



ADVOCATE
SAFEHOUSE
PROJECT

2023 IN REVIEW



572

SURVIVORS SERVED



2605

NIGHTS OF SHELTER



485

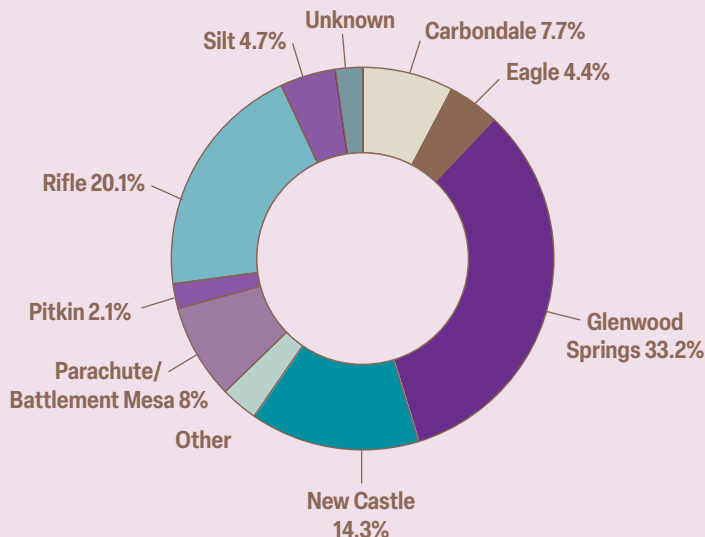
HELP LINE CALLS



142

MONTHS OF RENTAL ASST.

SURVIVORS SERVED BY COMMUNITY



RAISING COMMUNITY AWARENESS



31 educational presentations were given to 836 individuals in Garfield County.

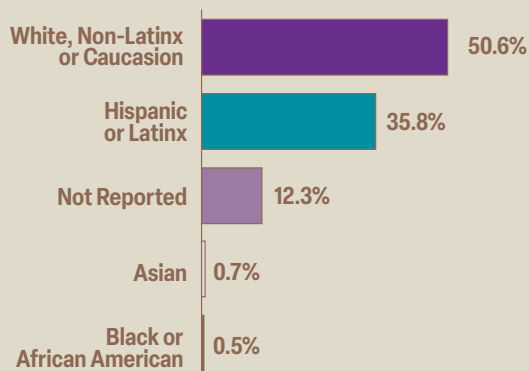


54 community awareness activities were given with the focus on developing healthy relationships.

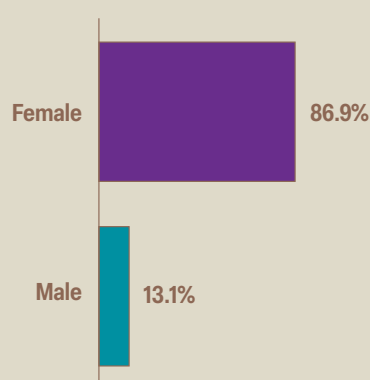


5 meetings were held with the Garfield County Domestic Violence Coalition.

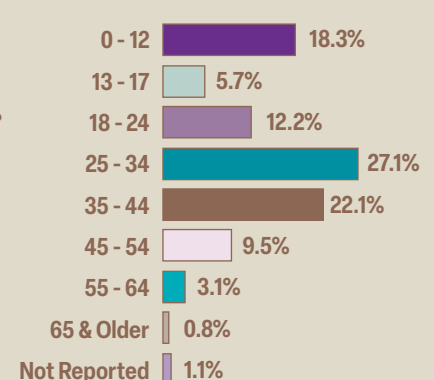
RACE



GENDER



AGE



ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

In response to the growing demand for comprehensive support for survivors of sexual violence in Garfield County, Advocate Safehouse Project (ASP) has broadened its scope of services. Through a collaborative grant facilitated by the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) and the Domestic Violence Program (DVP), ASP welcomed a dedicated sexual assault advocate to its team in 2023. This strategic expansion reaffirms our steadfast commitment to supporting individuals affected by abuse and assisting them in their journey toward healing and restoration.



ASP VISION & MISSION

ASP's ad hoc committee, "Reviewing Governing Documents" revised ASP's Vision, Values and Mission Statement in 2023. To read the statement in its entirety, visit the ASP homepage.

Advocate Safehouse Project envisions all relationships in our community to be filled with well-being and empowerment. Our values are guided by integrity, compassion, resiliency, empowerment, and well-being; and our mission is to promote healthy relationships free from violence, striving to overcome imbalances through advocacy, collaboration, education, and shelter.

LUNAFEST 2023 HIGHLIGHT REEL

- ***ASP hosted 4 LUNAFEST showings at Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs and the Ute Theater in Rifle***
- ***We sold 477 tickets. With sponsor and volunteer comp tickets, over 500 people attended LUNAFEST 2023***
- ***As a result, ASP raised over \$30,000!***
- ***New in 2023: During LUNAFEST at Hotel Colorado, the Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts hosted an exhibit featuring the work of women artists depicting themes related to the films. At the Ute Theater, LUNAFEST festivities included food catered by local restaurants and music by the girl band the Queen Bees.***
- ***Luna Fest announced it will be taking a hiatus in 2024.***



DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITIONS

In 2023, ASP experienced a significant transformation. After serving as Executive Director for an impressive 28 years, Julie Olson stepped down from her position and transitioned to become ASP's Grants Manager. Under her leadership, ASP transformed from a small operation into an exemplary model of excellence, renowned for its innovative programming and steadfast commitment to serving survivors of SA and IPV.

In August 2023, Betty Lucas was welcomed as the new Executive Director, marking the next chapter for the organization as it embraced change while remaining committed to its mission for survivors served in Garfield County. "It's been an exciting start for me at ASP. I'm looking forward to continuing the work Julie started. My focus will emphasize building partnerships, interagency collaboration, and working with ASP's amazing staff and board of directors. I hope to set my roots in and grow with the agency for years to come," said Lucas.



INTRODUCING THE HALLOWEEN HUSTLE

The owners of Latitude Fitness 39, Paul and Nicole Heisig displayed a remarkable spirit of compassion and empathy by supporting ASP for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Despite the inclement Colorado weather, the community rose to the occasion by donning creative Halloween costumes and dashing to the finish line in a 5k or 1k fun run. All the proceeds raised from this event went towards supporting ASP. The Heisig's generous contribution has significantly impacted the lives of survivors.

Thank you, Latitude 39 Fitness!

SURVIVOR LETTER

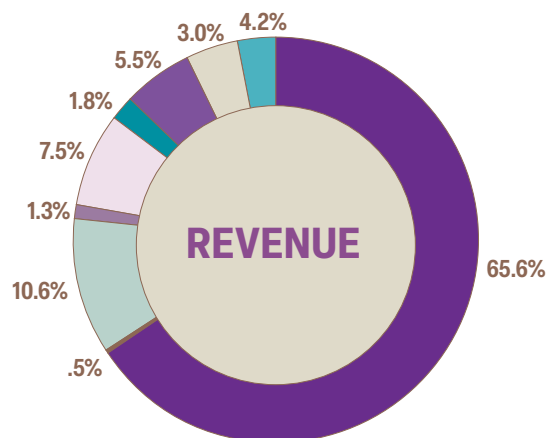
Hi, Erin!

I wanted to say thank you for all that you did to help me get away from my situation with my ex. I was definitely in a place where I didn't think it was possible, but the assistance that you and Advocate Safehouse provided helped. I appreciate more than anything having a safe place to sleep at night and the assistance in paying for train fare so I could move home with family sooner. Having left my ex with no money to my name, I wasn't hopeful and I felt forced to stay in a situation that wasn't healthy or safe. Thank you, for helping me (and my dog get Baxter) get to a safer, healthier environment.

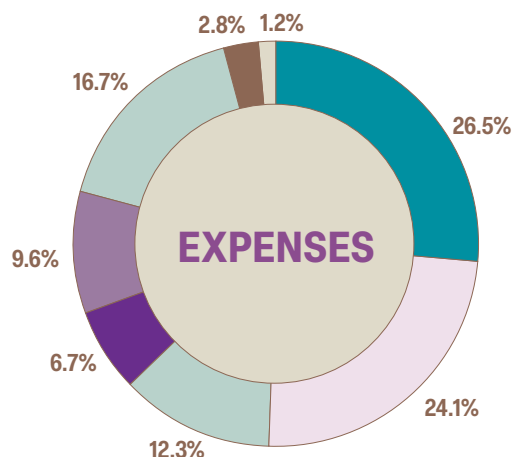
Thank you always,
Marna

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023



- Federal Government
- Individuals
- Foundations
- Local Governments
- In Kind
- Special Events
- Corporations
- State Government
- Other



- Outreach Program
- Housing First Program
- Safehouse Program
- Education Program
- Sexual Violence Program
- Management & General
- Fundraising
- Special Events

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We are deeply grateful to ASP's board of directors, whose unwavering dedication and passion in fulfilling our mission inspires us all. On behalf of the staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



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