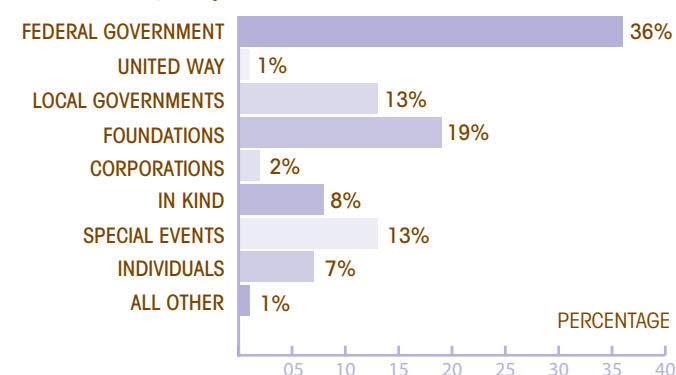
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) and in 2016 Advocate Safehouse Project commemorated it on October 27th with a Candlelight Vigil held at Centennial Park in Glenwood Springs to honor all victims and survivors of domestic violence. The event was especially meaningful due to the then recent loss of beloved community member Blanca Salas, a victim of domestic violence.

COLORADO NORTHWEST ENTERPRISE ZONE CONTRIBUTION PROJECT

Late in 2016 Advocate Safehouse Project received approval to be a Colorado Northwest Enterprise Zone Contribution Project. This means cash donations to Advocate Safehouse Project qualify for a 25% Colorado state tax credit and in-kind donations, including stock transfers, qualify for a 12.5% Colorado state tax credit.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUE \$538,506



EXPENSES \$521,169

