



**ADVOCATES OF  
LAKE COUNTY  
ANNUAL REPORT: 2022**

# A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share a report on another stellar year at ALC. But first, I must address the timing of this report. You are probably thinking, "Didn't I just see an ALC Annual Report?!" Your memory is accurate—you did just see an ALC Annual Report! We presented our 2021 Annual Report in January 2022; this Annual Report, like the others, was compiled when we received our audited financial statements for the previous year. The annual agency financial audit is a tremendously time-consuming process which can last up to 11 months. If ALC waits for the audit to be completed before issuing the annual report, the report is delayed significantly. For this reason, we have elected to send out the annual report before the financial figures are confirmed by auditors, and provide access to the audited financial reports at a later date. The 2022 Annual Report, presented here, is the first annual report to be issued in the spring following the conclusion of the year before. All ALC annual reports going forward will also be issued in the spring.

In the following pages you will find exciting 2022 updates on our direct service programming and strategic growth. Notably, 2022 was also a hallmark year in ALC's history. In the fall, ALC's Board of Directors reviewed the Lake County Homeless Assessment and determined ALC can and should be part of the solution. ALC has offered supportive services and financial support to struggling community members for forty years and is uniquely positioned to offer these same supports to individuals experiencing housing insecurity. Accordingly, the ALC Board of Directors altered ALC's mission statement to incorporate housing insecure individuals and encouraged the ALC staff to pursue funding for homeless services programming. We are so excited to venture into this new world assist even more Lake County community members in coming years!

Friends, we are deeply grateful for your partnership as we continue to serve survivors of violence and prepare to serve other community members in need. There is much work to be done, but the ALC board and staff are up to the task. We appreciate your continued support and encouragement along the way!



**JENNY ABBOTT**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## **ALC'S 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.

# OUR HOUSING PROGRAM

Our housing program uses a Housing First Approach to help survivors of violence. Advocates assist clients and survivors with building life skills and focus on long-term recovery by ensuring they are in a safe housing environment.

Through funding and relations with local property owners and community partners, ALC can support clients and survivors who struggle to be in a safe housing environment after leaving a violent situation by providing rental assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and other financial assistance such as deposit or application fee assistance. By providing these supports, ALC is able to help clients and survivors maintain and sustain stable and safe housing.



**CAITLIN MCLOUGHLIN**  
RESIDENTIAL HOUSING COORDINATOR



# OUR VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ALC brings a holistic approach to community engagement, including violence prevention efforts, outreach and intervention, and county-wide education. Our Violence Prevention Team (VPT) has entered its third year of cooperation among 15 different governmental and non-governmental agencies. This past year, the VPT identified risk and protective factors related to violence and violent behavior unique to our county. With plans to bring a dynamic, evidence-based curriculum on violence prevention to Lake County, the VPT will divide responsibilities based on jurisdictions and conquer so as to reach as many residents as possible.

This impact will reach youth of all ages and all genders, with the hope of disrupting the intergenerational cycle of violence that plagues our communities. Additionally, quarterly interventions with more than 50 local venues serve to educate on key areas of concern such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Events and outreach opportunities for education, community involvement, and program expansion have continued to grow through the past year as well.



**ALEX CUTLER**  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION DIRECTOR

## OUR CRISIS RESPONSE

Crisis response is at the center of all of ALC's work. With a 24-hour crisis line available to the entire community, ALC is able to provide an alternative to law enforcement if a survivor wishes.

When a survivor contacts ALC, we can provide emergency shelter, financial assistance, transportation, safety planning, or even just a sympathetic ear. All of these services are crucial for helping survivors leave an abusive situation and find safety. ALC also plays a crucial role in letting survivors know they are not alone, even if they are not yet ready to leave their abuser.

After advocates have assisted a client through a crisis and helped to secure their immediate safety, we will work with them to identify their needs. We can connect clients to appropriate community partners or refer them to other ALC programming needed to maintain long-term safety.



**CLARA WILSON**  
ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

# OUR LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

ALC's Legal Services Program provides survivors with support and resources needed to navigate 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 offender in the court room and understanding legal definitions can be confusing. Our Legal Services Program ensures survivors understand their options, feel supported and empowered while connecting with the appropriate resources for advice and representation.

**LINDSEY LIMOGES**

**LEGAL SERVICES COORDINATOR**



# OUR NEW PROGRAMMING

## COUNSELING FOR SURVIVORS

In 2022, ALC received funding to create a new counseling internship to provide both crisis counseling to our clients as well as long-term therapy. This program started providing therapy in early 2023. In the past, many of ALC's clients were unable to access crucial therapy to help them achieve stability. With ALC's new counseling program, clients can quickly access free therapy without long waitlists or having to navigate the confusing landscape of American health insurance. All of ALC clients experience some form of trauma and many have severe and persistent mental illness. With our new programming, clients are able to access life changing therapy.

## HOMELESS SERVICES

In the second half of 2022, ALC partnered with the Lake County Homelessness Committee, a subcommittee of the Lake County Housing Coalition, to determine the best way to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. With the guidance of this subcommittee, ALC expanded services to serve this population and has started creating programs for individuals experiencing homelessness. We are excited to continue work with our community partners to provide care and services to the most vulnerable in our community.



**AMANDA FITZPATRICK**  
ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR



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**DIRECTOR**  
SOCIAL WORKER

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: CLARA WILSON

Clara Wilson will have been Advocacy Director for one year this spring. Her previous work experience in mental health programming and homeless services for both male-identifying singles and families well prepared her to take on this role. Her primary responsibility is to oversee and support the crisis services programming including ALC's Housing First, Residential, and Legal programs. She works with each coordinator to identify and develop ways to best serve ALC's clients' needs. She is driven to strengthen programming to create more capacity to serve more members of our community in need. Although you might often find her in front of her computer developing workflows or on a Zoom call, she is most engaged when she gets to actively work with other community partners to build a stronger, healthier Lake County.

Clara lives in Leadville with her husband with whom she shares a one-year-old (and one on the way), two dogs, and a cat. Her favorite things include quality family time, woodworking, low-risk outdoor activities, and movie/board game nights with family and friends.



Some ALC staff. From left to right: Meagan Gonzales, Jenny Abbott, Caitlin McLoughlin, Alex Cutler, Clara Wilson, Lindsey Limoges, and Amanda Fitzpatrick.



## OUR STAFF

**JENNY ABBOTT**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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BOOKKEEPER

**KYLIE WHITAKER**  
CIVIL LEGAL ATTORNEY  
COORDINATOR



**IN 2022...**

**288**

*survivors of violence received services.*

**653**

*instances of crisis intervention provided by staff.*

**43**

*survivors received free safe shelter.*

**626**

*nights of safe shelter provided.*

**20**

*households received rental assistance.*

**20**

*legal cases were paid for by ALC.*

# CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

In 2022, ALC worked with Rebecca\* who was experiencing stalking from an ex-partner. Rebecca had been in a long-term relationship with this person, and since they broke up, she had experienced frequent stalking and harassment on and off for several years.

When the stalking renewed in 2022, Rebecca feared for her physical safety and contacted ALC. ALC was able to provide her a safe place to stay. When Rebecca was ready to return home, ALC helped her install security cameras so she would feel safe.

ALC's Legal Services Program helped Rebecca navigate the civil legal system by assisting her in securing a protection order. With the guidance of ALC advocates, Rebecca was able to understand her civil legal options and had support completing paperwork and attending court.

Despite having a protection order, Rebecca was still not confident of her long-term safety because her perpetrator violated the order multiple times. Since ALC will work with clients as long as they need and until they feel confident in their safety, advocates continued to meet with Rebecca and create safety plans.

Rebecca returned ALC's safe residential program when needed, until her perpetrator was arrested for violating the protection order. Rebecca's perpetrator received mental health services through the legal system, and Rebecca now feels safe staying in and working from her home because the ALC Legal Services Program was able to advocate on her behalf.

\*Name has been changed to protect client's privacy.

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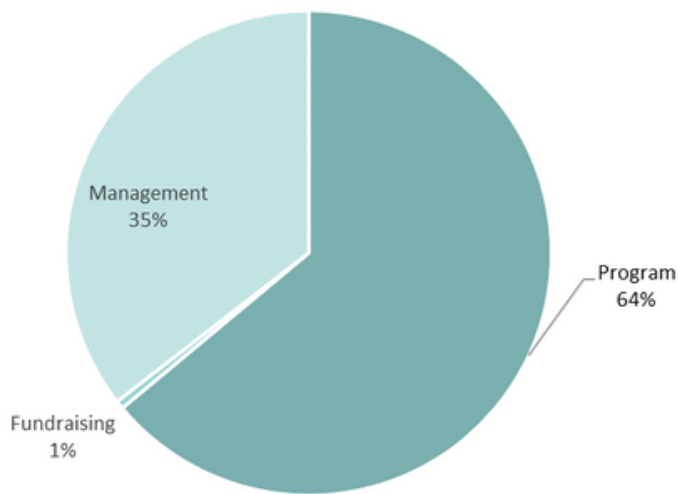
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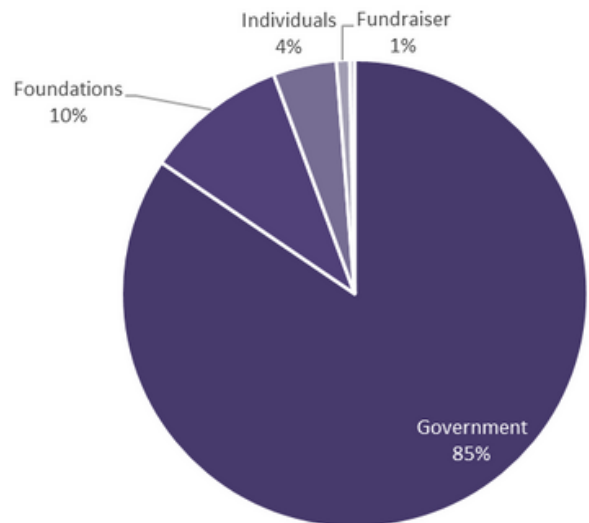
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**Expenses:**  
**\$687,127**



**Revenue:**  
**\$690,623**

\*These numbers are based on internal records and have not yet been audited.

With the help of the Advocates of Lake County, survivors of violence like Rebecca 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 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](https://advocatesoflakecounty.org/wishlist))
- Volunteering your time to survivors ([advocatesoflakecounty.org/volunteer](https://advocatesoflakecounty.org/volunteer))
- Sending a donation to P.O. Box 325, Leadville CO 80461 or donating online at [advocatesoflakecounty.org/donate](https://advocatesoflakecounty.org/donate)
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