











**2018 ANNUAL REPORT** 





## **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 280 calls from the 24-hour Help Line during 2018. In addition, ASP handled more than 2,635 calls with a tota of 477 clients. (433 domestic violence survivors and 44 sexual assault survivors)

### • HELP LINE (VOLUNTEER) ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Completed two 30-hour Advocate Trainings in April and July 2018. Twenty different volunteer advocates were active. These volunteer advocates provided a total of 5,337 hours of service to ASP. In total, all ASP's volunteers gave the agency 6,476 service hours

#### SAFEHOUSE PROGRAM

Provided 48 survivors (25 families with 23 children) over 1,774 nights of emergency safehousing.

#### LATINX OUTREACH PROGRAM

Reached 98 Latinx survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence with services. Twenty-two identified themselves as immigrants.

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Conducted 129 educational presentations for 1,541 individuals in Garfield County, and 22 community awareness activities such as local media interviews and health fairs with the focus on developing healthy relationships.

#### OUTREACH PROGRAM

Offered 209 outreach (non-residential) clients (women, men and children) individual and group counseling, advocacy, information and referrals.

Thank you all so much for an amazing place to have in a time of despair git really gave us hope!!

ASP Staff you all are amazing.

Be Blessed

Amelia

## **CLIENT LETTER**

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS**



#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

On January 27, 2018, Crystal Young, Advocate Safehouse Project's Advocacy Director, was the recipient of the Glenwood Springs Chamber's Young Athena Award at the Chamber's Annual Gala at the Hotel Colorado. Crystal received this honor for her innovative and extensive work with survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence in Garfield County.

#### **GARFIELD COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM:**

In 2018, Colorado's State Legislature passed SB17-126 which states that communities "may establish a review team to review fatal and near-fatal incidents of domestic violence, related domestic violence matters, and suicides related to domestic abuse." The purpose of these community review teams is to reduce and prevent the incidents of domestic violence fatalities by identifying and isolating common occurrences, risk factors, and intervention points (missed and used) and sharing this information with Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review (DMDVFR) for research and distribution throughout Colorado. On April 24, 2018, Advocate Safehouse Project through its facilitation of the Garfield County Domestic Violence Coalition held its first Garfield County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (GCDVFRT) and has been meeting quarterly ever since to review local cases.

#### **ASP WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT:**

In 2018 Advocate Safehouse Project focused on the improvement of its workplace environment for its staff members. Advocate Safehouse Project took upon itself to hire an occupational therapist to assess each full-time staff member's work station, to determine how to improve it, and then to develop a plan. There were a total of 18 recommendations given and all 18 recommendations were completed by either purchasing new equipment/furniture or adjusting current equipment/furniture. The ergonomic evaluations provided a plan to develop each full-time staff member's work station into a more healthy and productive station.

#### **SAFE-HOME REPAIRS:**

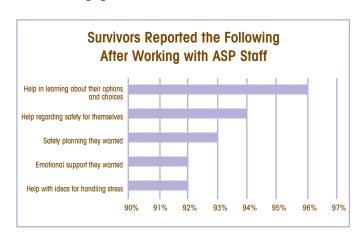
2018 was certainly the year of "Safe-home repairs" for Advocate Safehouse Project. **Dan Mierkey** donated his service to install a new fence around the yard with Advocate Safehouse Project board and volunteers painting the fence. **Billy McMillan** donated his time and supplies to polish-off and finish the basement's ceiling. Did you know there are 33 windows at Advocate Safehouse Project? **Hunter Douglas** donated 33 window coverings and **Jeff Hood**, from Windows Solutions, installed them for free. These three major "Safe-home repairs" would have cost Advocate Safehouse Project over \$17,000, however they were generously donated. **Thank you to Dan, Billy, Jeff & Hunter Douglas**.

#### **2018 "SURVIVOR SURVEY" OUTCOMES:**

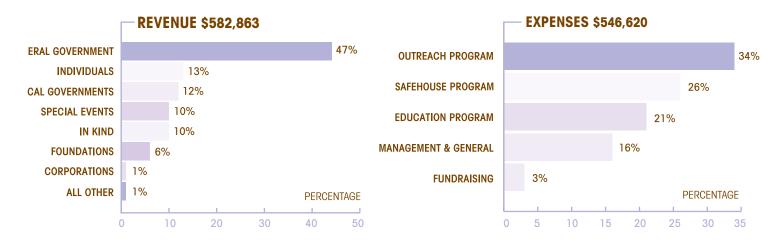


In 2018 English and Spanishspeaking survivors working with Advocate Safehouse Project received most or all the help they needed or wanted in learning about their options, emotional and safety. In fact, 96% of survivors

reported that as a result of working with Advocate Safehouse Project's staff, they learned more about their options and choices for themselves in their challenging situation.



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