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to our **155 volunteers** who provided over **6,689 hours** of service!

Thank you

to our **550 donors** and **31 event sponsors!**

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“ It all comes down to this: your support makes an impact. Every dollar and every hour you invest with Safelight creates meaningful change in someone’s life. Thank you for your generosity, partnership, and care for the clients we serve together. ”

-Laresa Griffin, Director of Development





In February of this year, I had the honor and privilege of beginning a journey as Executive Director of Safelight, Inc. First let me say that succeeding Tanya Blackford has been both a blessing and a curse. Tanya is a force of nature and she left Safelight in wonderful shape. Living up to her standards will certainly be a challenge, but one to which I am looking forward.

Just a little about me: For 23 years I served as Executive Director of CARING for Children in Asheville. Before that, I spent 15 years working in various capacities for several Teaching Family Model programs serving abused, neglected, and emotionally disturbed children and their families. I have been married to my best friend and soul mate Carrie for nearly 41 years. We have two grown children and one granddaughter who has me wrapped around her fingers.

Time has certainly flown by since I began with Safelight. I have been astounded by the dedication of the staff. More importantly, I have been amazed at the courage and will demonstrated by Safelight's shelter clients, many of whom leave everything behind to find safety for themselves and their children.

As I have been learning about the intricacies of Safelight, Hendersonville, and Henderson County I have come to appreciate what an integral part of the community Safelight has become. Aside from our many wonderful volunteers, who I can never thank enough, this year Park Ridge Health has donated a full time Physician's Assistant to do medical exams for abused children helped at Believe Child Advocacy Center (CAC). This means that traumatized children can be seen much more quickly and closer to home. Also this year, with the help of a very generous donor, the staff of the Believe CAC has been expanded to include Phoebe, a golden retriever client advocate. Phoebe's presence helps make a difficult situation a little easier for children seen at Believe CAC.

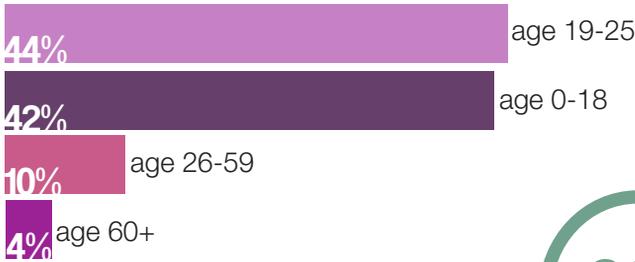
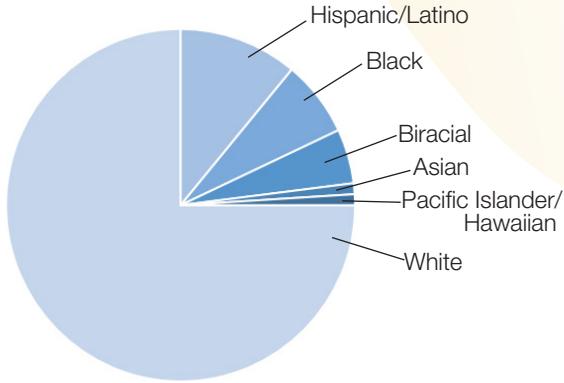
I am indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of the Safelight team. Every day of these past eight months has been an education in how a dedicated staff, wonderful volunteers, and a truly supportive community can come together to help courageous survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse overcome trauma and begin their own journeys of growth and healing.



Sincerely,
John Lauterbach
Executive Director

who received services?

806
unduplicated
clients



965

crisis hotline
calls received



Emergency Shelter

Our organization is well-known to the public for our Emergency Shelter, which provides temporary residence for individuals affected by interpersonal violence. Here, we provide free and confidential services in a secure, nonjudgmental environment conducive to recovery from abuse and trauma.

102
& adults
35
children
age 0-18
called shelter
home for
11,145
safe nights



Through a grant from the Cannon Foundation, a successful capital campaign, and a very generous contribution from an anonymous donor, Safelight was able to **renovate our shelter** this year. Renovations separated the emergency shelter from the administration offices, allowing space for seven new clients' suites! We also upgraded two bathrooms, created a new living room and residential area and upgraded the kitchen. Construction was completed in the summer of 2017. The new setup has decreased foot traffic in the shelter and created a healthier and more home-like atmosphere for the families residing here.

Family Justice Center

The Family Justice Center is a “one-stop-shop” of services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, and other forms of intimate partner violence. Advocates empower, educate and counsel survivors through emotional support, safety planning, case management services, and advocacy within medical, court, child welfare and other systems of care.

493 court accompaniments*

*provides adult survivors support to navigate the court system



Job Training Program

The Safelight Job Training Program provides job training and support for individuals who are survivors of violence. Each participant has the option to participate in an internship program at either our Dandelion Café, Resale Store or in the new sewing internship, “Sewing our World Together” where participants learn small business and marketing skills through creating sewn products (on sale now at Dandelion and the Garage on 25).

The new internship is part of the expanded services now offered by the program which includes longer internships with an increased hourly stipend, a required bi-monthly job training educational group, and attendance at a three-part money management series.



Supports Provided

- 13** group financial classes
- 32** continuing education sessions
- 237** job training program sessions
- 74** individual employment counseling sessions

Counseling and Support

Trauma informed specialty services are necessary for adults and children who have experienced trauma. These services are provided free of charge to all community members, adults and children, who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse.

669 outreach services provided

302 children **&** **367** adults received therapy

Sexual Assault Services

9 hospital accompaniments

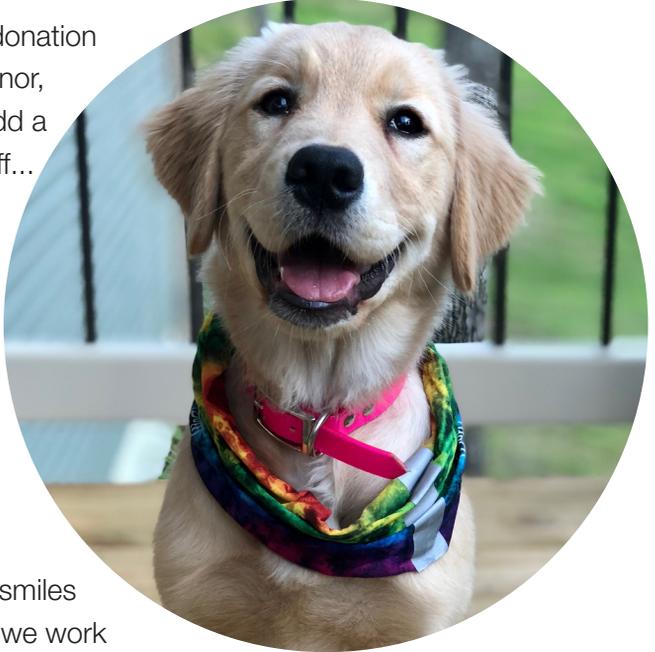
519 individuals received counseling

18 individuals received court advocacy

Believe Child Advocacy Center

Believe Child Advocacy Center (CAC) brings the necessary community partners together to create a multi-disciplinary approach for the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse and neglect.

Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous donor, Safelight was able to add a new addition to our staff... Phoebe, the canine advocate! Phoebe will partake in extensive training to become a certified therapy dog to be utilized as a source of support for clients served at the CAC.



She is already bringing smiles to the faces of children we work with!

77 forensic interviews conducted

127 comprehensive medical exams conducted

243 clients received counseling

Community Based Education

An important part of our mission at Safelight is to educate the public about interpersonal violence in order to prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. **Darkness to Light Training** aims to raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse.

34 adults in Henderson County are now trained in Darkness to Light curriculum

Youth Education

Safelight is committed to ending the cycle of abuse in Henderson County and believes filling the educational gap through an age-appropriate curriculum for youth will lessen cases of interpersonal violence later in life.

13 school presentations, reaching **301** youth.



47

*disclosures

*as a result of these presentations **47** youth, or **15 percent**, disclosed they had been or were currently being abused.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Safelight, Inc. I once again would express our appreciation to the community for all that you do for Safelight including providing donations, participating in fundraisers, and volunteering your time. Without your ongoing stewardship, Safelight could not provide the valuable services in Henderson County to the survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, who desperately need Safelight's support.



In January, after 15 years of dedicated service as the Executive Director of Safelight, Tanya Blackford transitioned into her new role as Area Director for Crossnore School and Children's Home, where she can share her leadership, commitment and insight into the needs of traumatized children.

In February, John Lauterbach was appointed the new Safelight Executive Director. John has brought a wealth of experience and commitment from his career in helping communities develop programs to help survivors of trauma and their families as well as strategies for preventing violence.

The changeover in leadership was smoothly accomplished in part by the clear direction set by the Board of Directors in the development of a three-year Strategic Plan instituted October 1, 2017. This plan was the result of interviewing key community stakeholders, staff and board members. The plan outlines specific objectives to achieve those goals. John continues to lead the organization in reaching the Year 1 objectives and moving Safelight to additional excellence in service to clients and the community.

This annual report describes some of the tremendous outcomes of the programs provided by Safelight this past year. These results, however, could not be achieved without the continuous financial support from you, the citizens and businesses of our community.

We thank you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Ashe
Board President

Statement of Financial Position

REVENUES

Contributions- \$356,702
Special Event and Fundraising- \$44,041
Grants- \$884,391
Group Counseling Fees- \$4,857
Career Center- \$188,019
Sale of Donated Items- \$103,452
Investment Income- \$54,232
Other Income- \$3,570
Total Income- \$1,639,264

EXPENSES

Program Services- \$1,396,053
Management and General- \$167,547
Fundraising- \$78,165
TOTAL- \$1,641,765

85%
Program &
Direct Service
Costs

ASSETS

Current Assets- \$291,714
Property and Equipment- \$2,280,853
Investments- \$264,251
Beneficial Interest in Endowment Funds- \$161,363
Total Assets- \$2,998,181

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities- \$49,464
Long Term Debt- Current Position- \$11,174
Long Term Debt- Noncurrent portion- \$167,513
Total Liabilities- \$228,151

15%

Management,
General &
Fundraising
Costs



Have you ever wanted to...

- Advocate for survivors in court
- Sort donations at the Resale Store
- Operate the register at the Dandelion
- Supervise children of emergency shelter clients
- Answer phones at the shelter front desk
- Accompany survivors of assault to the hospital

If so, you may make a **GREAT** safelight volunteer!

For more information contact our
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