

# 2013 Annual Report

Tu Casa, Inc.



## Awards & Recognition

2013 SLV Cross Systems Symposium *Outstanding Community Collaboration* Award

2013 Rocky Mountain PBS *Be More Award* for Southern Colorado presented to Ashley Riley Lopes

2012 Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault Innovative Practices Award presented to Ashley Riley Lopes

2011 Carson J. Spencer Foundation Working Minds Award

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## About Tu Casa, Inc.

Since 1979, Tu Casa has helped thousands of adults and children secure their right to be safe. Tu Casa is the sole provider of **free, confidential, bilingual, trauma-informed** direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, elder abuse and hate crimes and their families throughout the 6 rural counties of the San Luis Valley (SLV), Colorado.



The SLV is a primarily rural area, comprised of approximately 8,000 sq. miles and an estimated population of 50,000 (size of Connecticut). Resident victims are often unaware of or unable to access resources available in more urban areas along the Front Range. **The overall poverty rate in the region is 22%** (Saguache County is 31%)(2010 Census) with approximately 47% of the Valley's population of Hispanic decent.

**Approximately 99% of Tu Casa's clientele fit into one or more categories considered underserved**, be it low-income, unemployed, Spanish-speaking, rural, disabled, uninsured, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) or immigrant.



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## Letter from Our Leadership

We are so excited to communicate with you the results of our shared labor during 2013. Together, we not only increased the number of child and adult victims getting the quality, trauma-informed services they so desperately needed, but were able to increase the community's understanding of the victimizations Tu Casa serves through expanded education and prevention initiatives. Oh, and did we forget to mention that **we raised over \$850,000 to create the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley (SLV CAC) Program?! Pretty amazing, huh?!**

The most amazing part is that we did it **TOGETHER**. The amount of support all of Tu Casa's programs received in 2013 was overwhelming. Members from throughout the 6-county region stepped up and showed their support for victims by generously giving of both their time and treasure.

If you wonder whether these gifts made an impact, we can assure you that they did and continue to – over 460 *new* child and adult victims received advocacy, counseling and emergency services, including shelter. **98% of our clients surveyed reported feeling safer; 99% reported knowing more about their rights and options; and 98% reported feeling less alone in their experience, more confident that they will achieve their goals, and more hopeful about the future; all as a result of receiving Tu Casa's services.**

This means that what Tu Casa and our partners are doing is working! We have a first-rate staff; a dedicated board of directors; and a legion of passionate volunteers who all work for the success of Tu Casa, because they know we are dedicated to making the greatest positive impact on the many diverse communities of our region and beyond. **Thank you for being a part of the 2013 journey and we hope you will continue it with us in 2014 and beyond!**

Best wishes,



Ashley Riley Lopes  
Executive Director



Audrey Reich, LCSW  
President, 2014 Board of Directors

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We are so thankful for your support!

# Our Work

Since our inception our vision has been to empower victims and children to live healthy, violence-free lives. Our staff, Board of Directors and volunteers are dedicated to crossing county lines and cultural barriers to ensure child and adult victims have access to the services they need.

## We Provide a Continuum of Care...

We work toward our vision by providing a continuum of care. This includes prevention programs, education and training, as well as direct services that attend to victims immediate and long-term needs. Our services include:

- 24-hour Crisis/Assistance Hotline
- Victim advocacy
- Emergency shelter and financial assistance
- Individual and group counseling and EMDR therapy for adults and children
- School-based Healthy Relationships classes and prevention education
- Distribution of educational materials, presentations and trainings on related subject areas
- Coordination of multi-disciplinary efforts through leadership of the Alamosa, Rio Grande/Mineral, Saguache, and Conejos County Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) and the SLV Anti-Violence Task Force (AVTF)
- Coordination of the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley (SLV CAC) Program, including: forensic interviewing, family advocacy, info. and referral, play therapy, and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) case review
- Outreach events and community education presentations



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In 2013, Tu Casa benefited from more individual donors than ever before. Through both the SLV CAC Capital Campaign and general organizational support, nearly 400 individuals supported our work financially.

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## Our 2013 Numbers

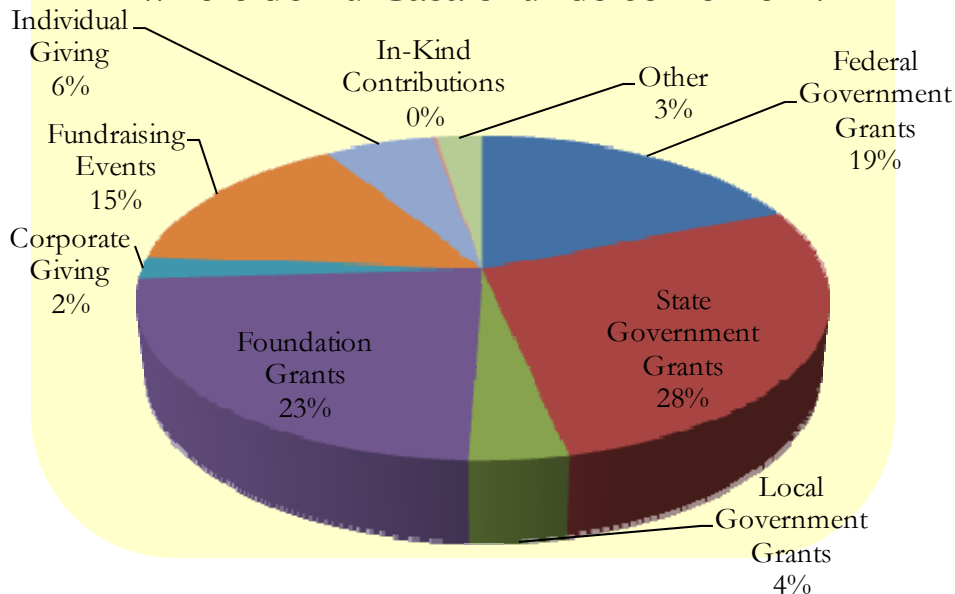
At Tu Casa we are proud that **75%** of our funds support program services. **20%** supports administration and **5%** covers fundraising.

### Who does Tu Casa serve?

• Adult Domestic Violence Victims	235	52%
• Child Domestic Violence Victims	62	14%
• Adult Sexual Assault Victims	23	5%
• Child Sexual Assault/Abuse Victims	103	23%
• Child Physical Abuse Victims	16	4%
• Other	14	8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>100%</b>

Tu Casa was established in 1979 to serve as an emergency resource primarily for female domestic violence victims and their children. Over the last 30+ years, our services and programs have expanded to serve male and female adults and children affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, as well as stalking, elder abuse and hate crimes.

### Where do Tu Casa's funds come from?



## Our Supporters

### 2013 Donors—Organizations

Without support from many generous organizations and institutions in 2013, local victims would have had no where to turn and the SLV CAC program would never have become a reality.

#### \$100,000+

Department of Local Affairs  
Office on Violence Against Women  
-The Rural Grant Program  
- Sexual Assault Response Project

#### \$50,000-\$99,999

Domestic Violence Program, State of Colorado  
Federal Victims of Crime Act

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