

## 2020 Annual Snapshot



Dear Safe Passage Friends & Supporters,

It is an understatement to say that 2020 will forever be noted in history. Yet, in a year marked by a global pandemic and the beginning of racial reckoning, the challenges Safe Passage faces remained as urgent as ever. Sadly, for children in abusive homes, "Safer At Home" meant just the opposite. It meant being subject to sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect 24/7 without the safety nets of school and other caring adults to confide in.

While Safe Passage provided a path to hope and healing for 1,318 primary and secondary victims in 2020, we didn't accomplish it alone. Our resilient staff and volunteers, truly caring, dedicated and ultimately risking their own exposure to COVID-19 worked alongside our essential team partners to ensure children were heard, believed and supported through their brave disclosures of abuse.

Safe Passage also experienced the true commitment of so many in our community who created a financial safety net, supporting Night to SHINE, Clay Shoot and Colorado Gives Day. As you may recall, our Night to SHINE was scheduled to occur the week Colorado needed to shut down due to the pandemic. We faced the potential of tremendous financial loss, however, our gracious sponsors stood with us allowing us to forge ahead with our essential services.

We will forever be grateful for their unwavering support. As we move forward together in 2021, our mission, "... to give abused children a voice and enable the healing process ..." remains vital to everyone in our community as we forge through the collective losses and trauma we have all endured. Without a doubt, Safe Passage remains ready to help each child SHINE.

**-Mo Basenberg, Executive Director**



### Safe Passage Service Numbers for 2020 Fiscal Year\*

- **1,318** primary and secondary child victims served
- **685** primary victims (children) and **633** secondary victims (non-offending caregivers)
- Of those victims served, **70%** were considered very low income to moderate-income earners
- **672** forensic interviews
- **174** medical exams (most performed in partnership with UC Health/Memorial Hospital)
- Psycho-educational support groups to **6** teen victims and **52** non-offending parents
- **589** referrals to ongoing, trusted counseling therapy
- **599** families/nonoffending caregivers received follow-up advocacy and case management (individual counseling, psycho-educational support groups, court preparation, etc.).

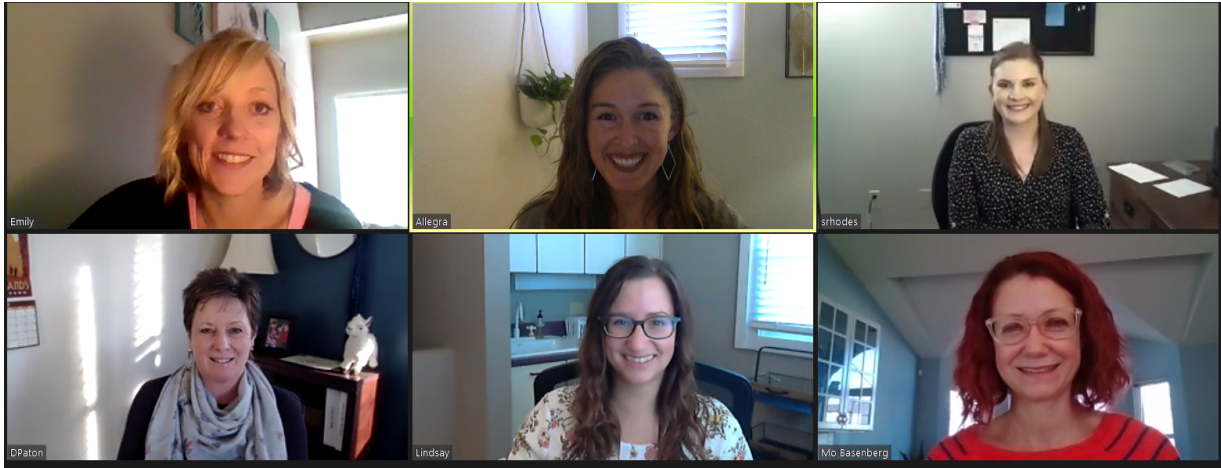
\*service #'s impacted by COVID-19 restrictions

### Safe Passage Outcomes based on Surveys given to Victims and Non-offending Caregivers

- **95%** reported they agreed that the center staff provided appropriate resources to support the child and respond to his/her needs in the days and weeks ahead.
- **98%** reported they agreed their questions were answered to their satisfaction.
- **97%** reported they agreed that they were given information about how to access additional services like counseling or family support.



## Our Resilient Staff



### A Note from our Board President: Geoff Heim

2020 was something. It was challenging, required great flexibility and creativity, AND (dare I say) was very rewarding. Safe Passage served over 1000 kids, making one of their worst days a stepping stone to a brighter future.

Prior planning and hard work by the staff and Board of Directors allowed Safe Passage to weather the financial implications of the pandemic so essential operations for our clients have continued in a safe and efficient manner.

The near future will undoubtedly bring higher demand in the need for our services. The Safe Passage staff and Board is keenly aware that the end of the pandemic and children going back out into the community will unfortunately bring abuse to light that has been hidden from caregivers and mandatory reporters. With that in mind Safe Passage used 2020 as an opportunity to strengthen relationships with partner agencies, forge new relationships with community members, and tighten up and grow our service model so that when we do come out of the shadow of Covid-19 we will be able to offer our community's children the best care possible.

We are enthusiastically looking forward to bringing a more focused standard of care to our kids—and are glad you are walking beside us!"



**SHINE**

*"I am very grateful and appreciative of the timely and kind response of staff. It made a terrible situation a little more bearable and gave my son a voice to tell his story so he can begin to heal. Thank you."*

*-Parent of 7 year old child victim*