

ADVOCATE SAFEHOUSE PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

2019 at a glance

243 CALLS



were received from the 24-hour Help Line. In addition, ASP handled more than 2,750 calls with a total of 484 survivors. (434 domestic violence survivors, 38 sexual assault survivors, and 12 bullying survivors).

19 VOLUNTEERS

provided a total of 5,091 hours of service through ASP'S 24-Hour Help Line. Two 30-hour Advocate Trainings were completed. In total, all of ASP's volunteers gave ASP 5,824 service hours.



215 SURVIVORS

were reached through ASP's Outreach Program by offering (non-residential) adult survivors emotional support, individual and group counseling, advocacy, information and referrals.



2,495

nights of emergency safehousing were provided to 24 adult survivors and their 19 children.



127 LATINX

survivors were reached with services. 20 identified themselves as immigrants.

48 YOUTH

survivors were provided with emotional support, individual counseling, advocacy, information and referrals via ASP's new Youth Program.

56 MONTHS

of rental assistance in a safe and permanent environment were provided to 17 adult survivors and their 30 children via ASP's new Housing First Program.



125

educational presentations were given to 2,524 individuals in Garfield County, and 56 community awareness activities were provided with the focus on developing "healthy relationships."



6 MEETINGS

were held with the Garfield County Domestic Violence Coalition and 27 individual stakeholder meetings were scheduled.

Advocate Safehouse Project's mission is to promote healthy relationships free from violence through education, advocacy, empowerment, and safehousing.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

ASP GRANT FUNDS TWO PROGRAMS

ASP received a large two-year federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds grant to start two new programs in Garfield County, the Housing First Program and the Youth Program.

THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM is modeled after the Domestic Violence Housing First Program. It is an approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness due to domestic and/or sexual violence to safe, permanent housing without preconditions or barriers. This program allocates funds for emergency relocation and rental assistance for its program participants.

THE YOUTH PROGRAM provides supportive and advocacy services to youth and children in the schools, in the community and/or in the Safehouse Program. The Youth Advocate meets with children and teens who either witnessed family violence at home, were a victim of bullying and/or were a victim of dating violence. Additionally, she also meets with parents and school personnel when appropriate.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY RAE REINISCH

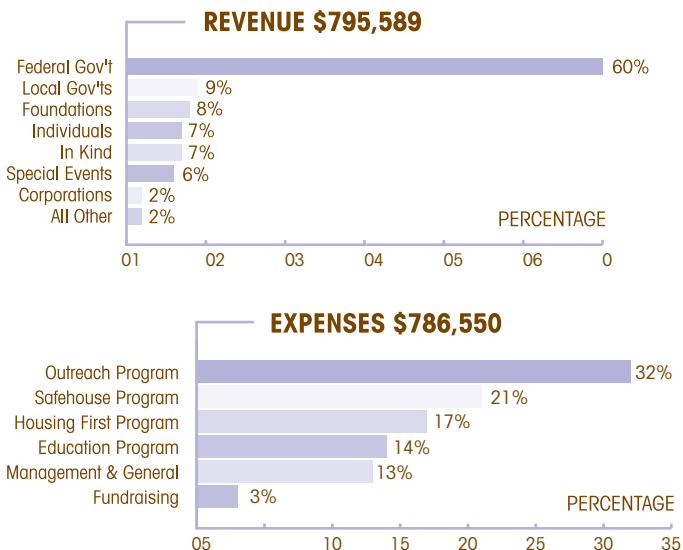


On February 15, 2019, Nancy Rae Reinisch, one of Advocate Safehouse Project's founding members, lost her battle with cancer. The Mother's Day Mile which raised funds for ASP was her "baby" and it "ran" from 2000 – 2016.

On May 12, 2019, ASP held the last Mother's Day Mile, free to participants, as a tribute to Nancy Rae. It was a huge success with over 430 people running/walking in her honor.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019



2020 UPDATE: JAN-JUNE

CONNECTING AMID COVID-19

ASP acted quickly to begin working remotely on Monday, March 16, 2020. The acquisition of new equipment and software made it feasible and effective for ASP staff and survivors to safely access one another. ASP staff also began to meet on a daily basis via video conferencing to ensure all survivors were being served. Notifying the general public how to reach ASP during this national crisis was accomplished through ads in the Post Independent and Citizen Telegram, several email blasts, Facebook posts in English and Spanish, and posting the information on ASP's website in both languages.

CALL VOLUME INCREASE

Initially during the original "Stay-At-Home" orders, ASP did not experience an increase in crisis calls or requests to stay in the Safehouse Program. Most likely, it was due to survivors not feeling safe to contact ASP because they were consistently in the presence of their abusers. Local police departments also experienced less than normal call volume during this time.

However, beginning in mid-April, there was an up-tick in the number of domestic violence survivors seeking emergency shelter and in the severity of the cases. Because ASP's Safehouse Program is small, it can only provide emergency shelter for two families at a time due to social distancing. Other families seeking safe emergency sheltering through ASP were provided emergency shelter in alternative locations.

ONGOING PRECAUTIONS

Currently, ASP staff are mostly working remotely with survivors via phone and video conferencing. However, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure to staff and survivors, ASP has stocked up on PPE supplies. If in-person services are needed, staff are required to wear masks, practice social distancing and meet in a public venue. ASP has also made PPE packets available for survivors that include: masks, gloves, and an alcohol swab. If a survivor is not comfortable wearing a mask, a face shield is provided.

Already through ASP's Housing First Program in the first half of 2020, 17 adult survivors and their 29 children have been provided with 52 months of rental assistance compared to a total of 56 months in the entire year of 2019.



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