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2017 Spotlight

Mobilizing and Engaging Men and Boys



In 2017, Safe Shelter expanded its programming with the intention of addressing the root cause of relationship abuse and breaking the cycle of violence. Since men are the primary perpetrators of abuse against both males and females, we unrolled a three-pronged prevention initiative based on the belief that boys and men have the responsibility for changing the prevalent culture that condones and facilitates violence against women. The initiative is designed to give men and boys the tools to understand abuse and safely advocate on behalf of victims.

The initiative's programs were the *White Ribbon Campaign*, *Coaching Boys Into Men* and *Stand Up Colorado*. The programs were developed with a grass roots approach, including St. Vrain Valley Schools, community leaders and professionals, parents, and concerned community members who wanted to play a role in ending partner abuse.




Safe Shelter received a grant from State of Colorado's Tony Grampas Youth Services Program to continue our **Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM)** program. CBIM is an evidence-based 12-step curriculum that provides high school athletic coaches with the resources they need to promote respectful behavior among their players and help prevent relationship abuse, harassment, and sexual assault. In 2017, 158 high school athletes in two highschools participated in the program:

Skyline football and soccer teams and Twin Peaks basketball team.

- Post season, the football athletes showed an increase in recognition of abusive behaviors postseason; in intention to intervene and athletes were 10% more likely to intervene when girls were being howled at, whistled at, or inappropriately gestured at, postseason.
- Soccer athletes had 8.6%, 16% and 20% respectively of inappropriate behavior
- Twin Peaks basketball athletes had 8%, 13% and 10% increase respectively.
- Post-season, coaches increased confidence level 16% with addressing violence prevention at the Skyline; and 38% increase at Twin Peaks.

Believe. Be An Upstander. Offer Support.

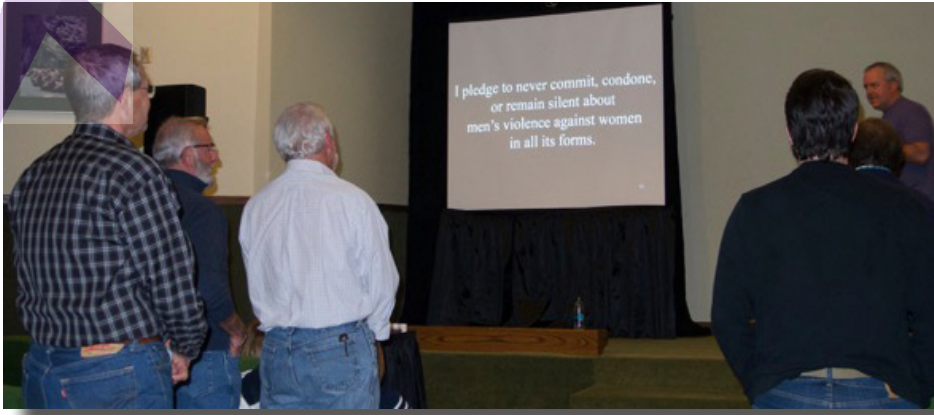
Safe Shelter was invited to serve as a pilot site with Violence Free Colorado and other partners across the state to launch the new Movement to End Relationship Violence: *Stand Up Colorado* (SUCO). *Stand Up Colorado* is a statewide, collaborative, multi-year relationship violence prevention campaign that goes beyond public awareness to alter behavior and effect long-term social change. The movement aims to prevent future relationship violence by shaping an informed, zero-tolerance public attitude that inspires individual and community action. As a pilot site in Longmont, Safe Shelter began the planning phase of promoting this work in the community.



I pledge never to commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women and girls in all its forms.

Safe Shelter facilitated the creation of the Longmont chapter of the *White Ribbon Campaign* (WRC), an international public will-building and grass roots education initiative. WRC is a male-run campaign committed to the elimination of gender-based violence. The individual campaigns are social, local and mobile. The Longmont WRC projects are promoted by a small team of male allies who have taken the “Pledge” and encourage other men and boys to do the same. It is promoted by them and through Safe Shelter’s community outreach efforts.

Symposium on Domestic Violence: Mobilizing and Engaging Men and Boys



Continuing the year's theme, Safe Shelter's 2017 annual Symposium on Domestic Violence opened to an audience of parents, youth and professionals with *Voices of Men*, a nationally known performance which uses humor and celebrity male voice impressions to educate audiences about sexual assault, domestic violence and other forms of men's violence against women. Workshops for multidisciplinary professionals on the following day explored how to build alliances; gain awareness of the historic, cultural and media messages about masculinity around us; and develop the skills necessary to launch athletic-based or leadership development community programs for youth. Attendees selected all 4s and 5s out of a possible 5 that they had a better understanding of the topic area and would use the content to enhance their work.

"I really appreciate your stories and glad you're reaching out to youth. I wish my brothers could have heard something like this at a young age."

Reaching Underserved Communities



2017 also witnessed the launch of a mobile advocacy services project that has been designed to expand public awareness and custom services to marginalized populations with the help of community partners. The program was conceived specifically to expand outreach to members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning (LGBTQ) community, seniors, people with disabilities and those who identify as Latina/o. Each of these populations face barriers to recognizing and reporting abuse. By providing a regular weekly presence at familiar, safe locations,

we have increased awareness and access to safety planning, crisis intervention, support and education for those impacted by relationship abuse. Cross training between agencies has improved understanding of issues faces by each community, cross referrals and the skills to effectively respond.

A Survivor's Story - edited

During Safe Shelter's Legacy Dinner in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a survivor bravely shared her story.

I was born and raised in Japan. I met my husband in Japan. He was so sweet, intelligent and charming. I couldn't speak English well and he couldn't speak Japanese, but despite that we fell in love. At that time, I thought we had similar personalities and shared values. Not too long after our marriage started, I realized our values did not align.

In my Culture we value family, so even though we had started to have problems after we got married, I choose to work on it. He was emotionally, financially and physically abusive. Despite that, we had two beautiful children. After we had our children he wanted to move from Japan to Colorado. I thought it would be a good idea because he said he would be happier. His happiness and our marriage were important to me. The physical and emotional abuse escalated badly after we arrived to Colorado. I looked for help and called Safe Shelter of St.Vrain Valley to see if there was an opening at shelter. Lucky for me, there was.

What I learned during my stay at shelter was that the residents helped one another out. We did not feel so alone, we encouraged each other, and sometimes we cried together. Sharing both food and stories with other residents helped me heal. During my stay I was able to grow a lot with the help of my advocates and other residents. Since I was not a legal resident at the time of my shelter stay, the shelter staff worked with me so that I was able to stay safe. My advocates were as strong as a lion and as nurturing as a mother; it was what I needed to help me grow and heal.

After my Shelter stay, the organization did not abandon me. I had a case manager for housing help and an advocate for legal help as well. I am glad I had them during this new period of living alone because it was quite lonely. My case manager helped me realize how strong I am and how I have the ability to create a stable life for both me and my children on my own. No one has helped me more than Safe Shelter on getting back on my feet.

I have grown so much since receiving help from Safe Shelter. I now am divorced and share custody with my ex husband. I have a stable job working at a restaurant that I got while I was still at Shelter. After receiving housing help from Safe Shelter, I am now able to afford my own apartment. But, I am not done growing yet. My goal is to take English classes so I can get a degree in either early childhood education or nursing.

My dream is to help people the same way Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley helped me.

Arigatō gozaimashita (Thank you)

2017 Impact

Emergency Housing

4,764
nights in shelter

112 adults **84** children

average shelter stay

24 days

“Thank you all so much! I was terrified and ashamed when I first reached out to you, but I thank the Gods that I did. Ever since we came you have been nothing but wonderful, supportive, and compassionate. The resources and tools we have been given are great, and you steadily encourage us to do our best. We are not victims but survivors.”

24/7 Crisis Line

2,380 callers received support from our Advocates



Volunteer Contributions

37 volunteers contributed a total of

2,290 hours of assistance

By the Numbers

“After decades of working with professionals to address and implement “safe” in our home, it is finally with your care and skill that I am sure I now at last am getting a handle on what it is about-in real life. That I don’t stand alone to address the losses is a grace that you bring to your work. When I get too scared, I think of you.”

Outreach Counseling Services

1,550

face-to-face encounters
with adults and children

206

adults

500

children

Community Outreach

3,202 community
members attended one or more of the
40 Safe Shelter events or presentations

Legal Services

496

received legal assistance

30

received attorney assistance

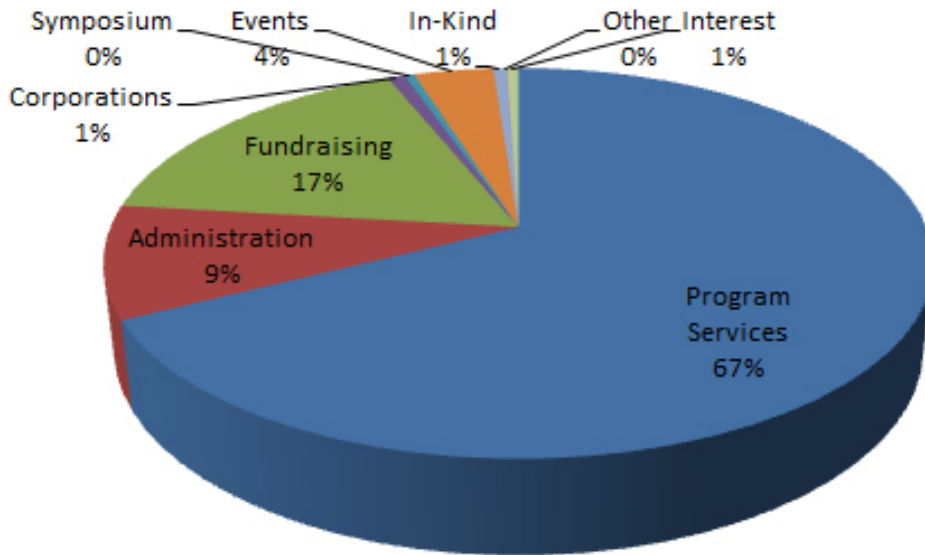
Teens Ending Relationship Abuse (TERA)

1,316 students participated in

49 presentations

“I would like to thank you and the group for still working hard to educate the SVVSD youth. Your hard work truly is saving people, I wouldn’t have ever built the courage to finally leave if I didn’t remember what I used to preach.”

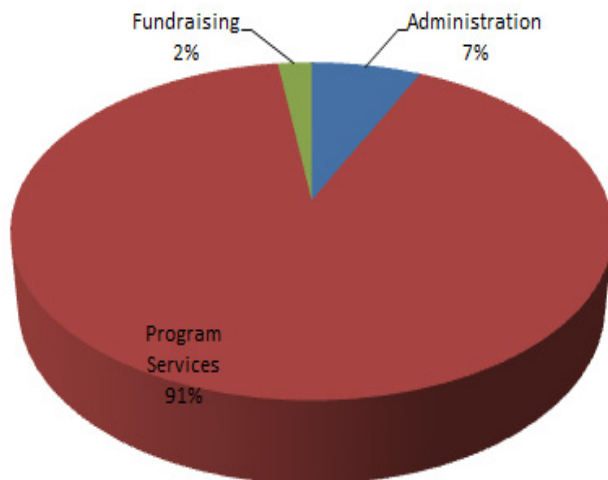
2017 Financials



“Your work is invaluable to the community. This year, my family pooled together and are honored to make a year-end donation to Safe Shelter.”

Operating Income \$858,538

Government Grants	\$583,174	Foundation Grants	\$ 80,699
Community Support	\$147,016	Corporations	\$ 7,000
Symposium	\$ 3,815	Fund Raising Events	\$ 32,057
In-Kind	\$ 5,354	Other	\$ 323
Interest Income	\$ 4,454		



Operating Expenses \$855,234

Administration	\$ 60,370
Program Services	\$776,345
Fundraising	\$ 18,519

How You Can Support Safe Shelter

Monthly Giving

As we enter our 40th year, consider becoming a sustaining donor to honor our decades of service to the community. Breakup a larger donation into easy, affordable increments. Monthly income offers us a reliable source of revenue and helps families in crisis stabilize their lives and strive toward a self-sufficient future.

In-Kind Gifts

Make a gift of new Wish List Items posted regularly on the Safe Shelter Website.

Corporate Giving

If you own your own business, Safe Shelter will work with your company to find the right partnership for your philanthropic goals. If you work for a business, find out if you can increase the impact of your gift through a donation match program.

Secure On-Line Giving

Make a donation online by visiting the Safe Shelter Website

*This donation is given in gratitude.
Thank you for taking my son and granddaughter in during the past summer. The safe house system provides huge needed support and made a life changing difference for them. Many thanks also to the legal consultant working with your safe house. She is the best one he worked with by far and your shelter made a larger contribution to him than you will ever know.*

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