

2021 ANNUAL REPORT & SUMMER NEWSLETTER

REACHOUT



SPAN 
Safehouse Progressive Alliance
for Nonviolence

Dear Friends,

“Resilience (noun): the capacity to adapt and recover from difficulties; toughness”.

2021 tested our resilience. From a relentless and unforgiving pandemic, to the horrific mass shooting at a Boulder grocery store and the devastating Marshall Fire that destroyed 1,100 homes in our community, it was a year that challenged and changed all of us. And, for the more than 10,500 domestic violence survivors who reached out to SPAN for support in 2021, it was also a year of personal tragedy, fear, and fortitude.

Resilience is possible only when we are supported by others. As individuals, an organization, or even a community, our ability to adapt and recover from tragedy and challenge is dependent on our connections with each other. That has certainly been true for SPAN. The extraordinary dedication of SPAN staff, board members, and volunteers, together with the generous support of so many community members and partners ensured that our services for survivors grew and strengthened in 2021.

As we reflect on 2021, I am humbled and inspired by what we accomplished together. I am profoundly grateful for the leadership of the SPAN board, the passion of our staff and volunteers, and the generosity of community members like you who continue to make our resilience possible. Thank you!

In peace,



Anne Tapp, Executive Director



Dear SPAN Supporters,

Thank you all for making possible another record-setting year of SPAN's essential work serving our community.

While SPAN is best known as a shelter for survivors of domestic violence, that's just the beginning of what we do. Survivors turning to SPAN in 2021 received trauma counseling, family support, social justice advocacy, legal assistance, education and much more.

There are as many reasons to seek out SPAN as there are people we serve, but the commonality is resilience. This was true in 2021, and it is true today.

Just this past June, at SPAN's Chocolate Lovers' Fling we introduced you to our guest speaker Ella, whose abusive boyfriend is currently behind bars. Ella's willingness to share her intimate story led to our most successful Chocolate Lovers' Fling ever. (And we look forward to topping that record at the next Fling, June 3, 2023!)

Victims no more, our recipients regularly return to SPAN to give back. Come and see firsthand how your support changes lives and changes our community for the better.

With humility and gratitude,

Sally Thorner, Board Chair



WHAT WE WERE UP TO IN 2021

MARCH 2021

With support from the Thorn Nature Center, SPAN families visit the Cal Wood Learning Center in western Boulder County, exploring the outdoors and building stronger families.

AUGUST 2021

The Peers Building Justice violence prevention program works with Out Boulder to hold youth-led focus groups on LGBTQIA+ sex ed and violence prevention curriculum in BVSD middle and high schools.

DECEMBER 2021

SPAN Advocates safely evacuated our housing clients and offered increased support to survivors during the Marshall Fire crisis.

JANUARY 2021

SPAN launches its collaboration with CU Institute of Behavioral Health on the Let's Connect project, helping families recover from violence.

MAY 2021

40th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Fling nets over \$180,000, thanks to our generous guests and community!

OCTOBER 2021

SPAN partnered with the University of Colorado Boulder Athletics and the Office of Victim Assistance for the Domestic Violence Awareness football game. Go Buffs!



CLIENT STORY

"For the longest time my abuser told me I was stupid, I was weak, and nobody would ever love me. For the longest time his was the only voice I heard in my head. A friend brought me to one of SPAN's support groups. I kept going, though I didn't know why since I didn't say anything for the first few weeks. Finally, I started to tell my story, and over time and with SPAN's help there was a new voice in my head: my own."

2021 PROGRAM STATS

10,585 CRISIS CALLS
ANSWERED BY TRAINED ADVOCATES



Our Advocates ensured each and every caller received the necessary support and resources to feel safer in their situation.

7173 NIGHTS
SPENT IN EMERGENCY SHELTER



SPAN provided Shelter to 146 adults and 49 children in 2021. Shelter clients were always met with care and provided with clothes, toiletries, and anything they may need to feel comfortable.

217 SURVIVORS
RECEIVED LEGAL ADVOCACY



Advocacy included supporting survivors as they applied for Protective Orders, accompanying them to hearings, and connecting them with pro-bono legal representation that can make all the difference in navigating our complex legal system.

417 ADULTS & 232 CHILDREN
RECEIVED COUNSELING



Our Team provided over 876 group counseling sessions for LGBTQI+, Spanish-speaking Latinx, and older adult survivors, as well as multi-generational family counseling services that address the impact of violence on the entire family.

232 SURVIORS
RECEIVED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES



SPAN served survivors through intensive housing support, including negotiating with landlords and providing flexible, emergency financial support to help keep survivors and their children in stable housing.

JUSTICE & INCLUSIVITY

SPAN is committed to being a critical resource to underserved populations of survivors of domestic violence in our community. We know domestic violence and violence of all kinds have disproportionate impacts on low-income, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ folks. As a human rights organization, SPAN is strengthening our services to be more inclusive and accessible to everyone in our community.

48% OF DIRECT SERVICE CLIENTS IDENTIFY AS LATINX

AND 40% OF LATINX CLIENTS ARE MONOLINGUAL SPANISH SPEAKERS

2021 DIRECT SERVICE CLIENTS



76 CHILDREN AGED 5 AND UNDER RECEIVED INTENSIVE SUPPORT.
AN INCREASE OF 38% OVER 2020.

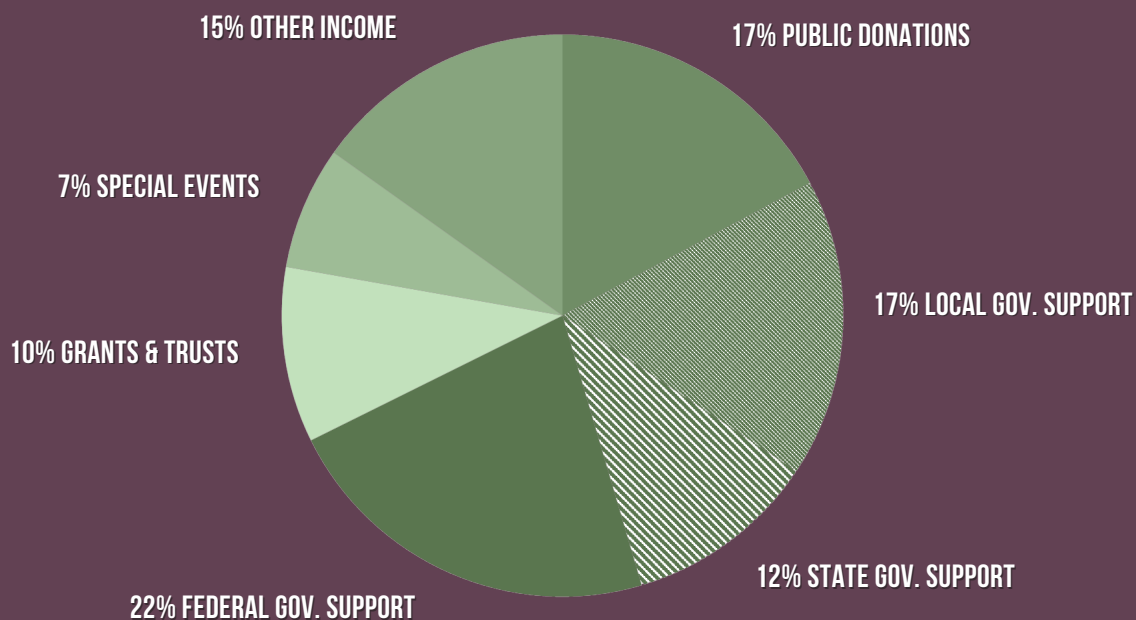
68% to 80% of domestic assaults are witnessed by children. Here at SPAN, we know that these experiences pose long-term risks to a child's development, health, and well-being. SPAN's services for children and youth are innovative and focus on the earliest possible interventions for children from ages 5 and under. From parenting support to comprehensive, wrap-around services for the whole family, SPAN helps keep everyone safe in their homes.

2021 FINANCIAL RECAP

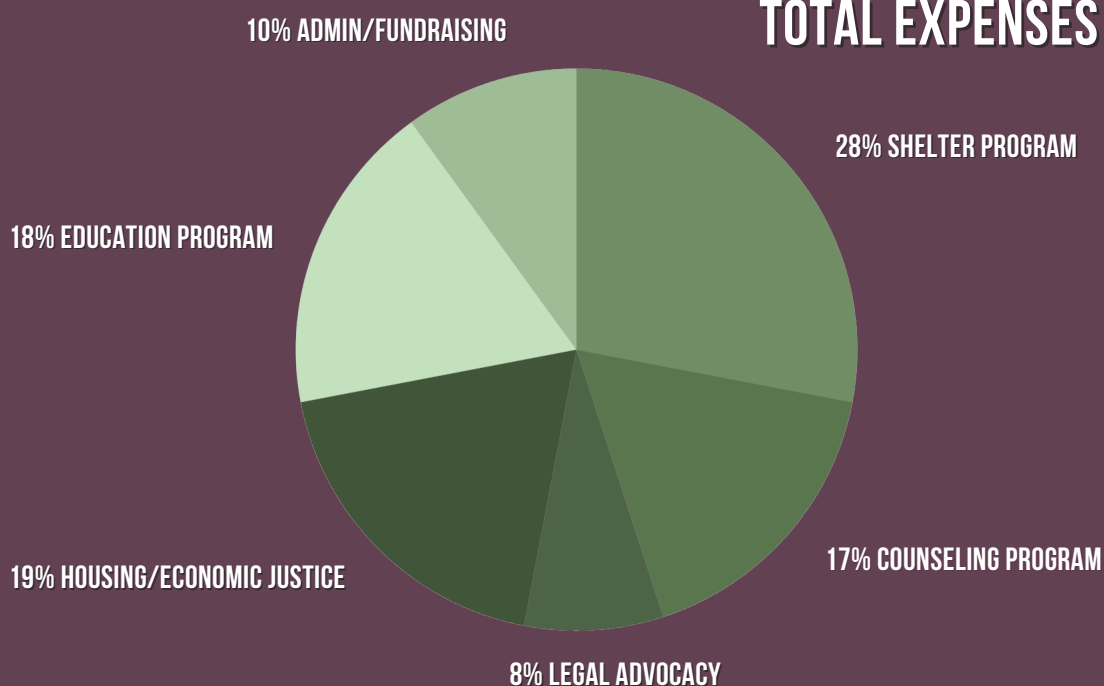
TOTAL REVENUES = \$3,310,015



**THANKS FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!**



TOTAL EXPENSES = \$2,450,109



63% OF SPAN STAFF
IDENTIFY AS PEOPLE OF COLOR

70% OF SPAN STAFF
HAVE WORKED IN VICTIM SERVICES FOR 4+ YEARS

OUR SPAN TEAM

66% OF SPAN STAFF
ARE SPANISH BILINGUAL

48% OF SPAN STAFF
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA+

37% OF SPAN STAFF
HAVE MASTER'S DEGREES

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