

IMPACT REPORT



2022



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Dear PorchLight Community,

In 2022, we celebrated PorchLight's first anniversary of service to our community. We have begun to witness the immense impact our Family Justice Center has had on those we serve. No longer do we have to look towards research and examples from other communities about the importance of centralizing services, rather, our exit surveys from our Guests paint a clear picture of the immense benefit PorchLight and its network of dedicated professionals create every day. Survivors indicate that they feel safer, more informed, and heard, with a plan and pathway forward because of the support they receive at PorchLight.

Stepping into 2022 was full of new challenges for PorchLight. We were faced with what has become known as "the new normal" of adjusting to a post-COVID world. The ability to safely hold in-person events allowed PorchLight to host our First Annual Be the Light Gala, where community members, partners, volunteers, and friends gathered for an evening of support for PorchLight and raised over \$20,000. Our very first Gala was a huge success and laid a foundation of support for years to come. Additionally, we saw an increase in utilization of the Center as we went from serving an average of 7.5 Guests per day in 2021 to ending 2022 with an average of 13.8 Guests per day.

In 2017, PorchLight was just an idea. To sit here today and reflect upon all we have accomplished is humbling and inspiring. To all who have contributed in both big ways and small, we are so grateful. We are excited to continue building on this foundation in 2023, with opportunities to grow our team, bring in new partnerships, and continue to amplify and lift survivors' voices in Jefferson and Gilpin counties.



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Executive Director

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.

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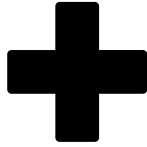


OUR PARTNERS

PorchLight works with more than 75 partner agencies 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 domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking elder abuse, child abuse, at-risk individual abuse, and human trafficking.



LEGAL



MEDICAL



**LAW
ENFORCEMENT**



**CHILD
ADVOCACY**



**MENTAL
HEALTH**



PET CARE

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
The 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
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
Mountain View Police Department
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 Anodom 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

All In One Place.

GUEST STORY

Looking back, Jill* realized that she had spent half her life in abusive relationships. Ten years with her son's biological father and ten years with her now ex-husband. Jill was 17 years old and pregnant when she moved out of state with her boyfriend. She endured years of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. She finally found the strength to leave when she became concerned for her son's safety.

Jill moved back to Colorado with her son to start a new life. Shortly after Jill relocated to Colorado, the father of her son found out where she lived and began stalking her. "He made my life a living hell. He told me that he was going to burn the house down with me in it." When Jill reached out for mental health services for her son, a therapist suggested Jill contact PorchLight. "I would never have known (about PorchLight) without Jefferson Center saying something." Jill had no idea what PorchLight was about, "I thought it was like therapy, but it was so much more."

A PorchLight Navigator connected Jill with several partner agencies, including legal advocacy and outreach programs. They were able to help Jill with a grant for legal fees, and funding so she and her son could move into a new place, a safe place. In addition to helping Jill secure the critical resources she needed, PorchLight's partner was able to provide Christmas gifts for her and her son. Jill recalls how she felt before she came to PorchLight, "I was in a dark place, stressed out, I was drinking all the time" "It's hard to know when you're ready to leave...but if more people knew what is available, I think they would".

Jill's healing journey has not been easy, but with support and determination, Jill has come a long way since those dark days, "I haven't had a drink since the beginning of the year. I have sole custody of my son, I'm divorced. I'm doing great!" "I don't think I could have done it without you all. You are beautiful people, beautiful souls." "There are no words to express how grateful I am for PorchLight."

**Guest name changed to protect privacy*



GUEST COMMENTS

"Thank you so much for everything you guys do. I can't thank you enough for the support through the most challenging times of our lives!"

"I am so grateful for PorchLight and the services they provide. I wish I would of found them sooner when I really was at my lowest. They are giving people hope & saving lives"

"The level of care gave me immense peace in a trying process. Beyond thankful for this resource."

"All of the staff I met onsite were accommodating and went above and beyond to ensure my wishes were met within reason. I felt more informed and confident with my visit about myself and situation."

"I feel extremely supported. I am so grateful for this resource. Your team helped me get through a rough situation."

"Just when I was ready to give up - you amazing people gave me hope! Thank you so much."

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

3,338

TOTAL VISITS TO
PORCHLIGHT

1,328

GUEST
NAVIGATIONS

450

VISITS TO
CHILDCARE

4,693

PHONE CALLS
FOR SUPPORT

995

HOURS OF
VOLUNTEER
TIME

1,784

HOURS OF INTERN
LEARNING

159

ANIMALS
SUPPORTED

\$0.00

COST TO
GUESTS

2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

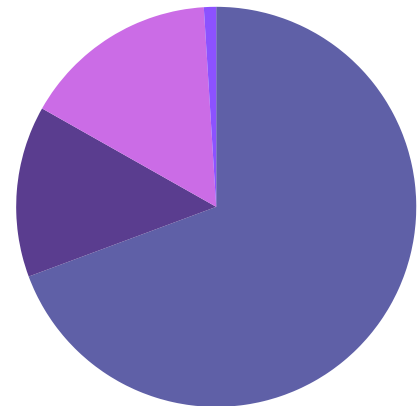
Total Income: \$1,141,710

70.1% from Municipal & Gov. Donors

13.8% from Direct Public Grants

15.7% from Direct Public Support

0.4% from Investment Income



Total Assets: \$3,322,876

Total Net Assets: \$1,206,261

Total Liabilities: \$2,116,615

Thank You!

To all of our volunteers,
donors, and supporters. We
could not do this work
without you!

