

ADVOCATES
OF LAKE
COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR STATEMENT

Dear Friends,

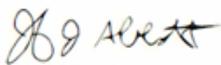
We are pleased to share an overview of another successful year at the Advocates of Lake County (ALC). As you peruse these pages and reflect on ALC's accomplishments in 2021, we hope you recognize the impact of your contributions. Through your volunteerism, we found logistical support for outreach events, fundraising events and client service programming. From your in-kind donations, we acquired household goods which helped our clients establish and maintain safe homes, and secured valuable professional services (legal and financial) which helped our agency grow even stronger. And with your financial contributions, we filled gaps in funding streams to ensure our programming and services were consistent and effective. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We hope you will continue to support us as we expand services to individuals experiencing housing insecurity in Lake County. These services will be similar to services currently offered to survivors and victims of violence, but will be offered to any and all Lake County residents, regardless of victim status. We are excited to venture into expanded service delivery, and hope you are enthusiastic about our expansion as well. Please note our new mission statement: *The Advocates of Lake County provides trauma-informed services and promotes a community where individuals experiencing violence or housing insecurity may achieve personal autonomy.*

Stay tuned for updates and developments as we serve the Lake County community with innovative new programming!

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Best,



Jenny Abbott
Executive Director



Casey Doran
Interim Chair
of the Board

CRISIS RESPONSE

ALC's Crisis Response helps survivors in immediate danger and saves lives by ensuring the physical safety of survivors and their loved ones. ALC's emergency hotline is available to the community 24/7, every day of the year. When a survivor contacts ALC, we can provide emergency shelter, financial assistance, transportation, safety planning, or even just a sympathetic ear. After advocates have assisted a client through a crisis, they provide emotional support and connect clients with other ALC programs our community partner resources needed to start over and maintain long-term safety, including assistance navigating the civil legal system, food, transportation, rental/utility assistance, childcare, and long-term housing.

"The staff is phenomenal. They are always willing to help, and they think of creative solutions."

-ALC Client



IN 2021:

242

survivors
served

285

crisis
interventions

24/7/365

crisis line
coverage



IN 2021:

710

emergency shelter
nights provided

\$36,370

provided in
emergency shelter
and rental
assistance

13

Lake County
landlords
partnered with

HOUSING

Many survivors are unable to leave an abusive situation due to a lack of affordable housing.

ALC's Housing First Program helps to ensure all survivors have a safe place to live by removing barriers to housing. This includes rental or utility assistance, relocation assistance, application fees, and assistance locating available housing. Our advocates also help survivors budget and determine how to cover the rental costs on their own, making it less likely that they will need to return to their abusers for financial assistance. In 2021, the Housing First program supplemented our emergency safehouse, so we can help survivors have a safe place to live from the moment they leave an abuser until they establish a new home.

"Everything they do is so wonderful and helpful thanks for the help! All i can say thank you"

-ALC Client

DIVERSITY SERVICES

ALC's Diversity Services Program ensures that all survivors of violence in Lake County feel comfortable accessing ALC's services regardless of background, ethnicity, race, disability, cultural identity, sexuality, religion, age, or primary language. Through translators, targeted outreach, and staff training, ALC is able to help all Lake County residents. ALC also utilizes Promotores to provide culturally specific services. Promotores are Lake County youth who each complete training on relationship violence. After completing training, Promotores can provide their peers and community members with advocacy and support regarding sexual health and dating violence. Each Promotores cohort also completes a project to educate their community and prevent violence, such as revising the Lake County School District sexual education curriculum or leading a school assembly. Promotores help the Advocates of Lake County reach survivors from all communities in Lake County, including youth, Latinx, elderly, LGBTQ+, and individuals with disabilities.



IN 2021:

5

Promotores

40 Hours

training in
Promotores
curriculum

55%

crisis line
responders who
are bilingual



IN 2021:

75

clients received
legal advocacy

\$22,518

paid on behalf of
survivors receiving
representation

6

local attorneys
partnered with
ALC

LEGAL SERVICES

In 2021, ALC's Legal Services Program provided survivors with the resources and support needed to use the civil legal system through free consultations with lawyers and representation. Survivors can benefit from protection orders, divorces, mediation, and many other civil legal processes, but the system can be daunting to use and difficult to navigate. Survivors might have to face their perpetrator in the court room and understanding legal definitions can be confusing. Our Advocates and Legal Services Coordinators ensure that survivors understand their options and have a lawyer for advice and representation.

"My advocates' knowledge of the legal processes helped ease my concerns. It was wonderful having her in court with me to better understand everything."

-ALC Client

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ALC's Violence Prevention Team (VPT), made up of 15 community organizations and agencies, continued to grow this past year. The VPT is working together to create and implement a violence prevention program to stop generational violence in Lake County. In 2021, Team members met monthly to determine the goals, mission, and vision of the project and continue to identify opportunities for each agency to rely on its strengths and intervene in violence. ALC maintains relationships with various organizations in Lake County to ensure that a robust referral network can help people access ALC's services when needed and that ALC's clients can be referred to necessary services as well.



IN 2021:

6

coalitions ALC participates in

14

agencies participating in VPT

35

individuals participating in VPT

OUR PEOPLE

ADVOCATES OF LAKE COUNTY CURRENT BOARD

Casey Doran, Interim Board Chair
Vice President of Sync Computing

Lisa Sandoval, Director
Full Circle of Lake County

Lynn Hall, Vice-Chair
Writer, Speaker, Activist

Hannah Guilford, Director
Lake County Build a Generation

Jenelle Stefanic, Secretary
US Bureau of Reclamation

Breanna Sandoval, Director
Social Worker

Whitney Johnson, Treasurer
Social Worker

Staff Spotlight: Lindsey Limoges

Lindsey started with ALC as a Crisis Coverage Volunteer, and when the Residential Coordinator position became available, she was excited to apply. Lindsey started full time as Direct Service staff in August of 2021. As the Residential Coordinator Lindsey supported victims of violence to obtain safe, secure emergency housing while guiding clients in identifying person goals and supported with the steps to achieve them. She recently transitioned to Legal Services Coordinator, which is a new position to ALC. Lindsey enjoys being a resource within our community and supporting to generate creative solutions that best fit survivors' needs.

In her free time, Lindsey loves to ski, read by the fireplace, cook various dishes, and play board games with friends!



CURRENT ADVOCATES OF LAKE COUNTY STAFF

Jenny Abbott

Executive Director

Jessie Sack

Immigration Legal Services Coordinator

Clara Wilson

Advocacy Director

Kylie Whitaker

Civil Legal Attorney Coordinator

Amanda Fitzpatrick

Advancement Director

Caitlin McLoughlin

Transitional Housing Coordinator

Kaila Abernathy

Residential Coordinator

Lindsey Limoges

Immigration Attorney Coordinator

Kirstin Ayers

Bookkeeper

Alex Cutler

Violence Prevention Director

Some ALC staff and their family enjoying the Lake Country Community Fund Dinner. Photo by Emma Gadeski of the Leadville Herald Democrat.



OUR SUPPORTERS

You make it possible for survivors in Lake County to start down the path to self-sufficiency. Thank you to all of these amazing, generous supporters who contributed in 2021, as well as to those who wished to remain anonymous:

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Lake County Sheriff's Office

ALC has worked closely with the Sheriff's Office for many years to provide support and safety to survivors of violence in Lake County. The Lake County Sheriff's Office helps survivors who wish to utilize the criminal justice system and provides crisis response to many survivors.

The Sheriff's Office has also been an active member of ALC's Violence Response Team since its inception. Representatives from the Sheriff's Office have regularly attended meetings and actively worked to identify ways the Team can prevent violence in Lake County. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office also took advantage of National Night Out to raise over \$350 for ALC.

5th Judicial District Attorney's Office

5th Judicial District VALE Board

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Al and Jeanie Beckmann

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Andrew Nordryke

Andrew and Tracy Purdy

Ann Marsh

Ann Stanek

Anne Livingston Garrett

Anschutz Family Foundation

Ashley Schelske

Ben Flores

Blue Vessel Florista

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Brad Coley

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Casey Doran

Catherine Grassman

Cheryl Johnson

Chris McGinnis

Clint and Connie Yant

Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Office for Victims
Programs

Colorado Gives Community First Foundation

Colorado Grand

Colorado office of Human Services Domestic Violence Program

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Terry and Keri Ploot
The Booth Company, Inc
Tom and Jean Wilson
Treeline Kitchen
Walmart
Whitney Johnson

FUNDER SPOTLIGHT

Andrew and Tracy Purdy

Andrew and Tracy Purdy, have lived in Leadville for 12 years and are longtime supporters of ALC. ALC is grateful for the regular contributions from Andrew, Tracy, and their Lake County business, Independence Realty.



INDEPENDENCE
REALTY & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

OUR ORGANIZATION

A SURVIVOR'S STORY

Hannah* had been a long-time client with ALC, working with advocates for several years. She and her partner started dating in high school and had children together soon after they graduated. ALC began providing emotional and financial support for Hannah when she began to be physically threatened and abused by her partner. While her partner was arrested more than once, Hannah was placed in a very difficult position because of her children, and she and her partner continued to date on and off. During this time, ALC Advocates offered emotional support and safety planning via text, which was the safest and easiest option for Hannah.

Eventually, Hannah's partner physically attacked her and tried to cut off any communication she had with friends and family. Hannah was able to come in person to ALC's safehouse with her children, where she was immediately given safe shelter. Hannah and her children stayed with ALC for several months while she worked with advocates to identify goals and work toward stability.

First, ALC advocates helped Hannah find a job that was higher paying so she could better support her family, and with additional budgeting help, Hannah was able to begin saving money. ALC also identified that Hannah and her family qualified for several government assistance programs and helped her with applications, making sure she was receiving all the benefits for which she was eligible. Advocates continued to frequently check in with Hannah via text, since Hannah's work hours made it difficult to meet in person. ALC also provided emergency financial assistance with groceries while Hannah and her family were staying in the safehouse.

Once she was more financially stable and had been able to save enough money, Hannah found an apartment that was a good fit for her whole family. ALC Advocates assisted with the housing application as well as the application fee and several months of rental assistance. Hannah has been living safely in her own apartment with her children now for six months.

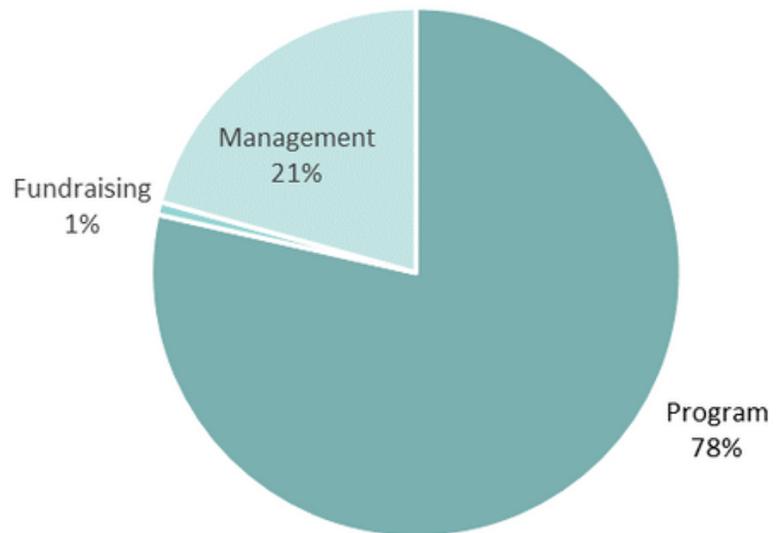
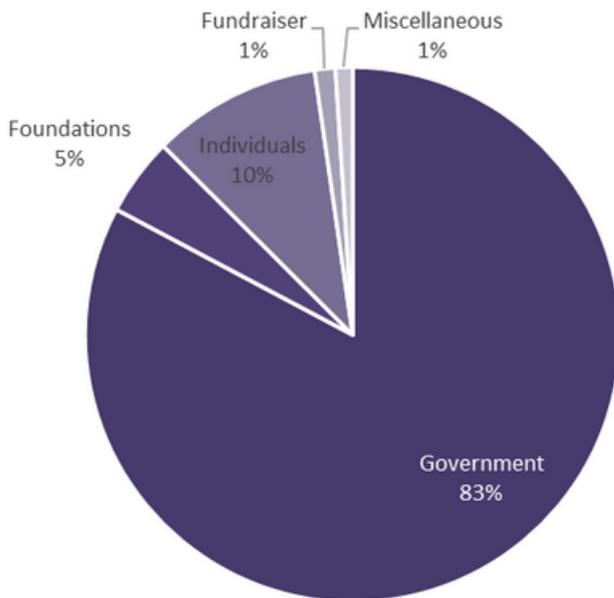
ALC Advocates are always available to support and help survivors like Hannah, whether they are not quite ready to leave an abusive partner and need emotional support and safety planning, or they have left and need assistance finding long-term stability.



2021 FINANCES

\$608,793
REVENUE*

\$620,842
EXPENSES



With the help of the Advocates of Lake County, survivors of violence like Hannah are not alone and always have a safe place to turn. Many of our neighbors in Lake County experience violence, sexual assault, and harassment. You too can help survivors like Marie, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault- if you are able, please consider supporting the Advocates by:

- Donating items off of our wish list (advocatesoflakecounty.org/wishlist)
- Volunteering your time to survivors (advocatesoflakecounty.org/volunteer)
- Sending a donation to P.O. Box 325, Leadville CO 80461 or donating online at advocatesoflakecounty.org/donate
- Following us on Instagram and Facebook (@advocatesoflakecounty) or emailing amanda@advocatesoflakecounty.org to receive our e-newsletter to learn what we're up to year-round!

*ALC operates on an accrual basis, which sometimes results in discrepancies between revenue and expenses. These discrepancies level out over time

