

 **PorchLight**
A Family Justice Center

You are not alone.

Impact **REPORT**

2023



A Year of Growth

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on 2023, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and hope for PorchLight, A Family Justice Center. This past year has been marked by significant growth, both in our capacity to serve the community and in our visibility within it.

One of our most notable achievements has been the expansion of our team. We welcomed three new staff members to the PorchLight family, allowing us to meet the increasing demand for our services. This growth has enabled us to serve more guests at our center, providing them with the critical support they need to find a positive pathway forward.

In 2023, we were honored to serve a record number of individuals, with over 4,000 visits to PorchLight. This milestone is a testament to the vital role PorchLight plays in our community, making it easier to access a comprehensive range of services, including therapy, navigation support, legal assistance, and more.

Our success would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our staff, interns, volunteers, and community partners. Their tireless efforts and commitment to our mission have been instrumental in making a positive difference in the lives of countless individuals.

This year we were also thrilled to host our second annual fundraising Gala, "Be the Light," at the Buffalo Rose in Golden, Colorado. This event provided an opportunity for many new people in our community to connect with PorchLight and learn more about our work.

As we look ahead, we are excited to build upon the growth and momentum we have achieved in 2023. Our mission to empower individuals and families affected by trauma and abuse remains at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to continuing to provide compassionate care, advocacy, and support to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.



With gratitude,

Candace Cooledge
Executive Director & Founder
PorchLight, A Family Justice Center

PORCHLIGHT BASICS

Founded 2018 - Opened 2021

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.

At PorchLight, survivors are not alone.

Over 20 different agencies are available, **for free and without appointment**, to support those experiencing trauma and abuse. In addition, PorchLight Navigators who are trained victim advocates, help navigate the network of support, empowering survivors to move forward with hope and resilience.

PorchLight Supports Individuals Experiencing:

*Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault
Stalking
Human Trafficking
At-Risk-Individual Abuse
Elder Abuse
Crimes Against Children*



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THE PORCHLIGHT TEAM

2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PorchLight's Board of Directors is composed of talented individuals from diverse sectors of the community. Their collective expertise and dedication play a crucial role in guiding PorchLight's ongoing success and growth.

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PORCHLIGHT STAFF

This year PorchLight was excited to be able to grow our staff and scale our operation to meet the demand for service in the community. In 2023, PorchLight added three new positions to the team; a Development Manager, Administrative Assistant, and an additional Navigator.



Candace Cooleage, Executive Director
Nicole Lopez, Guest Services Coordinator
Brandon Bowles, Development Manager
Gioany Lira-Jasso, Bilingual Navigator
Sara James, Navigator
Alysia Noworatzky, Navigator
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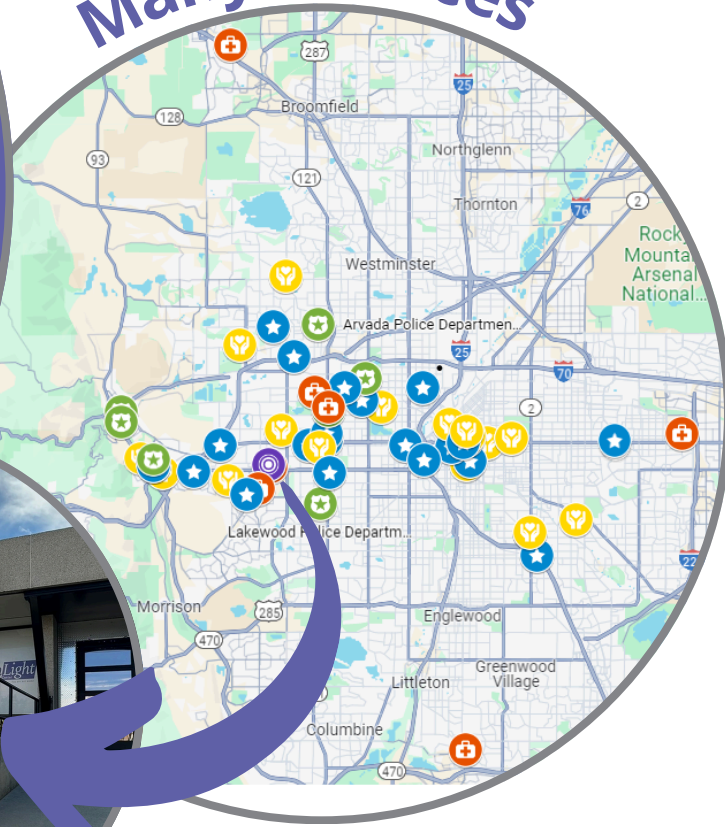
Experiencing violence is hard enough, getting support shouldn't be.

Before PorchLight's opening in 2021, survivors would have to travel nearly 174 miles between service providers to access critical support such as medical care, legal assistance, advocacy, and mental health support.

"It is so wonderful that everything is in one place."

- PorchLight Guest

Many Services



All in One Place



ON-SITE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

- 1st JD District Attorney's Office
- The Arc
- The Blue Bench
- Cultural Development & Wellness Center
- Family Tree, Domestic Violence Services
- Foothills Animal Shelter
- Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center
- Jefferson Center
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Lakewood Police Department
- Latina Safe House
- St. Anthony's Forensic Nurse Exam Program
- Ralston House
- Restorative JeffCo
- Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
- Seniors' Resource Center
- Servicios de La Raza
- Thriving Families
- Victim Outreach Inc.
- Wings Foundation
- Zero Tolerance for Domestic Abuse



In 2023 PorchLight welcomed Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center as an on-site partner to help support our guests with Civil Legal matters.



BETTER TOGETHER

In addition to our on-site partners, PorchLight works with more than 75 partner agencies in the community to provide coordinated services for victims and survivors of violence in the community. 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.



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
Community Connections Center (C3)
Crime Victim Compensation
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment (Dove)
Denver Indian Family Resource Center
Developmental Disability Resource Center (DDRC)
Energy Outreach Colorado
Family Tree
First Judicial District Attorney's Office
Foothills Animal Shelter
Forensic Nurse Examiner Program through St. Anthony Hospital

Gilpin County Sheriff's Office
Golden Police Department
Intervention
Jefferson Center
Jefferson County Dept 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 of 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
Zero Tolerance for Domestic Abuse

PorchLight's Impact: Linda's Story

Linda* had been experiencing an increasing level of violence from her boyfriend, Kevin*, over the past several months. His verbal abuse had escalated to physical and sexual assault, leaving Linda feeling trapped and terrified. After a failed attempt to get him to leave, Kevin's behavior became even more erratic and violent. He damaged their home, made numerous threats against Linda and her family, and held her at knifepoint. She feared for her life.

Linda called the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which gave Linda the information for PorchLight. Linda was able to walk into the Center and sit down with a PorchLight Navigator. Together, they came up with a plan to support Linda's safety which included making a report to the appropriate police department. The police officer met with Linda and the Navigator at PorchLight where Linda spoke with the officers in one of the PorchLight guest rooms. During their conversation, the officer was able to gather enough information to issue a warrant for Kevin's arrest.

Understanding that Kevin was likely to be arrested, the Navigator was also able to help Linda identify a safe place to stay, apply for crime victims compensation, and explore the other services and supports that she could be connected with such as legal assistance, therapy, and on-going advocacy.

Kevin was arrested, and a case was filed with the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office. After some time to consider options for her path forward, Linda reached back out to her Navigator at PorchLight and asked for assistance to get connected with several other partner agencies including Family Tree, the Blue Bench, and Zero Tolerance for Domestic Abuse. Linda expressed how helpful it was to get all of these connections for support through PorchLight. Linda didn't have to travel from agency to agency or call a list of numbers wondering who could provide the support she needed. Instead, she walked into PorchLight and was connected with six different agencies to provide her with the support she was seeking.

Linda was able to move forward from the relationship with confidence, support and a positive pathway forward.



**Names and details adjusted for confidentiality*

Language Matters

At PorchLight we are intentional about calling those we serve our "guests" to help foster a warm, inviting environment.

Guest Comments

"Staff was extremely welcoming and caring."
-PorchLight Guest, January 2023

"I felt very safe and respected. They helped guide me in the right direction and checked in on me after to make sure I didn't need any additional support. Wonderful place!"
-PorchLight Guest, February 2023

"Everyone was wonderful. Thank you for making me feel safe."
-PorchLight Guest, May 2023

"Everything I had been seeking to get help was offered to me. Thank you for being available to us who feel like they have no way out. You all are amazing."
-PorchLight Guest, August 2023

"I feel so much better after a very traumatic incident. Thank you all for being so amazing, kind, understanding and compassionate."
-PorchLight Guest, November 2023

"PorchLight gave me HOPE. Every time I walked through the doors of PorchLight, both myself and my kids felt cared for."
-PorchLight Guest, February 2023

"Keep up the awesome work! I have hope now that I almost thought would never be possible again!"
-PorchLight Guest, April 2023

"Thank you for getting me started. I felt incredibly hopeless when I came in, and I was really confused on what steps to take next - and we came up with a plan for making it out of this situation alive and okay. I really appreciate how soft spoken everyone here is, it is very calming and feels like everyone is genuinely concerned about me."
-PorchLight Guest, July 2023

"PorchLight helped me feel supported during the hardest time in my life."
-PorchLight Guest, December 2023



By the Numbers

4,275

Total Visits to PorchLight
(+28% Increase from 2022)

774

Visits to PorchLight Childcare
(+72% Increase from 2022)

1,414

Navigation Appointments
(6.5% Increase from 2022)



17.6

Average Visits Per Day

173

Animals Supported through
Foothills Animal Shelter

668

Guests Walked in for Support

880

Hours of Intern Learning

4,285

Phone Calls for Support

\$0.00

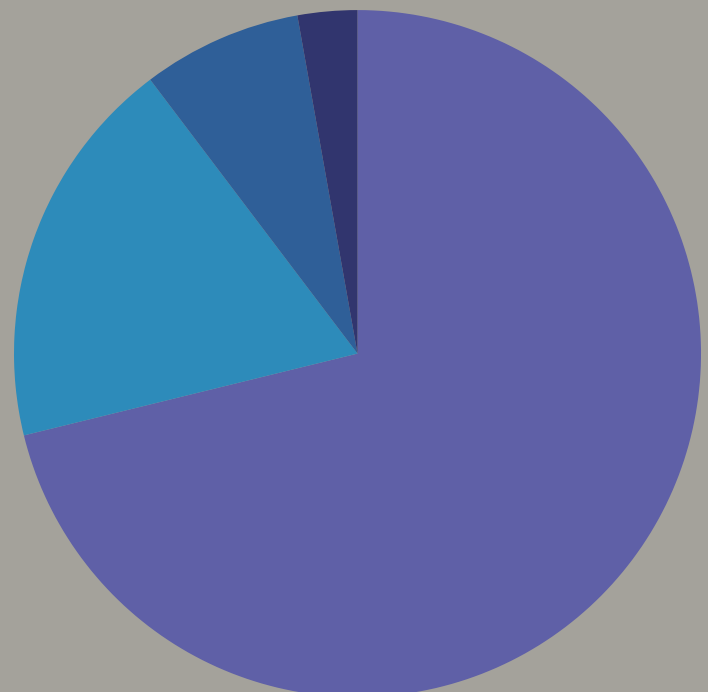
Costs to our guests



Sources of Income

Municipal and Government Donors	\$828,204	71.1%
Direct Public Grants	\$215,296	18.5%
Direct Public Support	\$87,626	7.5%
Investment Income	\$33,136	2.8%
Total Income	\$1,164,262	100.0%

Gov. Donors Direct Public Grants
Direct Public Support Investment Income



TOTAL ASSETS: \$3,342,163
TOTAL NET ASSETS: \$1,072,340
TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$2,269,823

THE 2ND ANNUAL *Be the Light Gala*

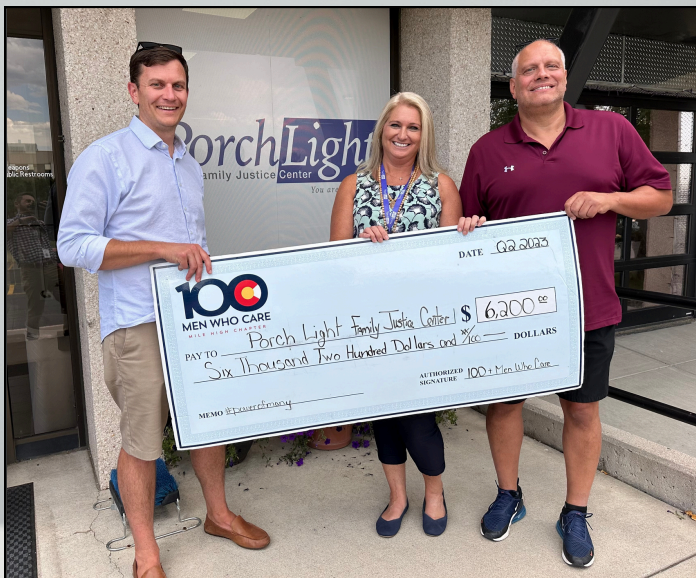


PorchLight's second annual Be the Light Gala was a resounding success, drawing over 250 attendees to the historic Buffalo Rose in Golden, Colorado, on October 19, 2023. The event featured a lively silent auction, captivating live music, and plenty of opportunities for attendees to connect and celebrate PorchLight's mission. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, PorchLight raised an impressive \$40,000 to directly support the Family Justice Center, ensuring that survivors can continue to receive essential services and resources.

The Be the Light Gala was sponsored by FirstBank, The Jefferson Center, Mixon Architecture, Jay Rossie with Colorado Home Realty, The New Key Team at Coldwell Banker, Onset Solutions, Personal Achievement Martial Arts, and the Jordan Team at NOVA Home Loans! Photos by Logan Derby.

Thank You!

It takes an immense amount of support to keep PorchLight shining brightly. Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, grant funders and supporters for your generous contributions to ensure survivors in our community have a positive pathway forward.



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