

safe passage

Helping Abused Children Begin to Heal



2021

ANNUAL SNAPSHOT

"I like that the people here show they are listening and that they showed I had their attention when I was speaking."

-Child feedback



There can be no doubt that 2021 will forever be celebrated as a year of transformation for Safe Passage. Often called the “little agency that could” for our dedication and service to abused children and our skilled, if small in numbers team, Safe Passage rose to new heights in 2021. Thanks to deep and meaningful partnerships, a committed board of directors and capital campaign committee and our dedicated staff, we achieved the one and only fully co-located children’s advocacy center in the state of Colorado.

While years in the making, it all came to fruition in 2021. And, despite only being open three months, the power of the change is real. Having the forensic nurses from UCHHealth on site has led to children who have experienced abuse meeting with nurses over fifty times. This was simply not possible before co-location. And in surveys to caregivers and children they have identified the center as comfortable with nice decorations “inside and out”. In surveys to our investigative partners the center has been described as “fostering collaboration.”

None of this could have been possible if it was not for the belief by our community that children who have experienced abuse deserve the best care we can offer. Safe Passage looks forward to 2022 being full of opportunities to implement best practices and spread our wings to help the children of our community find hope and healing

-Maureen “Mo” Basenberg, MPA
Executive Director

Safe Passage Service Numbers for Fiscal Year 2021*

- **1,066** primary and secondary victims served
- **539** child victims, **527** secondary victims, **57** additional children cared for (siblings)
- **555** forensic interviews
- **129** forensic medical exams offsite (UCHHealth)
- **13** forensic medical exams done (at Safe Passage). **this number has already been exceeded in our new facility open for four months with 15 exams being done onsite in this time.
- **450** families/non offending caregivers received follow up advocacy and case management (referrals to counseling services, psycho educational groups, Kidpower, support with court preparation and other resources as needed)
- **140** medical exams completed (most done in partnership with UCHHealth)

* service numbers impacted by COVID-19 restrictions

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

- **96%** 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.
- **97%** reported they agreed their questions were answered to their satisfaction.
- **98%** reported they agreed that they were given information about how to access additional services like counseling or family support.

Capital Campaign Project Update

We moved into our new co located facility at 2335 Robinson Street on October 15th and started serving families on October 19th. Team partner agencies (UCHealth, Kidpower, The Family Center and Colorado Springs Police Dept. Child Crimes unit) followed and we were all in the building by November 1 serving families together.



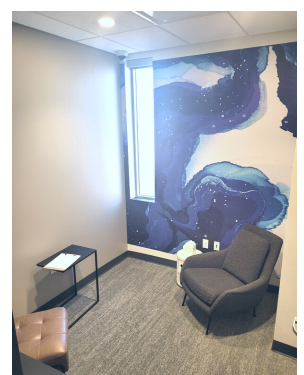
Waiting area



Front entryway



Medical Exam Room



**1 of 6 forensic
interview rooms**



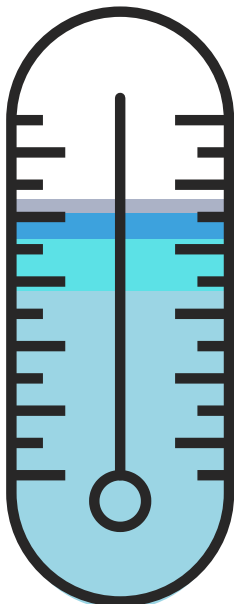
Kids Playroom



Our capital campaign began in March 2021 and to date we have raised **78.5%** of our **2.7 million** dollar campaign goal. We have had a strong team involved in the success of the campaign thus far and we have been blown away by the generosity of the community.

Our Board of Directors and Capital Campaign Committee have provided strong support and guidance through this process.

Funds Raised to Date



Remaining to be raised- **\$650,000**

Board of Directors/ Campaign Committee Gifts- **\$115,500**
Corporate Gifts- **\$250,000**

Individual Gifts & Pledges- **\$470,000**

Foundations & Grants- **\$1,375,000**



A late 2021 recap . . .

Holy cow, I'm not even sure where to start.

2020 was characterized by fear of the unknown and reacting quickly to changing circumstances. The challenge of 2020 was not losing focus on Safe Passage's mission and its long term strategic plan. That was 2020.

2021, though? Well, 2021 was growth and hope!

With the help of our partner agencies and community support, Safe Passage realized a decades' long vision. We opened and moved into Colorado's first truly located children's advocacy center! Law enforcement, social services, medical services, advocacy services, abuse prevention, and mental health providers—all under the same roof! I cannot begin to impart the boon this is for our community's children. Collectively, we saw the need, came together to form a plan, compromised when necessary, stood fast when possible, worked hard, and actualized a dream.

Your support made this possible—all while our dedicated staff continued to serve children at level not seen since before the Pandemic. This remarkable achievement is a true reflection of our community's spirit.

So, what does 2022 hold for Safe Passage?

First and foremost, to continue to provide the most effective and least traumatic advocacy for our clients. That is ALWAYS our priority and why we have worked so long to bring the best service model to the Pikes Peak Region!

We are also in the midst of redefining our strategic plan to focus on the new service model so the Board and Staff can support it in the most efficient ways possible. This new plan will be crafted at a facilitated Board retreat in March, 2022.

And a third focus is our Capital Campaign for the new facility. While we are ahead of schedule and about 75% towards the campaign goal, we (the Board of Directors and Capital Campaign Committee) really want Safe Passage's focus to be on our clients and not raising funds for infrastructure. The Campaign was mapped out as a three-year endeavor. And although we still have time and are ahead of schedule, it would be a great gift to our community, staff, and clients to put the Campaign to bed! (That's my little plug to help if you can :-)).

As always, Safe Passage appreciates you walking with us as we serve our little ones. We couldn't do it without you!

-Geoff Heim, Board President