Dear Friends,

In reflecting on our work at SPAN, as we do in this 2014 Annual Report, we are humbly reminded that each impressive number (9,140 Shelter nights; 8,940 hotline calls; 2,110 adults and children served; 36,326 volunteer hours) has a story behind it, and each story, a person. People like Nikole, who courageously escaped a terrorizing abuser and rebuilt a life of hope and possibility for herself and her children; or Xavier, who now sleeps without a bat by his bed to protect his mom and brother from his dad’s rages; or Brian, a successful business owner who raises funds for SPAN to honor the memory of his mother who endured forty years in an abusive marriage. These are the survivors and supporters who inspire SPAN. They are why we continue to work diligently and compassionately for peaceful families and a just community.

Recent losses and transitions also remind us of those who have built SPAN over the years. SPAN was launched in 1979 with the help of Dr. Marjorie Leidig, who died in February, nurtured in the 1980s and 90s by Guild and Board member Lois Jackson, who passed away in January, and sustained and inspired for the past 28 years by Office Manager Rollie Butler, who will retire this May.

We are grateful for the generosity and dedication of so many who make the services of SPAN possible. Thank you for your support of SPAN!

In Peace,

SPAN'S 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

From the Director's Desk -

DONATE
Make a donation online at www.safehousealliance.org.
Make a gift of real estate or stock.
Make a bequest to SPAN in your will.

SUPPORT
Support SPAN through your workplace giving program.
Donate your used vehicle at www.vehiclesforcharity.org.
Ask your church, synagogue or other place of worship to consider supporting SPAN.

IN-KIND
Make an in-kind donation. We always need both perishable and non-perishable food (proteins and fresh produce especially!), household cleaning supplies, RTD bus tickets, and gift cards to King Soopers, Safeway and Home Depot.
Visit www.safehousealliance.org/support-span/wish-list/ to find out more.

VOLUNTEER
We love our volunteers! Send an email to info@safehousealliance.org to find out more about volunteer opportunities at SPAN.

Be An Agent of Change: Donate, Volunteer & Take Action!

The work SPAN is doing is changing lives, it is quite literally saving lives, and we depend on the generosity of supporters like you. SPAN is a registered 501(c)3 public charity and donations are tax deductible. We are also committed to keeping our administrative and fundraising costs low, so .87 cents of every dollar donated goes to supporting client services. We need your help!

• $10,000 will provide 3 meals a day, 365 days a year for shelter residents – that’s a total of 29,000 meals a year!
• $5,000 will cover the cost of a mother and her two children staying at the Emergency Shelter for six weeks.
• $2,500 will pay for SPAN’s summer day camp program for children impacted by violence.
• $1,000 provides twelve weeks of group and individual counseling for a domestic violence survivor.
• $500 will subsidize one month’s rent for a survivor and her children in the Transitional Housing Program.
• $100 keeps SPAN’s Protection Order clinics at Boulder or Broomfield Courts open for a day.

Please consider supporting SPAN today.

In March and April SPAN ran newspaper ads and Facebook posts featuring this young girl’s image and the question: why doesn’t she just leave? Have you ever found yourself asking that question? When you have heard about, read about or witnessed a violent relationship, do you wonder why the victim stays?

The truth is, it is just not that simple. Between a critical lack of resources and the significant increase in potential risk that leaving can provoke, there is all too often no easy way out.

Visit our website to read more about the complicated realities survivors and their children face. Read the full article at www.safehousealliance.org/news/why-doesnt-she-just-leave and tell us what you think! Join the conversation on Facebook or send us an email to info@safehousealliance.org.

Be a SPAN Volunteer
Use your talents to strive for peace, and support survivors and their children! Share your experience and learn new skills. Our next volunteer training begins in June. Contact Katie Dobbins at 303-449-8623 or katie@safehousealliance.org for more information.

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span's Programs -

- The SPAN Emergency Shelter Program is a 27-bed residential facility and 24-hour crisis line service providing crisis intervention, safe shelter, food, and clothing to survivors and their children seeking refuge from an abusive relationship.
- The Advocacy Program provides crisis intervention and ongoing advocacy for survivors of interpersonal violence involved with law enforcement and the justice system.
- The Outreach Counseling Program focuses on early intervention, prevention, and social change. Students in grades K through 12 are prepared to recognize signs and causes of violence and to integrate violence-prevention strategies into their peer relationships, families, and community. Community trainings inform area residents about abuse, challenge personal and organizational beliefs that perpetuate interpersonal violence, and promote equity and social justice.
- The Training and Community Education Program focuses on early intervention, prevention, and social change. Students in grades K through 12 are prepared to recognize signs and causes of violence and to integrate violence-prevention strategies into their peer relationships, families, and community. Community trainings inform area residents about abuse, challenge personal and organizational beliefs that perpetuate interpersonal violence, and promote equity and social justice.
- The Advocacy Program provides long-term, comprehensive support for women and their children as they work toward emotional and economic self-sufficiency. Services include access to affordable housing, long-term case management, and skill-building classes.
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2014 Service Statistics

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"You are what you do, not what you say you'll do.”

Carl Jung

Hear Our Voices: One Client’s Experiences

Former client Nikole L. was recognized at the 2014 Annual Meeting for her inspiring accomplishments, as she and her young children have transitioned from violence to stability. Read Nikole’s own words about the support she received from SPAN:

To blossom, has been the greatest accomplishment of my life so far. It is an accomplishment that I can not take all the credit for though. You see, just over 3 years ago...I was a victim of domestic violence. My children were victims of the abuse and addiction that was the foundation of our home.

I did not know a better way. I had grown up in an abusive home. I married young to escape the pain of childhood, and I was sadly unfamiliar with what unconditional love and support looked or felt like.

But, I had dreams, big dreams for my children. I was motivated by hope, and despite being exhausted from fear I chose to open up, and ask for help. Fleeing from my children’s dad was terrifying.

Living in shelter was foreign and uncomfortable. Being a single mom is the hardest job I ever had. The legal process is intimidating. To find housing is nerve-racking. Not having a friendly shoulder to cry on is depressing.

I have heard that there is a misconception out there, that families that have been affected by domestic violence are weak. Well, it’s just not true...I am living proof, it’s just not true. I had the courage to leave. Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence, affectionately known as SPAN, provided warm smiles and warm meals at their shelter. SPAN provided opportunities for my children and I that most single moms could only dream of. SPAN provided the encouragement and knowledge needed to overcome the legal process. Safe and clean housing that I could have never obtained on my own was given to our family through SPAN. Every week SPAN provided counselors for my children and me to process with, to grow new ways of looking at life, and healthy coping skills, as well as SPAN provided a space weekly for us to get together with other moms and their kids, to share and learn with each other.

To be honest, I still have more blossoming to do. And I can’t wait.
**2014 Highlights**

**35th Anniversary Luncheon**
SPAN celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2014. Starting with a staff of just four people, in a shelter with twelve beds, SPAN has seen a lot of changes since 1979. On May 22 SPAN hosted a luncheon at the Hotel Boulderado to recognize the many fine people who played a role in SPAN’s early days, bringing together current and former staff and board members, volunteers, supporters and clients. It was an afternoon full of memories and good company as luncheon attendees shared stories and celebrated the hard work, commitment to social justice and vision that made SPAN what it is today.

**2014 Torch Award Winner**
In 2014 SPAN was presented with the Torch Award from the Denver/ Boulder Better Business Bureau. This prestigious award is given to organizations that demonstrate the highest possible ethical standards in the execution of their mission and in their relationships with employees, clients and the community.

SPAN has been a BBB accredited charity since 2007.

**Chili Cookoff**
SPAN held the 1st Annual Chili Cookoff on Sunday, November 10 last year, bringing our fundraising efforts into Lafayette. The good people at Liquid Mechanics, one of the exciting new breweries and tap rooms in East Boulder County, hosted the cookoff and donated proceeds from beer sales. We had 18 batches of chili entered and nearly 100 supporters came out to eat their fill, watch the Broncos beat the Raiders, and celebrate SPAN.

**Bright Horizons Making Bright Spaces at the Outreach Center**
The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children is a nonprofit organization focused on brightening the lives of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness and other crises. The foundation and its team of staff and volunteers take on projects, called Bright Spaces, where they build and maintain warm, safe, enriching spaces in homeless shelters and other agencies for children and youth to build caring relationships, heal from trauma through play, and experience the joy of childhood. In 2014 the Foundation built a new and greatly improved play space for children at SPAN’s Boulder Outreach Center, complete with a nifty playhouse.

**Emerging Trends**

- Increased requests for services: In 2014 SPAN provided emergency shelter services to 377 people, for a total of 9,140 days of service. This is a 13% increase in the number of people receiving emergency shelter services from 2013 and also represents the greatest number of days of service in SPAN’s history. Another record breaking number: 1,115 people turned away from SPAN’s Emergency Shelter in 2014 due to a lack of space.

- Larger families needing shelter: In 2014 SPAN sheltered eight families that had at least four children. Given the difficulties these families face in finding affordable post-shelter housing, it is not surprising that adults with children stayed an average of 32 days at Shelter, while single adults remained at Shelter for an average of 26 days.

- Housing Crisis: For survivors of violence affordable housing can be the key to leaving a violent partner, and this can literally mean the difference between life and death. Boulder County has always had a highly competitive and expensive housing market, with 2013 rental vacancy rates at 3.5% and median rents for a two-bedroom unit of $1,200 a month. The epic floods of September 2013, which damaged or destroyed more than 1,200 homes, combined with the robust Colorado economy, have recalibrated the Boulder County housing market, resulting in rental vacancy rates at .001% and rents at nearly double. SPAN’s advocates do an amazing job, supporting survivors as they apply for every possible resource and pursue every available opportunity. But increased need and limited availability of affordable housing in Boulder County has resulted in waitlists of three to six years. And receiving a housing voucher is no guarantee of success. In the post-flood housing market, even when a survivor is successful in securing a housing voucher they are vying against other renters who do not have the complicated histories and steep logistical challenges survivors of violence bring with them. In 2014 two-thirds of the individuals or families exiting SPAN’s shelter had applied to housing programs like Boulder County’s Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**SPAN Board of Directors**

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<td>Denice Walker</td>
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**Honorary Board Members**
Lucinda Damon, Charlotte Grojean, Reggie Schmidt, Lydia M. Tate

**Celebrate Summer, Support SPAN**
SPAN is hosting the 2015 summer concerts at Boulder’s 29th Street Mall! The free concerts are Thursday nights, June through August, and feature prominent favorites like Hazel Miller and That 80’s Band. There will be refreshing beverages, food and fun, so join us. We need volunteers for the concerts. Email mary@safeshoualliance.org for details.
2014 Financial Review
SPAN’s 2014 Audited Financial Statements will be available upon request in June 2015.

Support and Revenue

Expenses by Program

Volunteers

In 2014 349 people donated a total of 36,326 hours to SPAN! These wonderful people support SPAN in a variety of ways. Program volunteers complete a month-long 44-hour training and commit to a year of volunteering in ways that directly impact clients, including staffing the 24/7 Crisis & Information Hotline, working with children’s groups, and providing support at the Boulder or Broomfield County Courts. Other volunteers help SPAN’s Events Team organize fundraising special events, provide administrative support or do yard work and maintenance tasks around SPAN’s facilities. SPAN also offers great team-building opportunities for companies looking for volunteer projects for their employees.

Major Donors

Government
- City of Louisville: $1,500
- City of Lafayette: $2,500
- City and County of Broomfield: $8,800
- VALE Grant 17th Judicial District: $20,214
- VALE Grant 20th Judicial District: $91,025
- VOCA - Crime Victim Services: $75,725
- City of Boulder: $94,500
- Colorado Dept. of Human Services - Domestic Violence Program: $129,575
- Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment - SVPP: $41,659
- Colorado Dept. of Human Services - TGYS: $69,748
- Boulder County Commissioners: $154,500
- Boulder County DHHS (1A Funds): $75,000
- Colorado Division of Housing - ESG: $26,305
- United Way
  - Foothills United Way: $43,396
- Businesses
  - Level 3 Communications: $7,500
  - Verizon Wireless: $20,000
  - Emeron Electric: $10,000
  - Black Roofing, Inc.: $6,000
  - Cardinal Peak, LLC: $5,000
  - Big Red F Restaurants: $5,034
- Supplies & Materials: $5,516
- Total: $1,476,081

Foundations & Trusts
- The Sam S. Bloom Foundation: $20,000
- Brett Family Foundation: $4,000
- Broomfield Community Foundation: $3,000
- Virginia W. Hill Foundation: $7,500
- Colorado Bar Foundation: $2,500
- Lefkovitz Foundation: $3,000
- The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County: $13,000
- El Pomar Foundation: $3,750
- MacKay Family Foundation: $5,000
- L & N Andreas Foundation: $5,000
- The 1040 Foundation: $5,000
- The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia: $5,000
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund: $8,000
- Payback Foundation: $7,500
- Cadwell Family Foundation: $15,000
- The Louis and Harold Price Foundation: $15,000
- The Daniels Fund: $30,000
- The Anschutz Family Foundation: $10,000
- Gallop Family Foundation: $7,000
- AEC Trust: $10,000
- Individual Donors

In 2014 SPAN received 727 individual donations, in amounts from $2 to $45,000. Out of respect for our supporters’ privacy we do not publish individual donors’ names. We are so grateful to our wonderful community of donors and thank each and every one of you!

Honoring Dr. Marjorie Leidig 1939 - 2015

Dr. Marjorie Whitaker Leidig, Ph.D., passed away in February of acute myeloid leukemia. Dr. Leidig was a Boulder-based licensed psychotherapist for many years, a feminist and one of the founding “fore-mothers” of the Boulder County Safehouse, the earliest incarnation of SPAN.

On April 6 more than 50 friends, colleagues and kindred souls gathered at SPAN’s Boulder Outreach Center to celebrate Dr. Leidig’s fully lived life. She will be remembered for her energy and drive, her devotion to feminist causes and her passionate commitment to her community.

Did You Know?
- According to a study by the State of Colorado domestic violence costs tax payers $10,000 a year per victim, including costs for police, trips to the hospital, missed work, etc.
- There are an estimated 18,000 incidents of intimate partner violence in Boulder County every year. This breaks down to 50 incidents a day. Every day.
- Children are witnesses to the violence in an average of 40% of the incidents that police respond to in Boulder County. Research shows that growing up in a violent home can lead to long term trauma and PTSD-like symptoms for children.