



NEWSLETTER

Stats for fiscal year June 2023-June 2024

730



**Primary
 Victims
 Served**

Children That
 Recieved
 A Forensic
 Medical Exam



66

559



Children That Had
 A General Exam
 By A UHealth
 Nurse or
 Medical Resource

Secondary
 Victims
 Served



730

Child Quote:

Everyone was so kind to me and made me feel like I mattered.



Parent quote:

My advocate was so informative and helpful! Everyone, from reception to medical to interview, made us feel safe.

SCHEELS has become an avid supporter of Safe Passage. Listen to what inspires their giving!

How did you first hear about Safe Passage?

"We first met Emily with Safe Passage in the Summer of 2020, about 8 months before we opened our doors in Colorado Springs. Emily talked to our team about the Clay Shoot and the need for Ammo and other prizes. After hearing her passion for the organization and what the event would do to help the needs of Safe Passage Kids, it was an easy yes for SCHEELS to be involved and to get our foot in the door!"

What made you give your first gift?

"One of our main goals prior to opening was understanding the Colorado Springs community and the needs surrounding us! We wanted to make an impact and show our support to as many organizations as possible. Emily came to us, shared the story of Safe Passage and the kids involved and we wanted to help immediately!"

Why do you enjoy giving to this organization?

"We enjoy working with Safe Passage because they love what they do and they are passionate about serving our community, similar to SCHEELS. Their team is always wanting to connect with us and make sure that our partnership makes sense and makes a difference."

What do you hope to accomplish through your philanthropy?

"SCHEELS cares about our community. Each of our stores operate in a special and unique community, and we make it our mission to be an active member of each of those communities through outreach and volunteerism. We take pride in being able to improve the lives of others. That's why we donate our time, energy, and resources to building up and supporting the members and organizations in our community."

If you were talking to someone else about giving to our organization, what would you tell them?

"The people involved in the organization have truly made it an easy partnership for SCHEELS. When you hear the passion and the love for this cause from their team, it only makes you want to be a part of it! Safe Passage acts as a catalyst for families and brings all of their resources and services to one welcoming location so these individuals can feel comfortable and secure!"

What do you wish everyone knew about this cause?

"To understand how many children are affected by child abuse in your community! Safe Passage gives children a voice and a safe way to heal from such trauma. This organization is making huge strides and giving kids in our community the resources that they need."



SCHEELS Marketing Team

Story of Impact

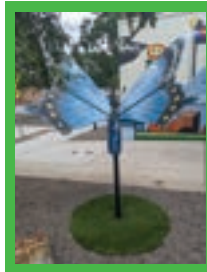


A teenage girl came to Safe Passage and was very nervous for her forensic interview. We often assume teens will be "too cool for school" and not want to hang out in the playroom, but that never stops us from offering it to every child who walks through our doors. You never know! On this occasion, she was grateful to have a less public space to hang out in, and within minutes was laughing and talking up a storm with our volunteer in the playroom, clearly feeling much more comfortable. Her mother was so appreciative of our effort to make her daughter more calm and happy in our space while she spoke with the advocate. At the end of the appointment, our front desk staff set out gifts for her, including a set of hair charms that was perfect for her curly hair. She chose the charms, and when our advocate reached out for a follow up call, the girl's mother expressed gratitude not only for our warmth to her and her daughter, but also for including culturally appropriate gifts in our options, so her daughter felt seen for

her background and heritage as well as her personhood. During such a difficult time, it sounds like it was a great comfort to them. This is an example of the importance of the kid/teen friendly environment that Safe Passage offers and how it takes what could be a very difficult and scary time for a child and turns it into a positive experience where they feel seen and heard.

30 Years of Hope and Healing

In June we dedicated this beautiful butterfly sculpture, created by *Eric McCue*, to the over 22,000 children we have served since 1994, the staff and partners serving the children and the donors and funders that support the Safe Passage mission.



Elevate 30

In honor of our 30th anniversary, we are looking for businesses to stand with us to inspire hope and healing for every child in El Paso and Teller counties that have experienced abuse. With a gift of \$1,000 or more, you will receive a naming opportunity in our main lobby on a butterfly and recognition as a top business is Colorado Springs supporting the health and safety of kids in our community!



Example of naming butterfly for Elevate 30. Butterflies will be hung throughout our main lobby.

Interested in supporting?
Contact Emily @ ebowker@safepassagecac.org

Ways to Donate:

- 1 Text to Give: 202-858-1233
Shortcode: Safepassagecac
- 2 Scan the QR Code
- 3 Donate via: www.safepassagecac.org
- 4 Or contact Emily Bowker:
EBowker@SafePassageCAC.org



Upcoming Events:

Clay Shoot 2024

Date: Friday, November 1st
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Pikes Peak Gun Club
Shoot sporting clays to support Safe Passage



Fundraising Luncheon

Date: April 2025

Location: More details to come



SAVE THE DATE!

Break some sporting clays to support Safe Passage kids!

FRIDAY, NOV. 1, 10AM-2PM | PIKES PEAK GUN CLUB

\$800/team of 5 | \$170/single Shooter (Includes lunch & ammunition)

It's
CLAY TIME

SHOOTING FOR SAFE PASSAGE

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT **safe**passage
Helping Abused Children Begin to Heal