

2023 Annual Report

HOPE

HEALING

STRENGTH



ADVOCATES AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

“AAFV has given me the HOPE I needed to move forward in life, creating the HEALING I needed to prosper and giving me the STRENGTH I needed to never look back! For that I am forever grateful!”



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“ 10 MILLION PEOPLE
EXPERIENCE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IN THEIR LIFETIME ”



Together we can!

A message from our Director

Many of those we serve come through our doors with nothing but a backpack which was quickly stuffed with a few items critical to survival. They are given a very warm welcome, toiletries and towels in their rooms, and soon, those who were so very tired and anxious about their futures can now rest, finally being able to breathe a sigh of relief. For the first time in a very long time, maybe ever, they will be able to sleep safe and sound.

Each individual served in our emergency shelter, Hope's Door, has their own unique story, but one thing in common with all – they are embarking on a beautiful, new beginning, free of violence and abuse.

New beginnings are what Advocates Against Family Violence (AAFV) is all about. We encourage and support each individual to embark on their new journey of freedom and assist them in building a hope-filled future.

Our 2023 Annual Report includes many new beginnings as an organization over the past year as well as a few to come! We know that these new beginnings are only possible because of your ongoing support in our mission. Thank you for being a crucial partner in AAFV and each new beginning offered to those we serve.



Kimberly Deugan
Executive Director



2,226 CRISIS CALLS
TAKEN IN 2023

We know some of the most dangerous times come when a decision to change has been made, so we offer services now for victims in crisis.

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Holly Lyons

VICE PRESIDENT

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AAFV works to eliminate violence and abuse in the lives of all individuals.



We Provide advocacy, support, emergency shelter, housing, education and awareness.



**24-Hour
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**Administrative
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**Hope's Door
Shelter**

(208) 459- 6279



24-Hour Text Line
(208)-614-7671

Our Mission

Believe in
Yoursel

Restore hope: To breathe into the hearts of all individuals seeking a life free from violence and abuse.

Encourage healing: To encourage healing for all individuals from the effects of violence and abuse.

Discover strength: To impart strength to all individuals to create a society free from violence and abuse .



AAFV works to eliminate violence, empowering individuals to make positive life choices through advocacy, support, education, affordable housing, awareness, and community involvement.

Hope's Door Shelter

7,002 **SAFE SHELTER
NIGHTS**



Over 90% of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse at some point in their lives, and 63% have been victims of intimate partner violence as adults.



Hope's Door Shelter has 21 private bedrooms where women and their children have the security and safety needed to begin moving forward with a violence-free future.

728
Counseling
Sessions

104
Safety Plans
Created

Hope's Door was opened in 2004 as a sanctuary for victims of domestic violence to seek refuge. Our goal is to empower individuals to set the course for eliminating violence in their lives and throughout our community. Hope's Door is the only domestic violence shelter for women and children in Canyon County. We provide protection not only for victims of Canyon County, but to the entire state of Idaho and across the country.

417
Outreach
Presentations

6,258
Youth
Served

"When my husband kicked me out
I didn't know where we were
going to go, with all the mental
abuse I just figured I couldn't do
anything without him, Hopes door
gave me the courage to stand on
my own two feet!"



We are more than just a shelter.
We are Hope. Healing & Strength.

For The Children

"1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence. At HLLC we give kids a safe and healthy environment that helps them prosper!"



**Kids Enrolled
in Learning
Center**

60

HOPE LANE LEARNING CENTER

Hope Lane Learning Center is open to the community and provides a stable environment for **kids ages 6 weeks to 12 years**. Our highly **trained staff is CPR certified and trained in trauma-based care** in order to provide a safe environment for children.

"HLLC has brought peace to me & my children and helped create stability."

OUTREACH

Through our prevention education programs, we provide resources and information on the warning signs of relationship violence, the dynamics of power and control, and strategies for peer advocacy and self-care. Our youth advocates promote community healing and justice through healthy relationship workshops, and youth led initiatives to involve peers, family and friends in conversations about preventing and ending gender based violence. Our outreach program has the capacity to support organizations in creating trauma informed environments that prevent violence through professional development workshops, webinars, and community prevention events.



**Teens
attended**

4,732

**Teen Healthy
Relationship
Presentations**

318

**Adults
Attended**

236

"Up to 19% of teens experience dating violence. Psychologists want to break the cycle & so do we that's why our outreach has such a huge impact on our community!"

Housing



- 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Homes
- Washer/Dryer Hookups
- Carport parking
- Ceiling Fans
- Central Heating and Air
- Internet, Cable Ready
- 24/7 Emergency Maintenance
- Quiet Neighborhoods close to area schools
- Easy Access to Freeways
- Non-smoking, no pets

Hope Plaza Apartments is a 110-unit housing community located in Caldwell, Idaho. Renters must qualify for tax credit housing. HOPE Plaza accepts residents with SICHA/Section 8 Vouchers or other rental assistance. HOPE Plaza Apartments has many amenities for resident use including meeting rooms, computer facilities, an exercise facility with equipment, common laundry, and on-site office for the property manager. This location has a variety of site amenities including walking areas with benches, a picnic area and children's play area. HOPE Plaza Apartments also offers security cameras for enhanced resident security. AAFV established Hope Plaza III, that opened in early 2023. This will provide housing opportunities for those transitioning from emergency assistance to more permanent homes.



A huge shout out to all of our community members who have, and continue, to support our housing program. We are very thankful for all that you do!

"AAFV gave me the hope to rebuild a better life and future with my children and leaving the constant fight or flight behind us, giving us a safe place & many resources we are thriving!"



237

Housed in
Hope Plaza

37

Housed in NSP

NSP Housing Features:

- 2,3, &4 bedroom homes
- washer/dryer hookups
- single/double car garages
- ceiling fans
- central heating & air
- 24/7 maintenance
- quiet neighborhoods close to area schools
- easy access to freeways
- Non-smoking, no pets

Households must qualify based on HUD income limits.

Court Advocacy

In 2023 our advocates attended 1,552 CPO Hearings with 832 Protection Orders Granted In Canyon County.

Our advocates listen openly with compassion and have experience working within the Idaho court system. They advocate for all victims (women, men and children). From 2015-2023, our court advocacy team has attended more than 18,888 hearings.

1 in 5 adults experience Domestic Abuse during their lifetime. This equates to: 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men.

4,334

Served in Court Advocacy

The reported rates of protection order violation vary widely across studies, from as low as 7.1 percent to as high as 81.3 percent.

AAFV assists with:

- Applying for Legal Aid
- Civil Protection Order (CPO)
- CPO Orientation class
- Custody/Divorce cases Pro Se
- Victim Impact Statements
- Crime Victims Compensation
- Accompany in court proceedings
- Enact safety plans

‘ AAFV, helped me get my freedom back, i didn't know where to begin or what to do, & i remember talking to them & thinking to myself, (I'm not crazy!) because I believe me too! With the CPO, it was reassurance to my safety!’

"We are SURVIVORS in our stories , NOT Victims!"

I heard about Hopes Door through a friend, I was fleeing a very abusive marriage and needed a safe place to live Hopes Door provided that for my son and me. While at HopesDoor I was able to get a job with the help of staff, provide my son a safe place to stay, and start my healing process. After I left Hopes Door I got into an apartment and I am so grateful! I now have my first apartment of my own and am healing and training to become a manager at the same job I got while there! I've been in my place for 1 month and am still able to reach out for help from the women at the shelter ! it's amazing! I'm so so grateful for everything that has happened positively in my life since going to Hopes Door!

"I am very grateful to be here, I used to wake up at all times of the night in a panic & now I sleep through the night."



"Thank you for helping my mommy smile again!"



"Thank you for believing in me & helping me to get my son and myself into a safe place. I appreciate you helping me with classes and encouraging me to seek counseling along the way."

Within a few months through tears, pain, and unraveling I found a purpose again. After all of the abuse, Hope's Door gave me the support and guidance I needed for my future to be bright again. The unconditional dedication the staff has is priceless. They have allowed me to heal and find my own path with confidence. The teamwork that was put in to me has open doors that I thought would be closed forever. I have a new chapter in my life and a place to call home. I am able to have my own healing space and plan to do my best to find a way to pay it forward. I can not be more grateful for the transformation they have shown me away from the abuse and trauma.

"I Believe Me Too!"

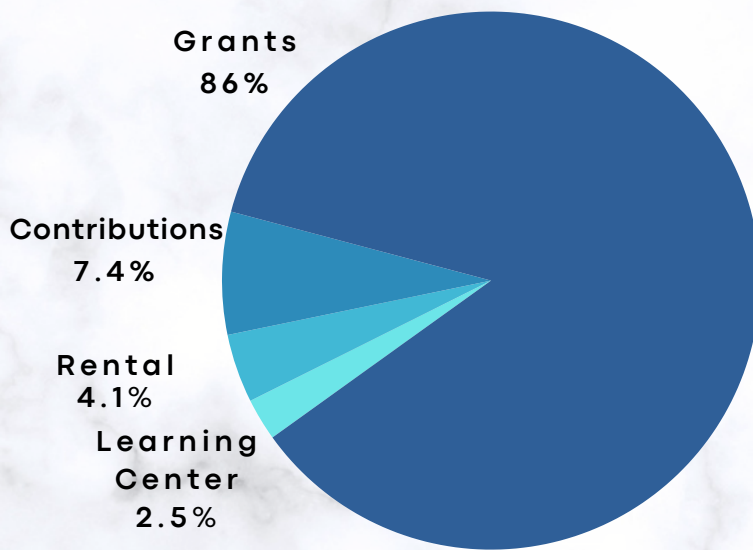
"I REMEMBER FEELING A SENSE OF PEACE DURING THE TIMES HE WOULD BE IN JAIL, BECAUSE IF HE WAS IN JAIL, I KNEW I WOULDN'T GET HURT THAT DAY."

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!

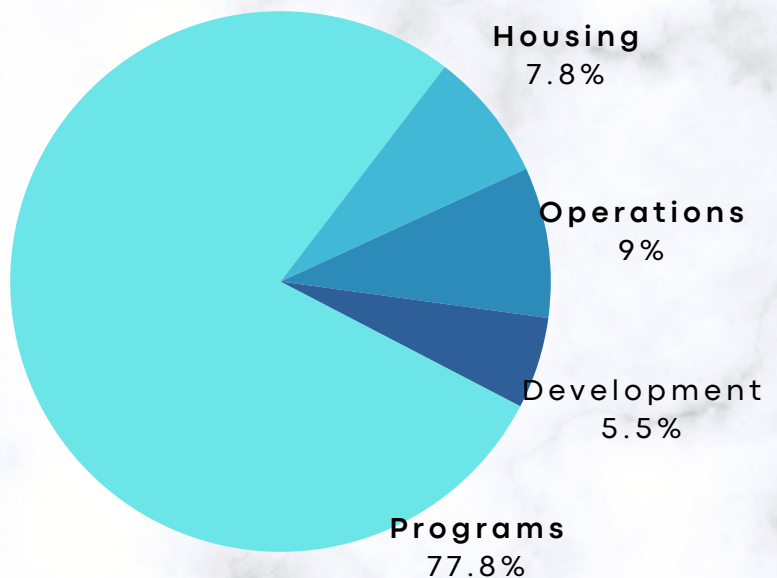
Advocates Against Family Violence (AAFV) depends on the kindness of donors and volunteers to achieve our mission. These donations go directly toward helping victims of domestic abuse in Caldwell, Nampa, Boise, Meridian, Kuna, and other surrounding areas.

FINANCIALS

REVENUE



EXPENSES



A Big Thank You to our 2023 Contributors!



Between 21-60% of victims of intimate partner violence lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse. With your help we are able to get them back on their feet and living life to their fullest potential!

Hope Partners



The Compassion and Generosity of the people of our community HELP to keep our programs going.

To those PARTNERS who share in our vision of a world without Domestic Violence,
WE THANK YOU!!

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- Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
- Victim Assistance



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