



# 30 Years of Hope and Healing

*2023 Annual Report*





30 years of listening and believing.

As we reflect on 30 years of impactful service, we are reminded of the countless stories of resilience and courage that have passed through our doors. Our dedication to listening and believing has not only provided healing, but has also empowered many to reclaim their stories and futures.

In celebrating 30 years of listening and believing, Safe Passage stands as a testament to the enduring power of empathy, collaboration, and unwavering support. We are committed to continuing this legacy, nurturing and protecting our future generations for many more years to come.



# Reflecting on 2023

A word from executive director, Mo Basenberg

The accomplishments we saw in 2023 were centered around making the most of the stability and solid partnerships we have worked so hard to create in years past. With the move and co-location behind us, our focus was squarely on services to children and families, helping to ensure safety and healing for each child.



We know it is vitally important that our community knows we are here as a resource. Our goal to increase community awareness and education was met successfully, with 30+ media engagements and 40+ tours, including 11 political representatives. A highlight included hosting a mayoral forum that brought the importance of children and families to center stage. Additionally important was being featured by Rocky Mountain PBS and celebrating a new tool to help children who must testify in court.

We know 2024 will be a special year thanks to reaching our 30th Anniversary of serving those children who are most vulnerable. I approach 2024 with gratitude in my heart for the strength of the Safe Passage team and our partners who show up every day to make the world a safer place for our children.



# A Year of Growth

AT-A-GLANCE STATS 2023

## Number of Victims Served

**724**



Victims served

Children that received a forensic medical exam

**63**



**675**



Caregivers served

Children that had a general exam or medical resource

**634**

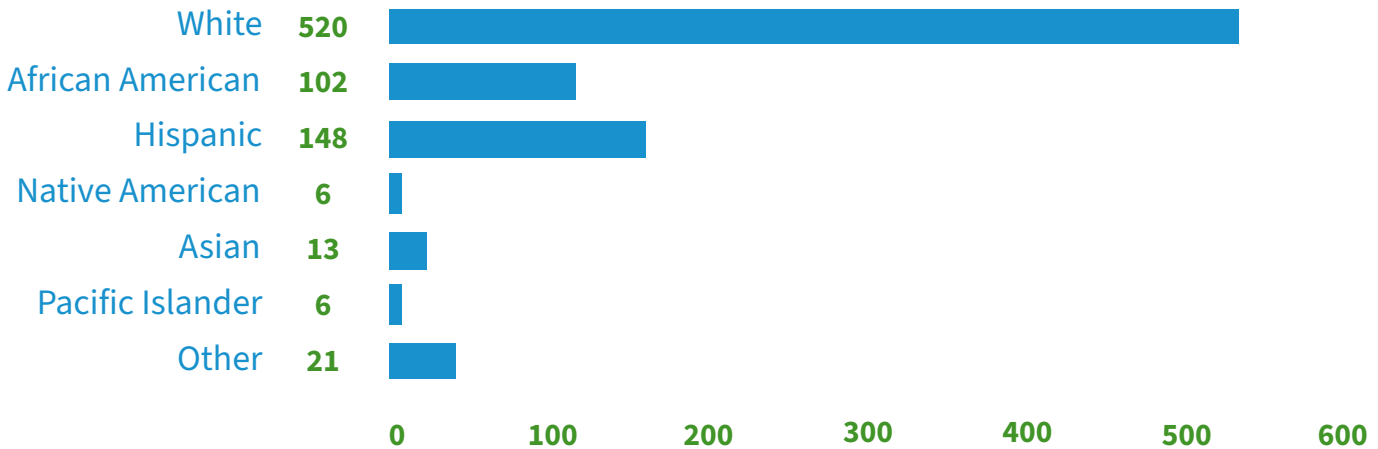


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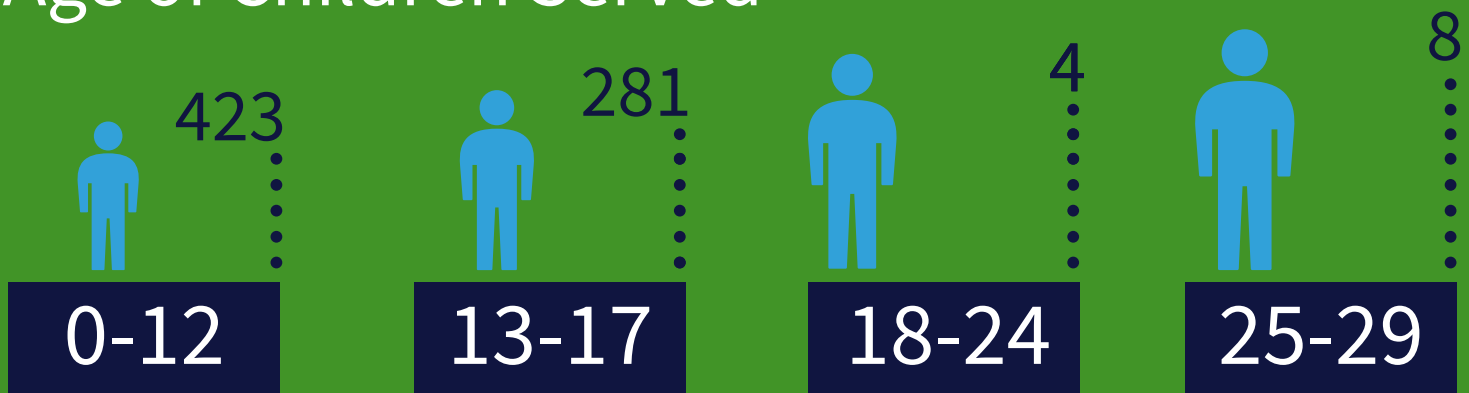


Siblings Served

## Race of Victims Served



## Age of Children Served





# A Year of Growth

AT-A-GLANCE STATS 2023

## Growth since 2022

**8.3%**



increase in non-white minorities served

increase in children receiving general exams and medical resources

**6.3%**



**51.4%**



increase in siblings served

## Growth since 1994

Approximately

**42,000**



Total Victims Served

Child Victims Served

**22,000**



**20,000**



Caregivers Served

"This center is exactly what families need in times of crisis. They have the resources to help those in need and I'm happy to know that families don't have to go through their difficulties alone."  
- Caregiver



"I liked that they made a consistent effort to make me feel comfortable despite my situation." -Child

# Our Resilient & Courageous Staff

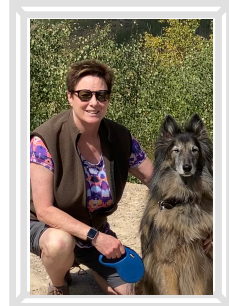
Our staff works intense child abuse cases while providing care, compassion, and quality services. They are dedicated, resilient, and courageous, and we are so proud to call them our Safe Passage Team!



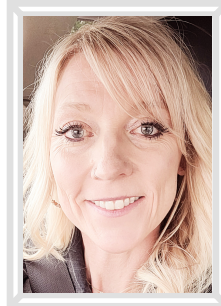
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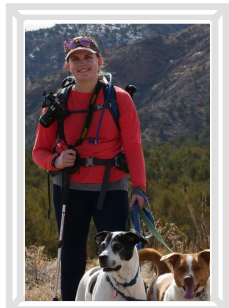
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## A word from Board President, Geoff Heim

As seasons roll into years, I'm both surprised and unsurprised at the stability and growth of Safe Passage as we get ready to celebrate our 30th anniversary of providing Hope and Healing for sexually abused children. 2024 will be my 12th year on the Safe Passage Board of Directors. I was a Board Member from 2000 through 2005 and Board President from 2002 through 2005. I rejoined in 2019 and have been Board President since 2020. So why am I surprised?



Back in the early 2000s, we identified the need for a bigger facility than we had, and co-location was the paradigm we dreamed about. But we didn't have the horse power to get the larger facility and sell our vision to make our dream a reality. Heck, stability wasn't even a given. Many months there were times we crossed our fingers we'd be able to cover expenses. Why am I not surprised? Our mission. Our agency partners. Our employees. Our community champions (you!). But the main reason we closed out our Capital Campaign ahead of deadline? The real reason we have achieved the financial stability we could only dream about 24 years ago when I started? The real reason we are about to celebrate 30 years of Hope and Healing?

It's the **kids we serve**. They deserve the best we can give them. We strive to do just that everyday. So join us in celebrating how we got to this point, and join us in our efforts to refine how we help those children through their worst days - how to help them find their Power and their way to Hope and Healing. At Safe Passage, everyone has a seat at the table. Please join us!

# Listening and Believing

## STORIES OF IMPACT



A 16 year old boy named Sam (changed for confidentiality) shared with his parents concerning abuse situations that had happened between him and an elderly neighbor. These situations had happened over a span of years and he courageously came forward to tell his parents. During a family discussion, the boy's brother-in-law also shared his own haunting experience with the same elderly neighbor years ago. The brother-in-law's case had been reported but remained unresolved due to the complexities surrounding the case.

Sam, empowered by his family's support and the shared experience with his brother-in-law, decided to report the abuse to law enforcement. At that time a forensic interview at Safe Passage was scheduled and conducted. The interview uncovered the layers of trauma and abuse. This act of bravery by Sam initiated a chain reaction of justice and healing.

The detective on the case, recognizing the gravity of these revelations, approached the brother-in-law, now an adult, offering a chance to share his story in a safe and supportive environment. This opportunity was a critical step in acknowledging and validating his long-held trauma.

The combined strength and honesty of the two survivors' testimonies led to a significant breakthrough in the investigation. After both interviews and additional inquiries, the perpetrator was apprehended and held accountable for both the recent abuse and the unresolved case from almost a decade ago.

This story is an example of the bravery of our clients and the power of giving children/teens the ability to be listened to and believed. Their stories, interwoven with pain and resilience, highlight the importance of supportive environments like Safe Passage that facilitate healing and justice.



# Courageous Quotes



"I was starting to feel that what happened to me was my fault and they made me understand that it wasn't and why." -Child



"The Advocate I was assigned was amazing, she was very helpful and understanding and gave me a load of wonderful resources." -Caregiver

"I liked that they listened and were sympathetic while still treating me like I'm old enough to know things." -Child



# Community Support



**WE ARE STRONGER BECAUSE OF YOU**

## Clay Shoot

We held our 5th annual clay shooting event at Pikes Peak Gun Club. Once again, we had over 60 participants and raised over \$20,000! Thank you to our sponsors: Scheels of Colorado Springs, Monument Orthopedics, Oakwood Homes, See Turner, North Magazine and a long time friend and supporter who wishes to remain anonymous. In and Out Burger generously sponsored lunch.



Safe Passage held its first annual fundraising luncheon in April 2023. The luncheon focused on The Journey Forward as we have settled into our new building and are serving more children and families. The community rallied around us for this event and we had 15 sponsors, 75 attendees and raised close to \$70,000! Thank you to all those that supported us!

## Fundraising Luncheon

## Golf Tournaments



This year Safe Passage was once again chosen as the charity organization for the Torch Technologies golf tournament held at Bear Dance golf course. This year they raised over \$22,000 for Safe Passage! Dynalectric Colorado also held their charity golf tournament at Racoon Creek Golf Course and Safe Passage was the charity they chose to support. They raised \$40,000 for Safe Passage! We are grateful to Torch Technologies and Dynalectric Colorado for their generosity and support.



## Empty Stocking Fund

Safe Passage is one of 20 organizations chosen to be a part of the Empty Stocking Fund. This year marks the 40th year that Gazette Charities Foundation-El Pomar Foundation Empty Stocking Fund have been providing resources to 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. Thank you to all who supported Safe Passage and many other amazing organizations through the Empty Stocking Fund this year!



Become a donor through our annual giving campaign. With a gift of \$500 or more you can be added to our wall of giving for building hope and healing together for children! Scan the QR code to donate or contact Emily Bowker.

## Help us Build Hope & Healing

*Save the Date*

**April 25, 2024  
Fundraising Luncheon**

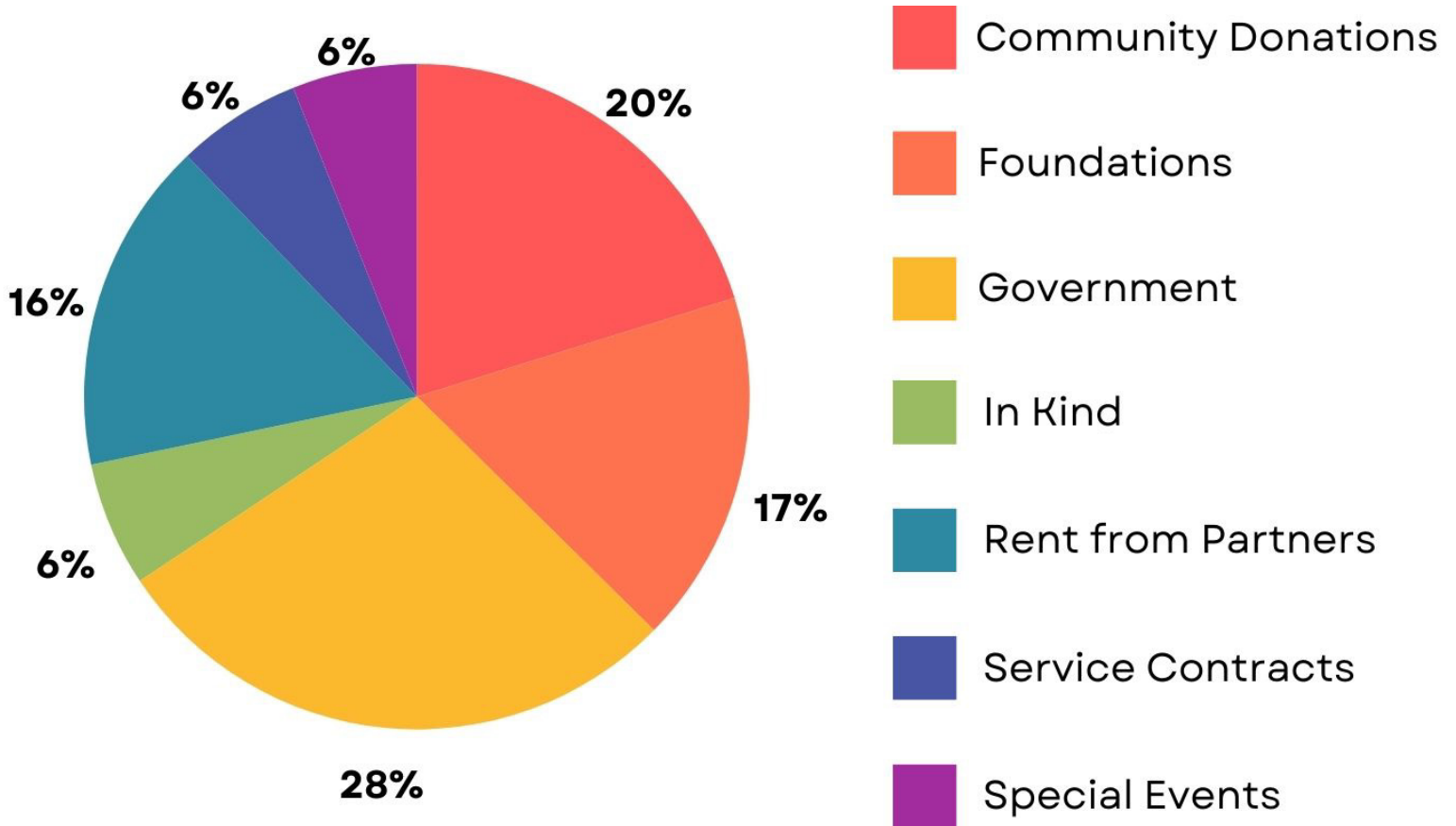
This is a sponsored event so if you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Emily Bowker.

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or 719-496-1988**



# A Year in Review

## ORGANIZATION REVENUE BREAKDOWN:



## Leadership

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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