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.
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.”
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 Andom 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

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

**Our Impact**

February 25-Dec 31, 2021

901 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

891 Volunteer Hours

1086 Intern Hours

3004 Phone calls answered from the community seeking information, services and resources

1601 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 67%
- Direct Public Grants 26%
- Direct Public Support 7%

Total Assets $3,038,866

- Total Net Assets $929,230
- Total Liabilities $2,109,636
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.

Help Us ‘keep the lights on’ by donating, volunteering or helping to spread the word.

– CLICK BELOW TO DONATE –

DONATE NOW

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

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile will donate a portion of eligible purchases to PorchLight

– PORCHLIGHT GEAR –

‘Where There is Light, There is Hope’

PorchLight
A Family Justice Center

Click to connect on social media!