



Building Hope & Healing: One Child at a Time

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Helping Abused Children Begin to Heal



Reflecting on 2022

A word from Executive Director, Mo Basenberg

As we move full steam ahead into 2023 I find myself reflecting on the fact that 2022 was another monumental year for Safe Passage. Celebrating one full year in our new, best practice model of service we know we are better equipped to meet the needs of child abuse victims in our community. Below are the Top 5 Highlights of 2022:

#5 Building a strong collaboration across systems for children and families.

2022 saw the addition of El Paso County Department of Humans Services and El Paso County Sheriff's Office to our co-located team. When you bring together everyone from law enforcement, social services, medical, mental health and prevention systems it can feel like a lot of moving parts. But time and time again all of these entities came together to ensure what happened at Safe Passage was the very best for children and families.

#4 Expanded our presence

Being the only fully co-located child advocacy center in Colorado we have been able to successfully outreach and connect with many more people in our community. Through 34 media pieces- tv, print and radio and over 40 tours we have educated many more that we are a resource for child safety.

#3 Growth in our team

It was a year of growth as we strove to meet the needs of the children of our community. The addition of the Director of Advocacy and Program Assistant greatly strengthened our capacity to be there for children and their caregivers.

#2 Made significant strides in our capital campaign

It's easy to forget what a daunting prospect it was to take on the largest loan in the agency's history and take a leap of faith to do what is best for the children of our community. As 2022 headed to a close it became clear that our community believed in what is best for our children too and came alongside us to significantly assist with our capital campaign.

#1 Increased the number of children and caregivers served

Our beautiful new home helped us to serve 143 more child abuse victims than in 2021. To put that in perspective, that is nearly 6 more classrooms of children that came through our doors to achieve safety and have their voices heard.



Number of Victims Served

722

Children That
Recieved A Forensic
Medical Exam

712

Children That Had
A General Exam
Or Medical Resource

138



Victims
Served

98



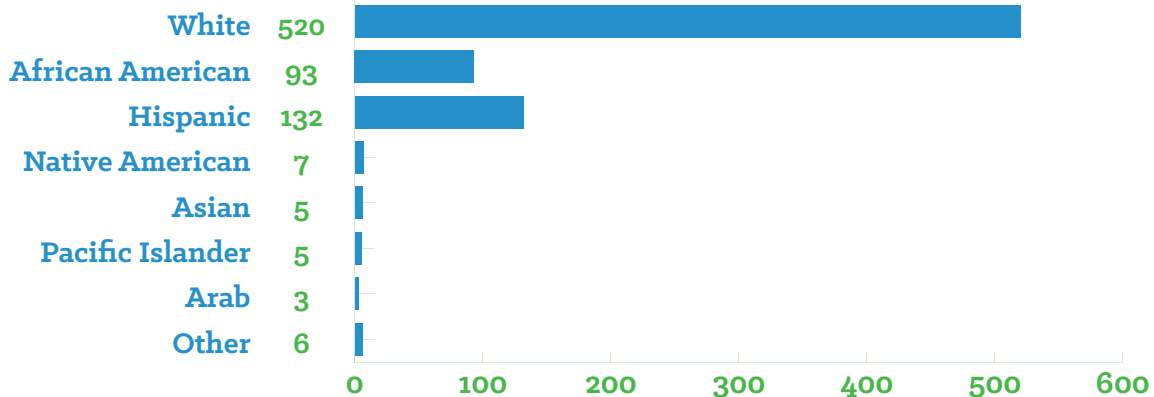
Caregivers
Served

634

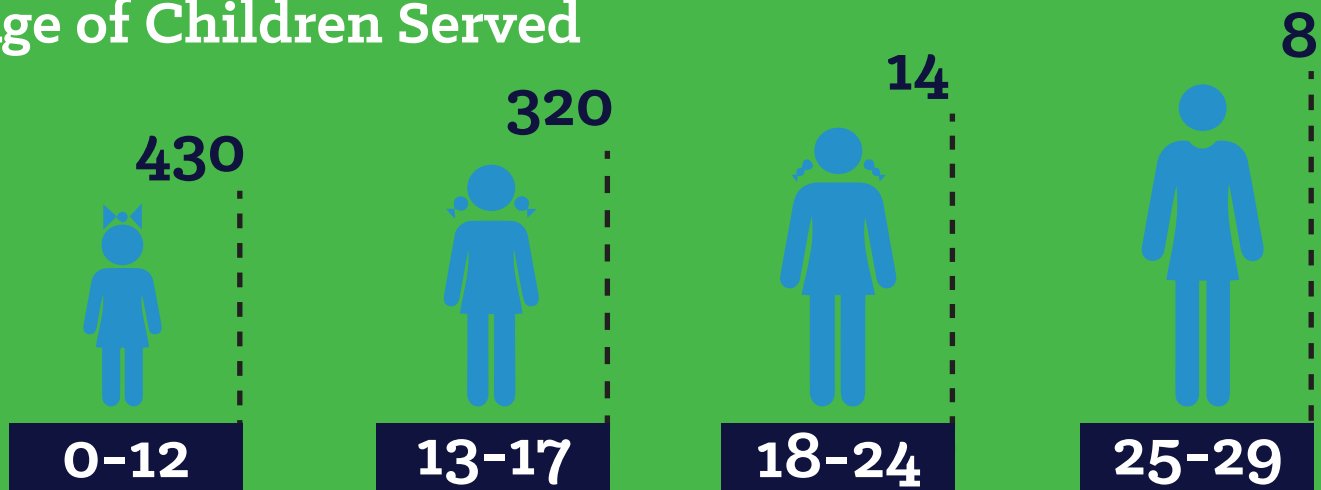


Siblings
Served

Race of Victims Served



Age of Children Served



"What I liked about the center is that they were able to understand what I was going through and to understand what was happening to me."

- teen, age 14



"I likes how I was listened to and understood. Also, how I could tell the truth and have no limits."

- child, age 10



Our Resilient & Courageous Staff

Our staff works intense child abuse cases daily while providing care, compassion and quality services. they are dedicated, resilient and courageous and we are so proud to call them our Safe Passage Team!



Bailey



Courtney



Deb



Emily



Janette



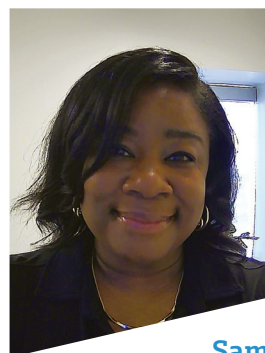
Megan



Mo



Morgan



Sam



Stephany

Hope & Healing

STORY OF IMPACT



A teen named Kiara (changed for confidentiality) was brought to Safe Passage due to her disclosing that her older cousin had been sexually abusing her for two years. She was brought to Safe Passage by her mother for a scheduled forensic interview. The interview was completed and then Kiara and her mother met with a UCHHealth nurse to discuss a medical exam. It was decided that a medical exam would be helpful to the case as well as to Kiara so a SANE (sexual assault nurse exam) exam was conducted.

Additionally, during their time at Safe Passage, Kiara's mother met with an advocate to receive resources, referrals and support. She was sent home with information regarding therapy, victims compensation program, financial resources, educational materials, etc.

Eight months after she had initially been to Safe Passage, Kiara's mother called back to Safe Passage to speak with an advocate. She shared that she lost most of the information that was initially provided to her by the advocate due to the stress she was under at the time. She asked if she could come back to Safe Passage to receive that information again. Our advocate scheduled a meeting with Kiara and her mother at Safe Passage that same week.

The Safe Passage advocate met with Kiara and her mother and provided them with many resources but those most pertinent for this time were for therapy and the victims compensation program. During this meeting, Kiara disclosed that she had been having a lot of memories and triggers from the traumatic experience of sexual abuse. Due to her disclosures the advocate conducted a trauma assessment screening tool. These results showed that Kiara would benefit from therapy and needed access to these services quickly. The advocate contacted our mental health partner The Family Center and Kiara and her mother were able to be in touch with a therapist that same day.

Since this second meeting with the advocate, we have learned that Kiara is enrolled in therapy and seeing her therapist weekly. Her mother reached back out to the Safe Passage advocate and shared, "thank you for meeting with us yesterday. It made a big difference. Kiara was more at ease after speaking with you, which she has not been at all for a long time. She was able to identify some triggers, which we now can recognize and assist her. I don't have words to thank you for what you do."



Community Support

WE ARE STRONGER BECAUSE OF YOU!

Thank you to all who have supported us in 2022 through donations, community support and spreading the word about the important work we do.

We held our 4th annual clay shooting event. We had 60 participants and raised over \$18,000! We are grateful to those that came out to support Safe Passage in this capacity. We have gained quite a following of regular attendees that come out each year. Thank you to our generous sponsors: Scheels of Colorado Springs, National Wood Products Denver and a generous friend and supporter of Safe Passage who wishes to remain anonymous.



Clay Shoot



We participated in Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 6th. We far exceeded our goal of \$20,000 and raised over \$30,000 this year. This is the highest amount raised for Colorado Gives Day in our agency history. Our generous matching gift donors Robbie O'Brien and Lee Sirvaitis helped tremendously with their \$10,000 match for funds raised. Thank you to all those that supported this effort through giving, spreading the word and creating fundraising pages.

Golf Tournaments



Torch Technologies hosted a golf tournament this year at Bear Dance with proceeds to benefit Safe Passage. This was the third year that we have been the beneficiary of this golf tournament. The golf tournament raised \$11,400, which is the highest amount raised yet!



Empty Stocking Fund

Safe Passage was honored to be chosen to participate in the Empty Stocking Fund this year. The 39th



annual Gazette Charities Foundation El Pomar Foundation Empty Stocking Fund provides resources for local health and human service agencies in the Pikes Peak region on the front lines of helping people in crisis and assisting others in attaining self-sufficiency. Safe Passage will be receiving a check in February for this fund. Thank you to all who supported Safe Passage and many other amazing agencies through the Empty Stocking Fund this year!



Coming up....

On April 13th we will be hosting our first annual fundraising luncheon. This will be held onsite at Safe Passage. Mark your calendars as we would love to have you there!

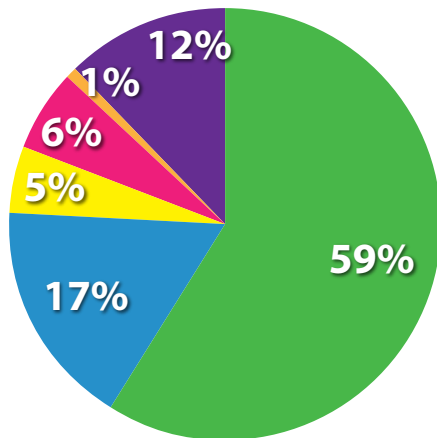
Help us Build Hope and Healing

Become a donor through our annual fund campaign. With a gift of \$500 or more you can be added to our wall of giving for building a brighter future for the children we serve!



Contact Emily @
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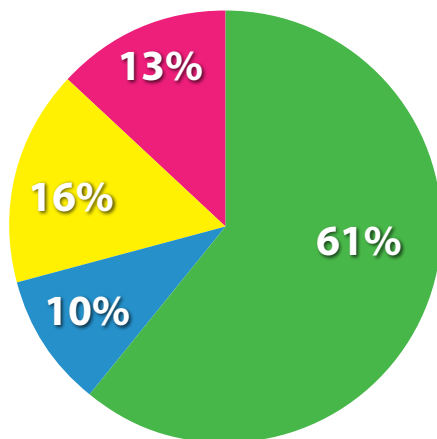
ORGANIZATION REVENUE BREAKDOWN:



- Community Donations/Foundations
- Government
- In Kind
- Service contracts
- Special Events
- Rent from partners

Capital Campaign

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BREAKDOWN OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:



- Grants/Foundations
- Government
- Individual Contribution
- Businesses



Leadership

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Attorney
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(Chair) Governance

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Community Member

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Senior Loan Officer
Zenith Mortgage Advisors

Hello Safe Passage Family!

A word from Board President, Geoff Heim

Big things were afoot at Safe Passage in 2022. Those things were the culmination of three years of hard work by our partner agencies, our staff, our Board, and—most importantly—by you!

In late 2019, the Safe Passage Board of Directors held a strategic planning session. Out of that session we determined the biggest limiter impacting our ability to serve our community's little ones was a lack of a physical space. A large, warm, welcoming space where we and our partners could help abused children begin to heal by providing forensic, medical, mental health, empowerment, and advocacy services at the same physical location and at the same time. So the kiddo didn't have to relive the abuse over and over again to multiple people in multiple places. In early 2020, we conducted a feasibility study. That study confirmed the constraints that our then space and model placed on our service to our clients . . . but that study also showed that there was broad community support and dedication to build a better service model. On the heels of the study, we were gathering momentum but Covid-19 shut the world down.

After the initial shock of lockdown wore off, we used our "pandemic time" wisely. In the Spring of 2020, we found a property, identified a contractor, rallied our supporters and partners to our cause, and found financing for the project.

Construction began in earnest in the Fall of 2020. Which was kind of weird and absolutely terrifying, because we hadn't really figured out how we were going to pay for the new Center. As scary as that was, the Board of Directors and the partner agencies have always believed that our kids come first, and that our mission would carry us through. Things would work out. Hopefully.

Construction always has its ups and down, and it proceeded along as smoothly (or not) as could be expected. In February of 2021, Safe Passage formed a Capital Campaign Committee. It formulated a 3-year Capital Campaign that would launch in April of 2021, with the goal of having the construction note completely paid by the Spring of 2024. Many other milestones were reached in 2021, including the "ground breaking" ceremony in July, Safe Passage staff occupying the building in October, and partners taking residence in November.

That brings us to 2022. THREE fantastic things happened. Well, really, more than that. But three I want to highlight. First, the Board met for our first strategic planning session since 2019. We determined we had not only met all the goals of our 2019 strategic plan, but far exceeded them. We also came up with new strategic imperatives for the next three years. More on that in a bit. Second, we had our building dedication in April. It was an exuberant celebration that highlighted how far we had come in less than 3 years and emphasized why a fully co-located Advocacy Center is such a boon for our children. And finally, in late December, we learned that we were going to reach our Capital Campaign goal ahead of schedule. Like, really ahead of schedule!

What does that last one mean? The reality of winding down our Capital Campaign means we can turn our FULL attention back to what we do best—helping sexually abused kids begin to heal in the least traumatic way possible.

And that is where we turn our focus in 2023. The strategic plan we developed last year identified four "strategic imperatives" to deepen Safe Passage's commitment to our mission and community (the plan officially says "three", but when you break it down, there are really four). Two of the goals are organizational and two are community oriented. They all have really fancy words and metrics attached to them, but they boil down to making sure we attract and maintain a staff dedicated to excellence in service to our clients and mission, ensuring all partner agencies are working synergistically, raising Safe Passage's profile so that we are "top of mind" for cases of child abuse and child sexual assault, and that we are making inroads into underserved populations so they know about our resources.

Building a fully co-located center and running a successful capital campaign provides a great foundation for realizing those expanded goals. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I thank you for the support you've already given and hope that you will join us as we move forward doing the hands on work of helping our community's kiddos!

Geoff Heim

