



# Together

we can create a culture in Colorado  
that values and upholds healthy relationships  
based in equity and respect.



Violence *free*  
COLORADO™

Together we can end relationship abuse

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# How We Work To End Relationship Violence

## Tailored Support

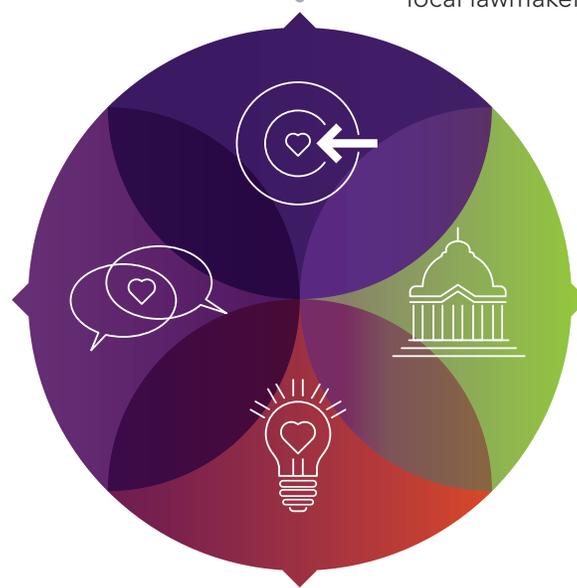
**Violence Free Colorado builds the capacity of local organizations to meet the needs of all survivors**

- Trained more than 2000 individuals in person, through webinars and our Online Learning Center, and at our 2.5 day-long Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference
- Responded to over 500 technical assistance requests across a wide variety of topics

## Advocacy & Policy

**Violence Free Colorado advocates for state, local and federal policies that end relationship violence and support victims of relationship abuse**

- Working with Survivors and medical professionals, Violence Free Colorado helped to pass HB17-1322 to increase Survivor autonomy by allowing them to work with their health care providers to plan for their own safety
- Trained 85 community members during an 8-hour legislative education and advocacy training to advocate for survivor rights and safety with their local lawmakers



## Collective Action

**Violence Free Colorado works in concert with local community based organizations to advance the movement to end relationship violence and linked forms of oppression**

- Launched the Housing for Crime Victims Special Project with 8 sites around the state to focus on helping victims increase access to, and retain safe, long-term housing and then provide tailored supportive services

## Social Change

**Violence Free Colorado mobilizes communities to take action and works to create conditions where freedom and peace are possible for all Coloradans.**

- Launched Stand Up Colorado, a statewide, collaborative, multi-year relationship violence prevention campaign that goes beyond public awareness to alter behavior and affect long-term social change.

## Survivor Centered

**Violence Free Colorado works in partnership with survivors, heeding their experiences and amplifying their voices.**

- Working with local DV organizations, we collected hundreds of paper butterflies made by survivors from across Colorado to create a community installation as part of a larger exhibit at Museo de las Americas in Denver. More than 500 community members attended the opening night.



## 2017 Board of Directors

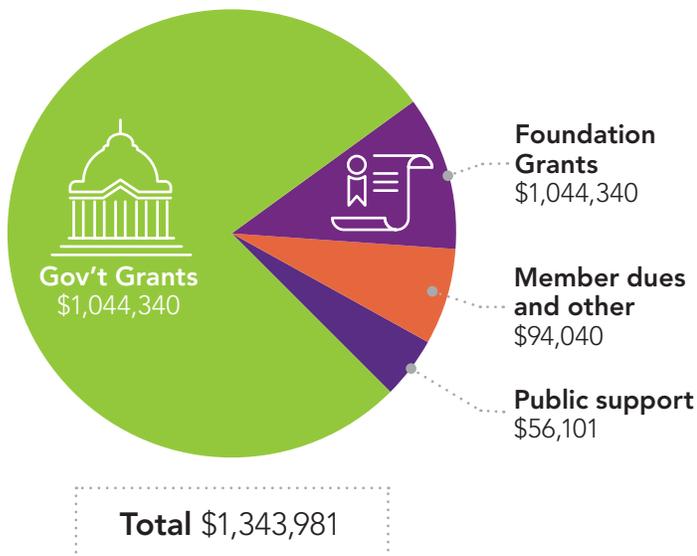
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## 2017 Staff

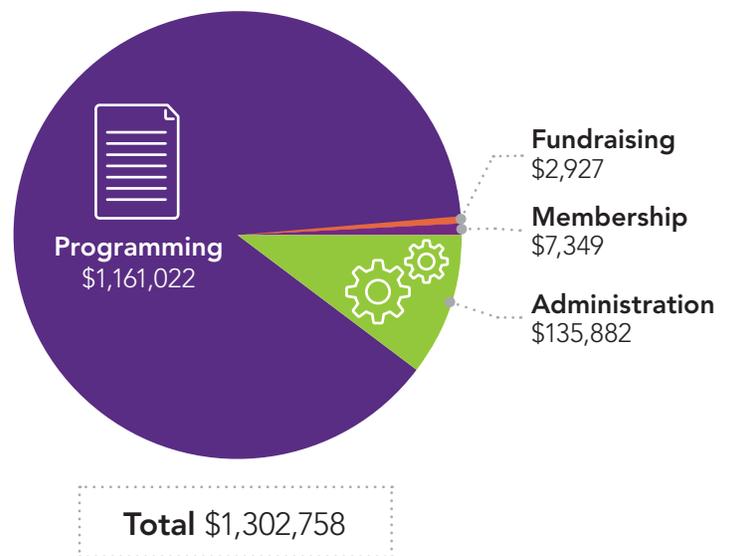
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## Financials

### Income:



### Expenses:



### Net assets:

Revenue less expenses: \$41,223  
 Change in net assets: \$3,651  
 Net assets or fund balances at year end: \$710,666

# Message from Leadership

Over the past 40 years, the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence's (now Violence Free Colorado) awareness, advocacy, and training and technical assistance programs have been vital to addressing gender-based violence in Colorado. Our priority has been to educate about what domestic violence is, to be the voice for domestic violence victims and survivors in policy and systems, and to help build and support Colorado's network of domestic violence advocacy organizations by helping them develop effective, responsive interventions and capacity to advocate, and that work will continue. We know that intervention is necessary, yet we know it is not sufficient. **We know that relationship violence is not inevitable, but rather, is preventable. We know from research that people believe violence can be stopped; but they don't know how. We know that to fulfill our shared purpose of ending violence, and creating a world where all girls and women are safe and respected, CCADV, our members, and our partners must integrate social change practices into our leadership and our organizations.**

40 years later and CCADV is still in it for the long haul. In 2017, CCADV continued to evolve our approach and strategies based on what we know in order to realize our purpose via social change and prevention efforts, such as through programs like Stand Up Colorado, a new movement to end relationship violence in our state that officially launched in November.

As we Stand Up together, we will shift norms and behaviors, and begin to effect the long-term changes we seek here in Colorado and beyond. **We appreciate you, our members, partners, and supporters**, who work in concert with us and elevate our efforts to create a safer, healthier future for Coloradans, in which everyone can reach their full potential!

In Peace & Solidarity,



**Amy Miller**  
Executive Director



**Jennifer Eyl**  
Urban Board Co-Chair



**Crystal Young**  
Rural Board Co-Chair



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