



ReachOut

SUMMER 2019

SPAN 
Safehouse Progressive Alliance
for Nonviolence

Director's Desk



Dear Friends,
This year SPAN celebrates 40 year of serving the community. In the past 40 years we have assisted more than

350,000 adults, youth and children impacted by domestic violence. That's nearly the combined populations of Boulder and Broomfield counties. Each year in Boulder County alone there are an average 1,800 domestic violence calls to law enforcement. With only one in 10 cases ever reported to police, this means 18,000 domestic violence incidents are happening in our community yearly: that's 50 each day. To say that domestic violence is at epidemic proportions is not an overstatement.

In response to this growing need, SPAN continues to expand our services. While critically important, Shelter is simply not enough. At SPAN we are investing \$100,000 this year alone to provide long term housing assistance to survivors rebuilding their lives after violence. As we enter this forth decade of serving the community, more than ever we need supporters like you. Please join us to ensure SPAN's programs remain strong and available to the more than 2,000 survivors and children who walk through our doors each year. Together, we can build circles of safety and support that reduce the prevalence of domestic violence in our communities. Together, we can make change possible.

Peace,

Anne Tapp
Executive Director

Make a Contribution Today

\$35

Buy a ticket to the IPA fest

\$250

Support our kids staying at shelter this summer

\$1,000

Keeps our 24 hour crisis line operating for one week

Program Profiles

Creating Protective Environments Project (CPE) Project

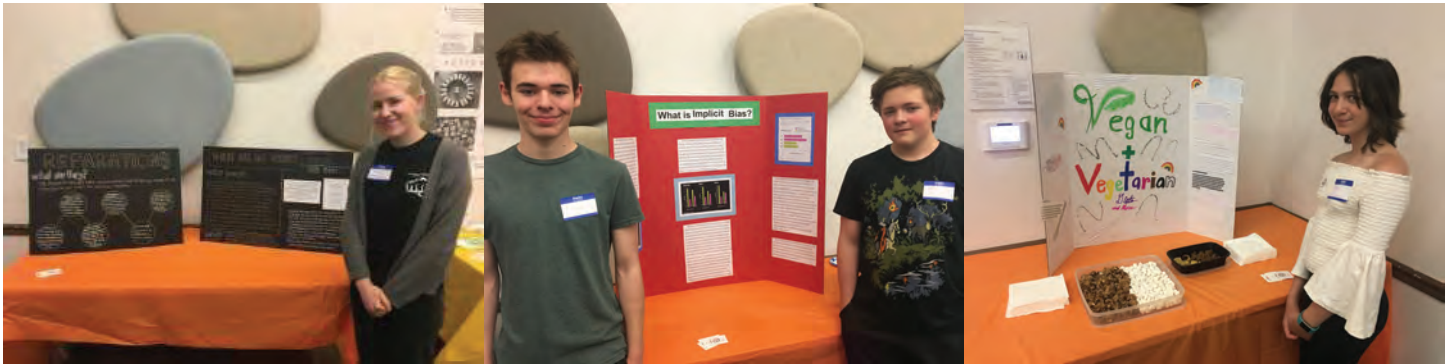
SPAN is collaborating with five other organizations in a five year project to help foster evidence based, community-level changes in Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) that are proven factors to reduce risks related to sexual assault and violence. The goals of the project are in three areas: 1) Assess BVSD policies and practices at the district level that impact social, cultural and physical environments; 2) Implement the use of Hot Spot Mapping in BVSD, and; 3) Make programming generated by this project sustainable.

Representatives from the partners will comprise the CPE team and provide content to oversee the project. Together with BVSD, Boulder County Public Health, the Parent Engagement Network (PEN), Zonta Foothills, and Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA) the partners will build community investment and long term – goals. BVSD's leadership will

support a broad policy and practice review and allow access to school for hot spot mapping. Hot spot mapping increases the youth and community in decision making, offers a diverse representation in leadership, and strengthens youth/adult relationships and partnerships at school, because of funds awarded for this project SPAN has hired Mason Darfee to head of the partnership. SPAN is honored to be able to partner with so many community organizations on this important data-driven project.



Peers Building Justice End of Year Showcase



The Peers Building Justice youth hosted a Social Justice Showcase for the community on Saturday May 11th at the Boulder Public Library. The objective of the showcase was to research and present a project surrounding a social justice topic and to educate and engage the community.

Prior to the showcase, the youth from Peers Building Justice committed their time to choosing a topic, for some a personal topic around social justice. To help choose a topic, the youth engaged in writing workshops where they practiced leaning into resistance and creativity. The youth answered the question, "what is social justice?" These workshops prompted ideas and reasons to research a specific topic. The youth decided on a wide variety of topics including veganism,

implicit biases, reparations, and reproductive rights around menstruation. SPANS Peers Building Justice program uses art, creativity and compassion to help youth develop and learn about their projects. The youth were supported in their research and project development by adult mentors.

The day of the showcase, the youth engaged with the community by presenting their projects and having conversations around their topic. Projects included large posters, trifold, and many included interactive portions such as vegan snacks, an implicit biases test on the computer, and a variety of hygiene products provided in schools.



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Sugar Tax Brings Kitchen, Comfort to SPAN Clients

Following the passage of the City of Boulder's "Sugar Sweetened Beverage Product Distribution Tax" (aka the sugar tax) in 2016, a grant made possible with dollars collected from the tax enables individuals and families at the SPAN Shelter to enjoy the benefits of consistently planned, healthy meals for the first time in the program's 40-year history.

"There's magic when people come together to prepare and share food — food is a more nurturing component of our program," said Alexandra Lynch, SPAN special project coordinator. "We hope to expand to be able to include meals that meet the diverse cultural needs of those we serve — food that makes them feel comforted."

Officially, revenue from the sugar tax is to be "spent on health promotion, general wellness programs and chronic disease prevention that improve health equity, and other health programs especially for residents with low income and those most affected by chronic disease linked to sugary drink consumption."

"The equity issue means people with low income should be able to enjoy the same kinds of healthy and whole foods as those not facing economic challenge," said Lynch, "Fortunately, we've been able to procure partnerships that provide us with healthy produce."

SPAN presently holds four CSA shares with Isabelle Farms



SPAN attends Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference (CAIA) in Vail and presents at a variety of workshops

in Lafayette. SPAN is hoping to increase connections within Boulder's agriculture community and holds ongoing outreach efforts in an attempt to keep pantries stocked. Most food for survivors is donated, and \$250 feeds a family with two children for a week.



SPAN is now searching for a compassionate full-time kitchen manager with special qualifications. "The right person for this post is one who will enjoy interacting with clients, with a heart for bringing people together, preparing food," said Lynch. "We have hopes of getting clients involved in gardening and bringing in chefs to teach."

SPAN will also reapply for sugar tax grant monies. "We learned a lot in the initial phase of setting up the kitchen," said Lynch, who also worked a decade as a professional restaurant chef. "We hope to continue and expand our program. We really need a more professionally capable kitchen."

SPAN serves approximately 29,000 meals annually and is looking to make the kitchen commercially certified in 2020.

SPAN is celebrating their 40th year of supporting survivors of intimate partner violence in the Boulder community. Since 1979, SPAN's Emergency Shelter Program has provided a safe shelter at a confidential location for survivors of domestic violence. SPAN relocated its shelter from an old renovated home that could house 12 adults and children to a 27-bed facility in 2008, increasing its capacity by more than 60 percent. The current shelter facility has provided more than 2,500 adults and 950 children with 92,802 safe overnights and hundreds of thousands of meals prepared in the facility's communal kitchen.

For more information for the job position please look to the website www.safhousealliance.org.



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Wish List for Summer 2019

Food:

- Hot Dogs
- Hamburgers
- Buns and Condiments to go with
- Lemonade mixes
- Frozen French Fries
- Sugar and baking goods
- Chips and Snacks
- Fresh Fruits
- Cheeses
- Coffee, Creamer
- Tortillas
- Cereals and breakfast items

Items always in need:

- Twin Size sheets
- Pillows
- Towels
- Liquid laundry Detergent
- Kitchen cleaning supplies
- Food containers
- Bus passes

Outdoor List:

- Gardening tools- rake, shovel, trowel, gloves, gardening fork ect.
- Gardening soil
- Sand for the sand box
- Locks and helmets for bikes
- Toys for summer, caulk, balls, yard games, bubbles etc

Gift cards make our day

- Amazon
- Movie Passes
- King Soopers
- Home Depot
- McGuckin's
- Target/Walmart

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Live Music

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SPAN Services

Housing and Transitional Services assisted with 310 people

95% of SPAN clients report annual incomes below 30% of Boulder County's Annual Median Income. In 2018, more than half the families and one-third of the unaccompanied adults needing housing reported having little to no income.

Legal Advocacy assisted with 674 cases

When survivors experience institutional oppression, it creates barriers to reporting future abuse and diminishes the survivor's sense of trust and self-worth. In response to institutional oppression, SPAN initiated specific protocols designed to incorporate community organizing into our advocacy work.

Outreach Counseling helped 263 children and 455 adults

SPAN's Outreach Counseling and Transitional Services represent significant sources of long-term support for Boulder's rapidly growing Latinx population. 40% of adults and 60% of children/youth in these programs identify as Latinx and more than half of these people are immigrants and primarily Spanish speakers.

SPAN Shelter housed 95 kids and 246 adults

Unaccompanied adults stayed an average of 33 days, people with kids stayed an average of 36 days. The length of time unaccompanied adults are staying at Shelter has gone up significantly in the past few years.

The SPAN crisis line received 8,865 calls in Boulder County alone

City of Boulder 6643, Broomfield 725, Lafayette 916, and Longmont 581.

Amanda



Amanda and her children had a long history physical and emotional abuse. "I appreciated the advocates' assistance and follow up, how they helped to get me into the Safehouse's shelter, and get the attorney for no cost. Everybody has been amazing and supportive in every capacity. The attorney was really nice, very helpful, allowed for me to reach out to ask questions even after Protection Order was granted."

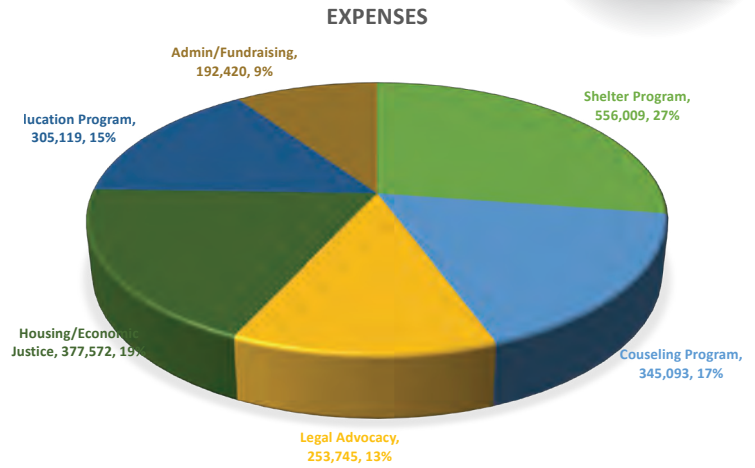
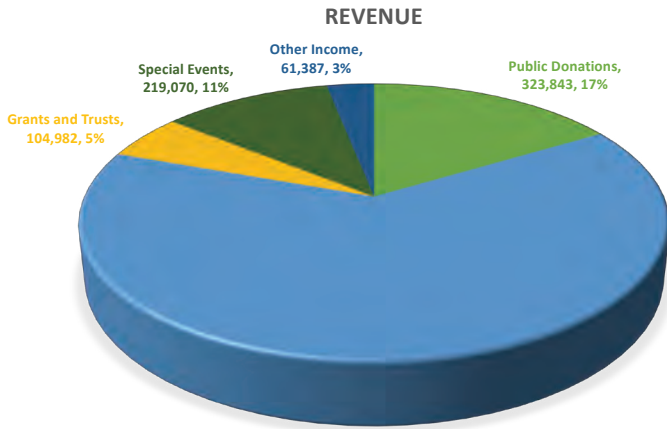
Sophie



Sophie is currently in transitional housing in Boulder "She stated that she has never experienced such a sense of community in her life as she has with SPAN. She attends SPAN counseling events, volunteers for community events and has profound gratitude for her connections with the agency."



How the Money Comes and Goes...



2018 at a glance

- February..... Chocolate Lovers Fling breaks 37 year fundraising record and nets over \$160,000.
- April SPAN rebrands with new logo and website.
- July Jul – IPA SPAN's signature summer event with partner West End Tavern continues to increase fund raising.
- August..... 10th year shelter anniversary campaign launches and raises over \$30,000 for shelter improvements.
- September.... 100 women who give chooses SPAN for fall fundraising and nets \$11,135.
- October..... SPAN partners with the Allstate Foundation, purple purse campaign to raise awareness and fund for victims of financial abuse.
- October CU buff football team and OVA (office of victims assistance) partners to SPAN at home football to spread awareness of intimate partner abuse.
- December SPAN ends the year with record level individual giving – Thank you to our Boulder Community!

