

**2021**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

 **PorchLight**

***A Family Justice Center***

*Our mission is to bring together essential services for victims, survivors, and their children to create a positive pathway forward, and to foster public safety.*



## A Family Justice Center

**You are not alone.**

**Lifting Victims' Voices in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties**

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### **Dear PorchLight Community:**

Although opening our doors in the middle of a global pandemic was not in our original plan back in 2017 when PorchLight was a seed of an idea, we knew we were needed now more than ever. As domestic violence increased in both occurrences and severity, critical resources became more difficult to access as COVID-19 took its toll on our community. Despite many challenges, we proudly opened our doors on February 25, 2021, to provide much needed in-person services. The new and innovative way we are able to serve Guests will undoubtedly provide increased access to the wide array of services in our community. As a result, with increased access, **more victims and survivors will have hope for a healthier pathway forward.**

Our partners have been incredible and have all shown such thoughtfulness and creativity in learning new ways to connect with PorchLight Guests during the COVID-19 pandemic through the use of technology. **We applaud all of you for your hard work to make services accessible.**

In the short 10 months since we opened our doors, we have served over 900 Guests. To put this number in perspective, this is over half of the number of victims in the 1,603 misdemeanor domestic violence cases filed in the Jefferson County Court in all of 2021. As we continue to spread the word about our collective work, we expect the number of Guests served to increase over time.

Our Board of Directors has been hard at work and is engaged in strategic planning for the next several years. The organization is moving from a start-up non-profit into greater growth, and we are excited for the direction we are headed.

As a Porchlight community, we continue to need your help, and we are incredibly grateful for all the support we have received from our funders, volunteers, donors, City and County leaders, and elected officials.

**Thank you for your belief that we are better together. We are saving lives and building hope for the future with your help.**

As we close 2021 we are so grateful to our entire community for coming together to serve survivors in an innovative way.

Sincerely,

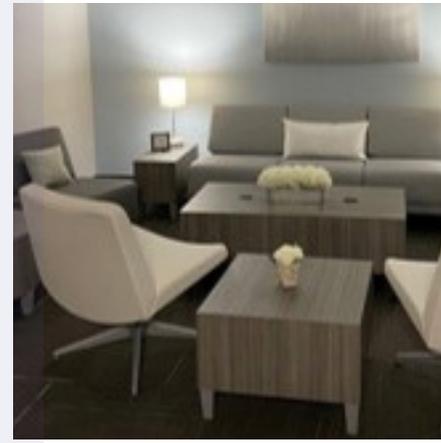
Candace Cooledge, Executive Director | Mary Berg, Board Chair

***“ Thank you for giving me a secure and calming place to receive help. I feel like I can finally receive the services I need to get away. ”***





*“ I am in love with the waiting area. It feels like home. Very welcoming! I also feel very confident that I will be in a better place/ situation as of today. Thank you for all the support. ”*



More than **75 partner agencies** work together to provide coordinated services for victims and survivors of violence in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. By housing a multi-disciplinary team of professionals under one roof and coordinating activities across each agency, we can more effectively serve victims and survivors of sexual assault, stalking, family violence, elder abuse, child abuse, at-risk individual abuse, and human trafficking.

*Services include*

**| NAVIGATION | LEGAL SERVICES | COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS | LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES |**

*– Our Partners –*

Alliance to Lead Impact in Global Human Trafficking (ALIGHT)  
 Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado  
 Arvada Police Department  
 Asian Pacific Development Center  
 Benefits in Action  
 Blackhawk Police Department  
 Blue Bench  
 Centura Health  
 Colorado Legal Services  
 Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)  
 Colorado Poverty Law Project  
 Colorado Refugee Services Program  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado Spirit  
 Community Connections Center (C3)  
 Crime Victim Comp  
 Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment (Dove)  
 Denver Indian Family Resource Center  
 Developmental Disability Resource Center (DDRC)  
 Diane Wall, LPC  
 Energy Outreach Colorado  
 Family Tree  
 First Judicial District Attorney’s Office  
 Flow State  
 Foothills Animal Shelter

Forensic Nurse Examiner through St. Anthony Hospital  
 Gilpin County Sheriff’s Office  
 Golden Police Department  
 Intervention  
 Jefferson Center (f/k/a Jefferson Center for Mental Health)  
 Jefferson County Department of Human Services  
 Jefferson County Probation  
 Jefferson County Public Health  
 Jefferson County Public Library  
 Jefferson County R-1 Schools  
 Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO)  
 Jefferson/Gilpin County CASA  
 Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC)  
 Lakewood City Attorney  
 Lakewood Municipal Probation  
 Lakewood Police Department  
 Language Line  
 Language Link  
 Latina Safe House  
 Lutheran Medical Center  
 Mean Streets Ministries  
 Metro Volunteer Lawyers  
 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)  
 Pillow Hugs

Purple Communications, Inc.  
 Ralston House  
 Red Rocks Community College  
 Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center  
 Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center  
 Rose Amdom Center  
 Seniors’ Resource Center  
 Servicios De La Raza  
 Spark the Change  
 Sparkling Kindness  
 STRIDE  
 Tennyson Center for Children  
 The Action Center  
 The Arc – Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties  
 The Center on Colfax  
 The Initiative  
 Thriving Families  
 University of Colorado, School of Medicine  
 University of Denver  
 Victim Outreach, Inc.  
 Volunteer Stylists  
 Westminster Police Department  
 Wheat Ridge City Attorney  
 Wheat Ridge City Probation  
 Wheat Ridge Optimist Club  
 Wheat Ridge Police Department  
 WINGS

YOU ARE  
**NOT** alone.



**It was so easy  
to come here,  
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in the same place.**

## **April\* felt hopeless and alone the first time she walked into PorchLight.**

She had been in a mentally and emotionally abusive relationship for six years. April tried several times to leave the relationship, but her husband would manipulate and threaten her. “When I tried to leave, he told me that I was not a good person because I was not a submissive wife. He said, ‘If you call the police, I’ll lose my job. Who will take care of you then?’”

The emotional and mental abuse increased, and in June of 2021, her husband became physically abusive. When April sought medical attention for a concussion, the healthcare provider urged her to contact law enforcement. April recalls when law enforcement told her there was help for people in abusive relationships. “I didn’t realize this was happening to so many other people,” she said. “I felt like I was alone. I was so ashamed to be in an abusive relationship.”

***“ Now I know that I am a good person and I deserve a good life. PorchLight helped me realize that I don’t have to have someone to make me happy. ”***

April’s outlook changed the day she walked into PorchLight. She met with a PorchLight Navigator who connected her with victim services, legal advocacy, and a mental health professional who worked together to provide the support and services April needed to begin her healing journey. April was so grateful to have all the services she needed in one location, “It was so easy to come here, to have everyone I was meeting in the same place.”

Before leaving, April felt isolated and powerless, but at Porchlight, she realized she wasn’t alone. “Rebuilding my life without him has been really hard. Having stronger people around me has helped me feel empowered to see what I can do for myself.” With the necessary resources and support, April has forged a positive path forward for her and her son, “Now I know that I am a good person and I deserve a good life. PorchLight helped me realize that I don’t have to have someone to make me happy.”

April’s friends and family, including her 12-year-old son, have witnessed the change in her life. After a recent visit to PorchLight, April’s son commented that “This is a good place for you, mom.” And when friends ask her how she was finally able to leave the abusive relationship, April smiles and says, “I had PorchLight.”

\*Name has been changed to protect the Guest’s identity

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## PorchLight Guests Served

As we reduce the occurrence of family violence, we also

- ✓ Enhance public safety
- ✓ Help reduce violent crime and homicide rates
- ✓ Unite communities in support of crime victims
- ✓ Save tax dollars
- ✓ Increase the effectiveness of timely services

# OUR IMPACT

February 25-Dec 31, 2021

*PorchLight Family Justice Center is the gateway to a network of services designed to reduce family violence in our counties.*



**891** Volunteer Hours



**1086** Intern Hours

**3004**



Phone calls answered from the community seeking information, services and resources

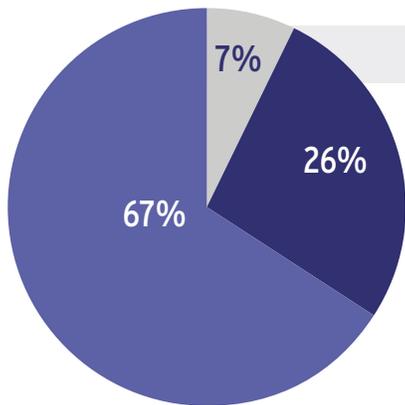
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In-Person Visits  
Includes initial and return visits for navigation, referrals, and partner agency appointments

# FINANCIALS

*It takes passion, hard work, and dedication to operate a family justice center. It also takes a great deal of funding.*



### 2021 INCOME

**TOTAL INCOME ..... \$862,700**

- Municipal & Government Donors
- Direct Public Grants
- Direct Public Support

### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF 12.31.2021

**TOTAL ASSETS ..... \$3,038,866**

Total Net Assets  
**\$929,230**

Total Liabilities  
**\$2,109,636**



# Help Us 'keep the lights on'

by donating, volunteering or helping to spread the word.



- CLICK BELOW TO DONATE -



Monthly recurring gift via electronic payment using a credit or debit card

Matching gifts through your employer

- OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT PORCHLIGHT -



King Soopers Community Rewards

Link your King Sooper's Card to PorchLight and King Soopers will donate a portion of every dollar you spend to PorchLight

CLICK HERE



CLICK HERE

AmazonSmile will donate a portion of eligible purchases to PorchLight

- PORCHLIGHT GEAR -

CLICK HERE

' Where There is Light, There is Hope '



## WITH GRATITUDE

PorchLight's ongoing commitment to bring together essential services for victims, survivors, and their children to create a positive pathway forward, and to foster public safety, would not be possible without the generous support of individuals, corporations, foundations, and government agencies.

Thank you to every supporter who helped turn the lights on for victims and their families in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties.



### A Family Justice Center

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