



# ReachOut

MARCH 2018 Newsletter: FEATURING SPAN'S 2017 STATISTICS

## 2017 Services

In 2017, SPAN provided assistance to nearly 2,000 adults and children impacted by domestic violence. Every survivor, every story, touches us. Our support to these survivors was only possible because of the caring and generous community of Boulder.

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## Peers Building Justice

We asked our P.B.J. youth how they felt about gun violence. Their responses may shock you. "It seems that every time we talk, every time we push for change, every time politicians start agreeing to pay attention to this issue, it's already too late."

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## 2018 Chocolate Lovers' Fling

Our 37th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Fling was another night of fun, success and support for our mission. Over 275 attendees attended the Fling this year, making it our most successful Fling yet!

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## Director's Desk



Dear Friends,  
#MeToo  
#TimesUp, Rob  
Porter, Marjory  
Stoneman Douglas  
High School...  
and the list goes

on. People, places, and movements inspired by hashtag declarations have become collective placeholders for the prevalence of sexual harassment and abuse, the minimization of domestic violence, and the horrific devastation of gun violence in schools. The volume can be overwhelming, even numbing.

It is also inspirational. When the voices of those who have endured terror, whether by a once beloved partner or a deranged classmate with a grudge and a gun, begin to demand accountability and change, then our choice as a community becomes clearer. We can retreat to helplessness ("nothing can be done; the problem is too big, too complicated"). Or, we can listen,

learn, and struggle together for solutions to the many ways that violence, abuse, and dehumanization permeate our relationships and communities.

Now is the time for all of us - survivors and students, advocates and activists, parents and politicians - to seize this movement of possibility and change. SPAN's work has always been about the lofty goal of ending abuse. Let's work together to make it happen.

Nearly 2,000 adults and children turned to SPAN for safety and support last year alone. Whether through SPAN's Lawyers for Victims Project which provides

survivors with attorneys to represent them in Permanent Protection Orders hearings, our Housing Stability for Survivors Project that offers rental assistance and housing support as survivors rebuild their lives after violence, or our other core shelter, advocacy, counseling and education programs, lives were changed. All of this was possible only because of the generosity and involvement of you, our community of supporters.

Join us in 2018 as we keep the voices of survivors central to our efforts to end domestic violence and work for peaceful families and a just community. Together, we make change possible.

Peace,  
Anne Tapp, Executive Director



## IN US

Your financial donation goes a long way in helping survivors of intimate partner violence in Boulder and Broomfield counties. Help us, help others.  
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# 37th ANNUAL Chocolate Lovers' Fling

On February 3rd, 2018 over 275 live and silent auction, survivor presentation, gourmet dinner, dancing to the Mark Diamond Band, and LOTS of chocolate!

SPAN supporters gathered at the Omni Interlocken Hotel and Resort to celebrate the 37th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Fling. This year the Fling raised nearly \$200,000 the largest fund raising effort in the 37 year history of the event.

In one of his last public speaking engagements, attendees heard District Attorney Stan Garnett describe SPAN's work in the community as "supporting and changing the lives of victims of intimate partner violence."

During the evening guests enjoyed a wonderful assortment of local chocolates, supplied by many long time supporters of the Fling such as Chocolve, Breadworks, Lift chocolates, Cholaca and many more.

Each year, businesses and individuals around Boulder and Broomfield Counties come together to support the Fling by donating funds, items for the auction, products and services. The night entails a

We are thankful for all of the support we received to make the Fling a huge success, and we're already looking forward to next year! Mark your calendars for February 9, 2019. Please contact us if you have any questions, [info@safeforcealliance.org](mailto:info@safeforcealliance.org), 303 449 8623.

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## WE ASKED OUR P.B.J. YOUTH HOW THEY FELT ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE. . .

DO YOU FEEL INSPIRED BY THE MOVEMENT THE PARKLAND SURVIVORS HAVE STARTED REGARDING GUN CONTROL?

I feel extremely inspired and hopeful by the Never Again movement that the Parkland survivors have started. I find it motivating to see how a few high school students have started a nationwide movement that has created change even in our current political climate. The Parkland survivors have inspired me significantly. I am very impressed by how they were able to take social media and use it as an outlet to create a non-partisan movement demanding to enforce gun control policy. I have a lot of confidence in my generation with all of the political action and participation I have seen and will continue to see. This movement is also very important in revolutionizing the way that politicians see students, making them recognize teen activists as political leaders that need to be taken seriously.

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-Tatai, 17 years old

DO YOU BELIEVE YOUR SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND LOCAL POLITICIANS ARE DOING WHAT IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE?

Generally, no, I don't believe any institutions or us as a community, are doing enough to end gun violence and pass tighter gun legislation. When the Parkland shooting happened, I genuinely heard nothing about it all day. None of my teachers or administration said anything regarding it. I understand it's scary to talk about these things, especially being students and teachers. Students and teachers are two groups who spend most of our days in school, and are obviously common targets, but any change has to start with talk. It seems that every time we talk, every time we push for change, every time politicians start agreeing to pay attention to this issue, it's already too late. We have to be making this change, passing stricter gun legislation, now, before we stop talking and another shooting occurs.

-Maddie, 16 years old

DO YOU BELIEVE THE NATIONAL SCHOOL WALKOUTS AND THE MARCH FOR OUR LIVES RALLIES WILL IMPACT/LEAD TO CHANGE?

I do believe that the National School Walkouts and the March for Our Live rallies will lead to change because they're strong events that can send a message to the government. If the government truly cares about public opinion, they will see the amount of support shown in our movement and will propose a solution. Also, all these movements will impact the consideration for new legislation because all these protests will get a lot of attention bringing in more support from others. Although, this movement will need a lot of contribution with a lot of hard work, I believe we are a strong community of students that can come together to raise our voice over something we support.

-Enrique, 15 years old

# SPAN 2017 REPORT



9,121

In 2017 SPAN's 24/7 Crisis and Information Hotline responded to 9,121 calls. The Crisis & Information Hotline provides victims of domestic violence, and their friends, family, and co-workers, access to information, referrals and resources.  
CRISIS LINE: 303-444-2424



9,273

SPAN's Emergency Shelter provided 9,273 night stays to 285 adults and 67 children in 2017. Survivors and their children can stay up to six weeks.



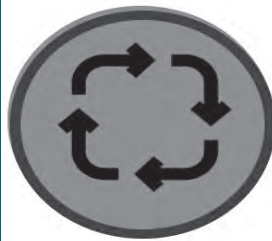
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adults and children received individual and group counseling services from SPAN. Trauma counseling services are available in English and Spanish, and are located in Boulder, Lafayette and Broomfield.



506

survivors of violence sought support from SPAN as they dealt with the legal system and/or law enforcement as a result of the abuse. SPAN's Advocacy Program provided support around civil, criminal and immigration issues.



278

survivors and their children participated in SPAN's Transitional Services Program last year, a 28% increase over the previous year. Access to affordable housing, long term support, case management and resource facilitation is critical for survivors as they become stable and self sufficient, particularly in Boulder's high priced housing market.

## SPAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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For information on becoming a SPAN board member please contact us directly at [info@safefhousealliance.org](mailto:info@safefhousealliance.org)

All rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities relative to the control of SPAN's property and affairs are vested in the Board of Directors. Members of the Board are elected to provide a range of expertise pertinent to agency operations and to reflect the diversity of the community. In addition to volunteering their time and expertise, 100% of Board Members contribute to the organization financially.



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**Join us in July for SPAN's Summer Fundraiser**

**WHAT: IPA Beer Festival**

**WHEN: The entire month of July**

**WHERE: West End Tavern in Downtown Boulder**

**More information coming soon! Check our website for details.**

**A STORY FROM OUR SHELTER**

Becca is in shelter with us, she has three children in elementary school. Becca's oldest child does not qualify for transportation from the school district because the school is less than two miles from our shelter and the child is seen as old enough to walk. However, Becca does not feel safe allowing the child to walk alone because of the family violence they are currently experiencing. For this reason she makes the walk -- 1.9 miles -- twice daily with her older child and coordinates this with the pick-up/drop off schedules for her two other children. The total walking trips to bus stops and schools takes about 75 minutes each morning and afternoon.

This leaves Becca only a few hours a day to work on the things she hopes to accomplish while in shelter such as, finding permanent housing, connecting with legal support, getting to doctor's appointments etc.

*Written by Roshan Kalantar, Community Resource Coordinator*



**SPAN Shelter Wishlist**

- RTD/HOP Bus Passes
- King Soopers Gift Cards
- Ground Coffee
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hair and makeup products for people of color
- Compost Bags
- Liquid Hand Soap

Donations can be dropped off at SPAN's Outreach Center 9am-5pm 835 North Street, Boulder CO.

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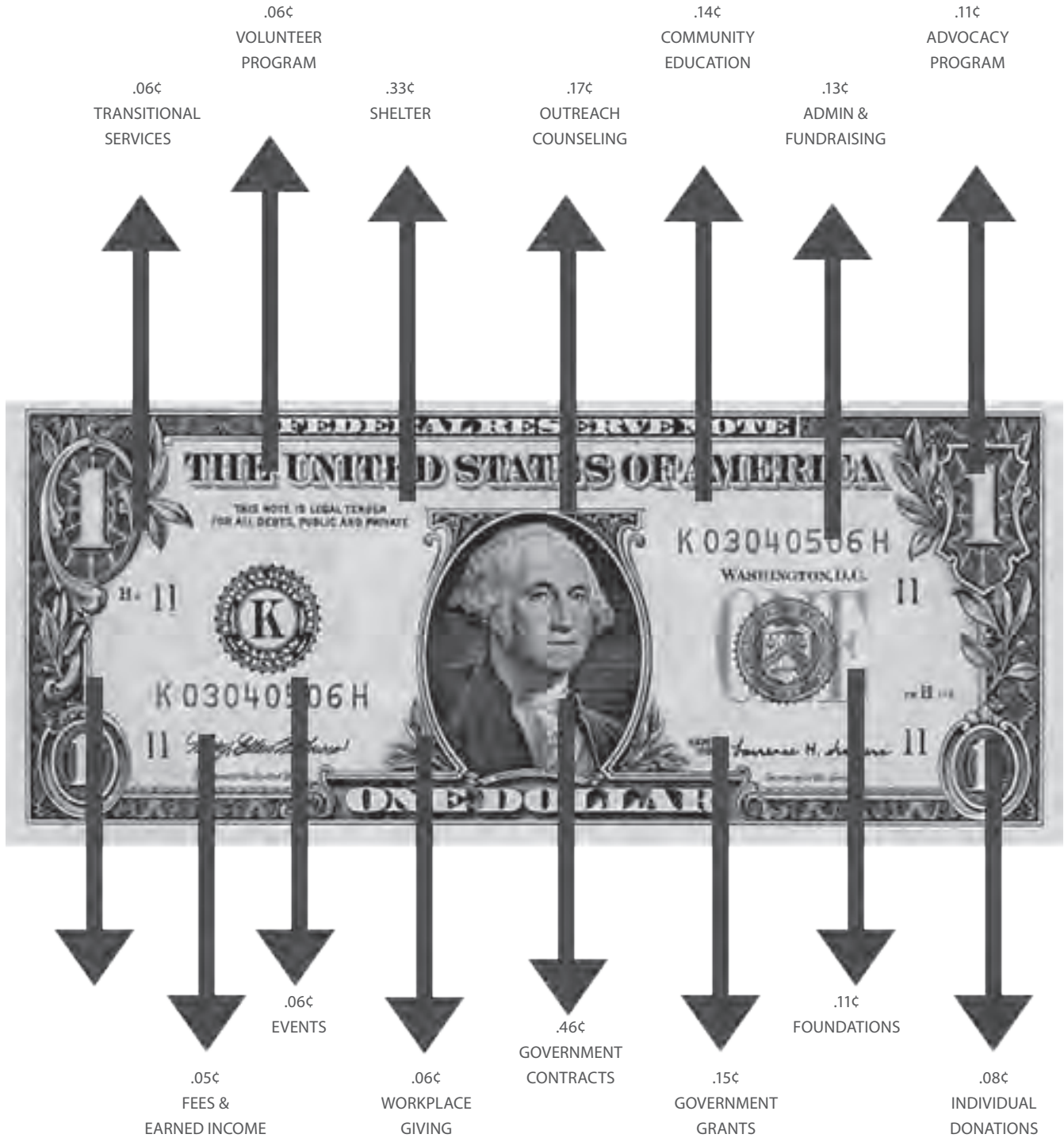
## REVENUES

## EXPENSES

When His Holiness The Dalai Lama visited CU Boulder in the spring of 2016, thousands of people flocked to hear him speak and the event raised more than \$80,000. The Dalai Lama does not keep the money generated by his appearances, and SPAN was very proud to be one of the local non-profits chosen by The Tibetan Association of Colorado to receive a portion of the proceeds. SPAN received more than \$21,000 thanks to this generous gesture.

SPAN needs at least 25% of its annual revenues to come from community based support. This includes donations from individuals, local businesses, faith based organizations and proceeds from our fundraising events. In 2016 we fell just short of that goal, with 23% of 2016 revenues coming from community based support. We are so grateful to everyone who donates to SPAN -- last year 684 people made donations in amounts from \$5 to \$10,000. Every donation matters, we are all in this together!

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?  
FROM EVERY DOLLAR OF FUNDING...



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?





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# SPAN 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



Through the fall of 2016 SPAN held the Hear Our Voices Art Project & Exhibit. Working with the Naropa Community Art Studio, art-therapy graduate students from Naropa, and SPAN staff and volunteers, a group of domestic violence survivors came together for a six-week art workshop. Adults and children attended weekly workshops at the Naropa East Campus, where they created works of art and community. SPAN also chose eight works of art from community members for the Hear Our Voices Project. These works were on display in Lafayette during October and were the focus of the Hear Our Voices event on October 27 at Twisted Pine Brewery in Boulder. The artwork was intended to share perspectives on the experience of intimate partner violence, the impact on the community and the individual, offering survivors a unique opportunity to share their stories, for us to *hear their voices*.

SPAN's programming is evidence-based and driven by research that shows that there are proven pathways to improved well-being, safety and stability for survivors and their children. In 2016, 93% of SPAN's direct service clients reported on anonymous surveys that they had an improved understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence, better strategies for staying safe and a reduction in feelings of isolation and hopelessness because of the support they had received.



2016 was another great year for SPAN's summer programming for children and youth, called Camp Kid. SPAN hosted two week-long daycamp sessions for kids ages 6 through 13, as well as organizing a six-week program for middle and high school students in collaboration with The Family Resource Center at the San Juan el Centro housing community in Boulder. More than 50 low income young people from Boulder enjoyed a summer filled with activities, field trips, art and service learning projects.

In 2016 SPAN successfully applied for \$72,000 in one-time funding from the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime/ Crime Victims Fund (established by the Victims of Crime Act, and thus known as VOCA funds) to make updates to SPAN's network, security and telecommunications systems. The VOCA funds allowed SPAN to make comprehensive improvements to SPAN's technology infrastructure, including basics like repairing and replacing network cabling, drops, switches, firewalls and backup power supplies at the Outreach Center and Emergency Shelter. SPAN's email system was migrated to Outlook 365 and the cloud, eliminating the need for an email server and making email more secure and easier to access and store. SPAN also used project funding to add security cameras to the Outreach Center and update the security systems at both Outreach and the Emergency Shelter.



Throughout the month of October last year the fine folks at Zoe Ma Ma in downtown Boulder asked customers to donate to SPAN, promising to match every dollar donated that month. Zoe Ma Ma's customers stepped up to the challenge and by month's end SPAN received a check for \$8,866, representing donations from more than 500 people and a generous match from the restaurant.

Other local businesses that supported SPAN with fundraising events in 2016 include McGuckin's Hardware, Hazel's Beverage World, Lucky's Market, Boulder Sundown Saloon, Big Red F and the West End Tavern.