

2024 GRATITUDE REPORT

RESPONSE

**Celebrating 40 Years
of Hope and Healing**



LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year marks an extraordinary milestone for our organization—40 years of unwavering commitment to serving survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in the Roaring Fork Valley. Four decades of standing alongside survivors, offering safety, healing, and hope.

In this anniversary year, we also celebrated the grand opening of the Halle Center for Hope and Healing, a state-of-the-art facility that provides a safe, compassionate shelter for survivors and their children as well as a new headquarters for serving our clients. The Center is more than a building; it is a beacon of hope—a place where survivors can begin to reclaim their lives in safety and dignity.

Yet, even as we celebrate these incredible achievements, we continue to face significant challenges. Federal funding cuts have put vital services at risk, making it more difficult than ever to meet the growing needs of our community. In these uncertain times, we must lean on the generosity and resilience of our community.

Your support is critical to sustaining our programs and expanding our reach. It is because of you that survivors in the Roaring Fork Valley have a place to turn, a place to heal, and a future to look forward to.

As we reflect on 40 years of service, we renew our commitment to walk alongside survivors every step of the way. Together, we will continue to break the cycle of abuse, uplift voices that have been silenced, and build a community where everyone can live free from fear.

With gratitude and hope,



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Donors,

As we reflect on the past year, we're filled with pride and appreciation for the incredible progress we have made in serving our community. Last year, Response supported more survivors than in any previous year in our 40-year history. This achievement is more than just a number; it represents the lives touched, the stories heard, and the resilience of individuals seeking help and healing.

We are thrilled to share that we have already provided critical support to 116 survivors. This momentum is not just a sign of our growth; it is a testament to the urgent need in our community and our unwavering commitment to meet it. With the resources and dedication we have in place, we are on track to exceed 200 clients by the end of the year, a goal that reflects both our ambition and the invaluable trust our clients place in us.

None of this would be possible without the support of our incredible community. Your generosity and encouragement have been the backbone of our \$9.75 million capital campaign, allowing us to expand our facilities and truly respond to the needs of our survivors. Every donation and every word of encouragement contributes to the vital work that we do.

Thank you!



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40 YEARS OF SERVING SURVIVORS

During the early 1980s, a group of women in Aspen realized the community needed a space where they could support one another—both socially and professionally. Thus, the Aspen Women’s Forum was established. United by common causes, one primary focus was combating domestic abuse. At the time, the so-called “battered women’s movement” was gaining momentum nationwide, as society increasingly recognized that domestic violence was a public issue requiring a comprehensive response rather than a private matter hidden away.

In 1983, a committee that eventually became Response formed, including longtime locals such as Ida Truscott, Sue Smedstad, Molly Raphael, Kristin Hughes, Lynn Dunlop, and Peg McGavock. As the group became more organized, word spread among abuse victims, many of whom began reaching out for help and receiving shelter in volunteer’s homes.

By 1984, Peg McGavock had become the first paid employee and the group realized it was time to formalize their committee into its own nonprofit. In need of an appropriate name, they got inspiration from a periodical lying on the floor of the Counseling Center where the group met – and Response was born! Our official launch came with IRS designation in 1985, 40 years ago this April!

Over the last 40 years, Response has been a lifeline thousands of survivors of domestic and sexual abuse — offering safety, healing, and hope. From emergency shelter and 24/7 crisis support to counseling, legal advocacy, and long-term housing assistance, we don’t just respond to crisis—we restore dignity, rebuild lives, and empower individuals to reclaim their futures. Through prevention education, and community engagement, we work to break the cycle of violence and create a world where every person can live free from fear.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST 40 YEARS!



1985 Response officially forms as a tax-exempt organization

1990 Response established specific 24-hour crisis helpline

1993 Started providing services in Spanish

2010 Founding Executive Director Peg McGavock retires



2018 Response receives its largest ever federal grant and largest private foundation grant to pursue a housing program.

2021 Response acquires a third transitional housing apartment, but demand is so high that we have to turn away 13 survivor

November 2023 We break ground at 325 E. Cody Lane in Basalt

1986 Board of directors sets a “long range goal of building a shelter where all services could be housed.”

1988 Sexual assault services added, Peg McGavock becomes the first Executive Director

1992 Moved into first office at the Pitkin County Health and Human Services Building

1995 First school education program piloted

2015 Comprehensive prevention education program in local schools launched that continues today

2019 Housing for Survivors program launches with one apartment for transitional housing, rental assistance funding and a full time housing program manager

July 2022 Board votes to begin a Capital Campaign for the first domestic and sexual abuse center in the Roaring Fork Valley and planning for the Center begins

August 2024 Campaign goal of \$9.75 million achieved!



February 2025 Center for Hope and Healing officially opens and first survivor and family moves in



Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation

CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING

Opened February 20th , 2025



The Center for Hope and Healing opens a new chapter for Response, one that was first dreamed of by the board in 1986! This innovative public facing shelter now open in Basalt contains a welcoming office headquarters and client meeting space as well as a shelter for survivors fleeing domestic and sexual abuse.

The shelter has seven efficiency units with a total of 24 beds for survivors and their children - and pets are welcome too! Each unit has its own bathroom and kitchenette and a large communal kitchen and dining area offers the opportunity for healing in community. A fenced play yard in the back is beautifully landscaped for families to enjoy the outdoors.

Since opening only four months ago, we have provided safe housing to 12 survivors, 12 children and 3 pets. This is clearly an idea whose time has come and we are so grateful to you, our community of supporters, for making this dream a reality!



RESPONSE

the path out of domestic and sexual abuse

Our mission is to work with our community to end domestic and sexual abuse and to support survivors in achieving their own safety and empowerment.

INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY

- Support
- Safety planning
- Identifying options
- Information, resources & referrals
- Crisis intervention
- 24 hour crisis helpline

MEDICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

- Forensic exam accompaniment
- Referrals to medical support

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Individual counseling program
- Information, resources & referrals

HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS

- Emergency shelter
- Transitional shelter (up to 2 months)
- Rental assistance

LEGAL ADVOCACY

- Court accompaniment
- Legal aid referrals
- Ask an Attorney Day
- Legal process guidance

FINANCIAL PROGRAM

- Financial information & training
- Financial planning

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Healthy relationships and abuse prevention in schools
- Awareness raising presentations

2024 IMPACT



Survivors Assisted

201



Survivor Contacts

930



Crisis line Calls

252



64

**Clients received
legal advocacy
with financial
support from
Response**



56

**clients received a
total of 200
individual
counseling
sessions**



**8 Latina clients participated in an 8-week
therapeutic trauma recovery support group**

**57 clients
received a total
of \$172,000 in
rental
assistance**

**28 survivors and
16 children
received 56 total
nights of
emergency
shelter**

**88 survivors
received one or
more forms of
housing
assistance**

**14 Survivors and
12 children were
sheltered in
transitional
housing**

29 age-appropriate presentations to middle and high schoolers, Basalt to Aspen – **924** student contacts



14 community education events hosted for over **200** community members

8 people attended a **30-**hour volunteer advocacy training to work on the crisis helpline





“A wonderful resource to provide a boost of empowerment and safety when needed most.”

- Response Client

“Response was a place where I always felt supported, protected, and important. They never ignored or minimized my situation or my emotional state. They're incredible.”

- Response Client

WHO WE SERVE

Total Clients

201

Client Contacts:

930

Helpline Calls:

252

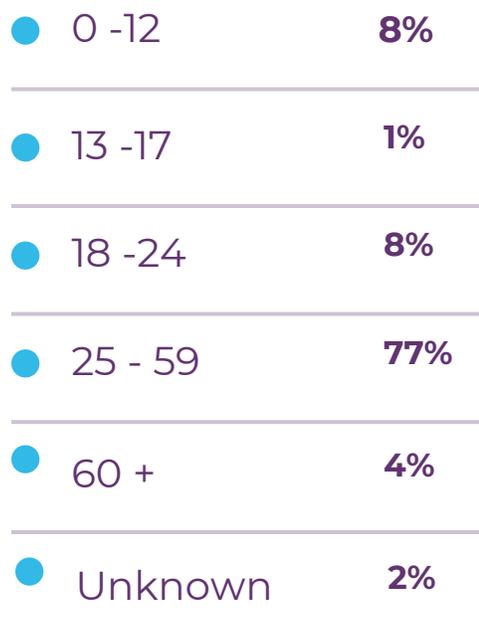
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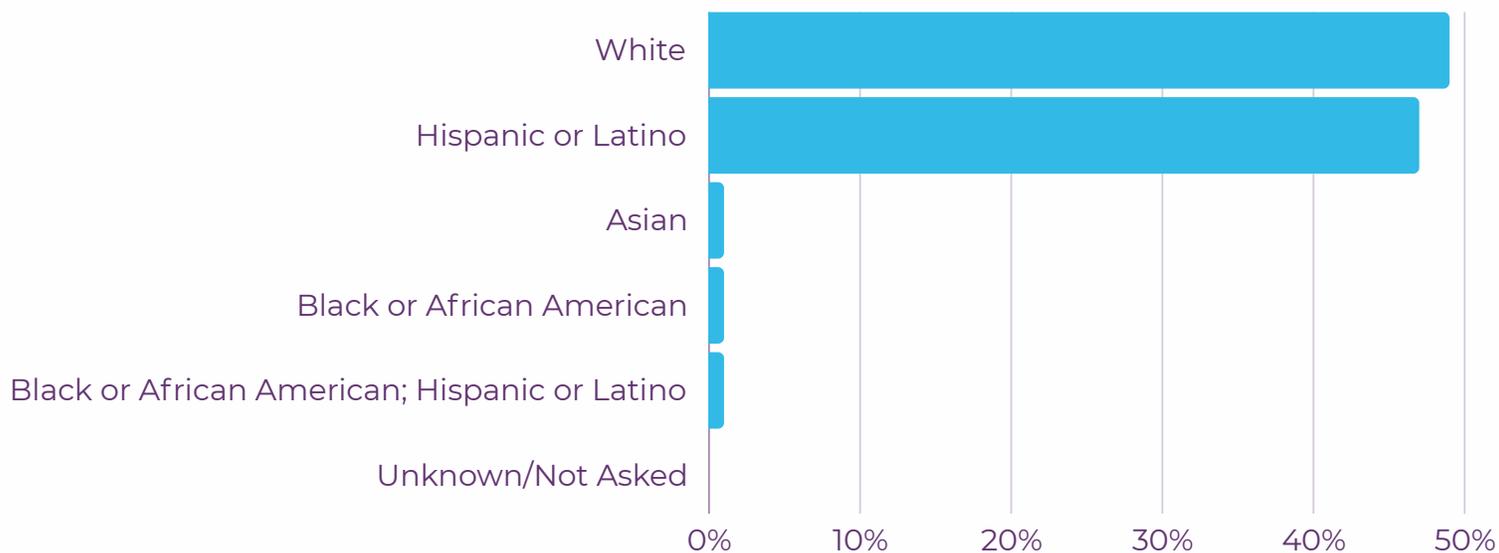
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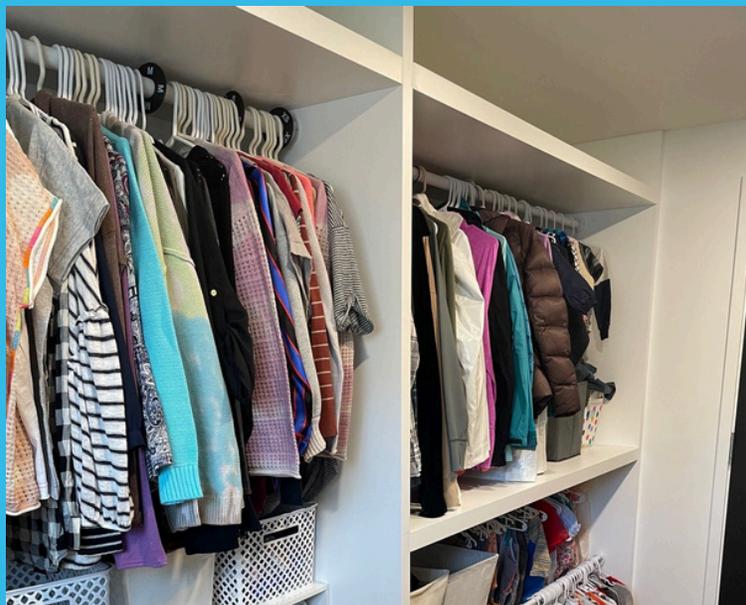


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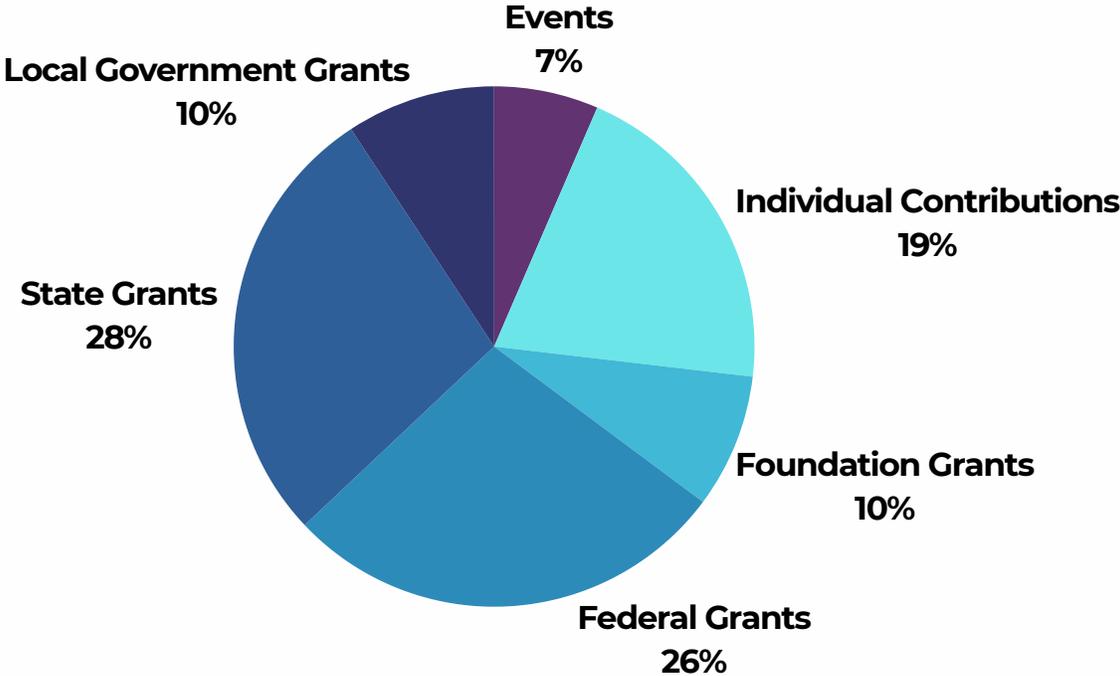
Primary Language

- English **58%**
- Spanish **43%**



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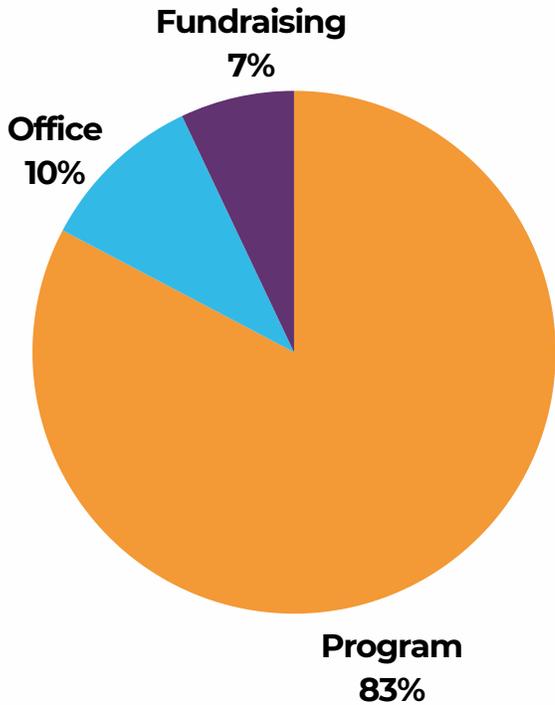
Income by Source



Individual Contributions	197,545
Foundation Grants	105,000
Federal Grants	280,000
State Grants	301,645
Local Government Grants	102,184
Events	71,770
Total	1,058,144

Direct Program Expenses

Expense By Category



Crisis Line	\$12,356
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Housing Program

Transitional Housing	\$70,951
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Rapid Rehousing	\$172,649
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\$243,600

Victim Emergency Services

Legal fees	\$27,952
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Basic needs	\$28,445
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\$56,397

Therapeutic Assistance

Client Therapy	\$31,300
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Support Group	\$4,000
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\$35,300

Community Outreach	\$10,464
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Staff Education	\$6,135
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Association Memberships	\$2,457
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\$2,457

Total Program Expense	\$366,708
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Government Funders

5th Judicial District

9th Judicial District

City of Aspen

Colorado Division of Housing

Colorado Domestic Violence Program

Eagle County

Emergency Solutions Grant

Pitkin County

Town of Basalt

Town of Snowmass Village

Victims of Crime Act

Foundation Funders

Alder Schermer Foundation

Allstate Foundation

Alpenglow Foundation

Anschutz Family Foundation

Aspen Business Center Foundation

Aspen Community Foundation

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“Response is truly a lifesaving organization. The advocates were professional, caring, available, calming, resourceful, and the most supportive people I am so lucky to have.”

- Response Client