



Crisis Center

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

January 31, 2018

Dear Friends,

As a supporter of the Crisis Center's work to end domestic violence, you are well aware of the important role we play in providing life-saving programs and services to those affected by domestic violence in our community.

**THE NEED:** We are writing today to ask for your support for a required capital improvement; specifically, the installation of an elevator to ensure that our clients, staff and

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Total project cost: \$404,850*

**Elevator portion of the project: \$200,000**

Amount committed from the Crisis Center: \$56,000

Amount solicited from capital foundations: \$100,000

**AMOUNT NEEDED FROM INDIVIDUAL DONORS: \$50,000**

**visitors with mobility issues have full access to our building.** Since 2010, when the shelter facility was built, the Crisis Center has been able to serve clients with mobility issues, however with increasing need, and to ensure that our clients continue to receive the best care, we are installing an elevator, as well as making other capital improvements to our building; specifically, more conference space, a client waiting room, and remodeling the client living room space.

**THE HISTORY:** For the past eight years, the Crisis Center has utilized our traditional emergency shelter to provide safe shelter, residential therapy and legal advocacy to adult and child victims of domestic violence in our community. Because of the mostly-residential nature of the three-story, 12,000 square-foot building, when it was originally built we were not required to install an elevator, as there were accessible bedrooms, meeting locations and a kitchen on the first floor.

### **Last year alone, the Crisis Center:**

- Responded to 1,614 crisis, information and referral calls;
- Provided emergency shelter and residential therapy services to 85 adults and children
- Provided 1,401 nights of safe shelter
- Served 258 legal advocacy clients and 295 non-residential therapy clients;
- Educated 8,392 individuals through community outreach and technical assistance presentations.

In 2016, the Crisis Center conducted an audit of its direct service programs and learned from our clients that traditional shelter was not the most requested or utilized resource. Consequently, we made the bold decision to adjust the amount the shelter beds available to seven and increase our efforts towards community-based advocacy. **Additionally, we determined that having all staff in one primary location was important to best serving our community and clients; therefore, we are relocating our out-client therapy staff, management, and development team from our administrative office in Castle Rock to the shelter location in Highlands**

**Ranch. Moving all staff and services to the Highlands Ranch location is requiring renovations of that facility, as our direct service staff (advocates and therapists) are located on the second floor. The Crisis**

Center sold its Castle Rock building which has helped fund \$205,000 of the capital project, as well as provides an operational cost savings of approximately \$60,000 annually.

**THE IMPACT:** Crisis Center advocates and therapists will now provide programs and services from one primary location, as well as in the community, utilizing the client's most natural resources. This move allows clients easy access to all services and creates a wrap-around approach for clients as community advocates, therapists and legal advocates are all in the same location. *(Please note: we continue to offer safe, confidential emergency shelter to victims in imminent danger, as well as continue to operate a satellite office in Elizabeth, providing therapy and legal advocacy to the rural population in Elbert and Lincoln Counties. We also continue to office out of the Douglas County Justice Center in Castle Rock as part of our legal advocacy program.)*

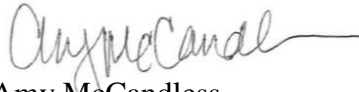
**The programs and services offered by the Crisis Center are truly life-saving; take the story of Emma (name changed for confidentiality):** *Emma came to our emergency shelter with her two children after her husband found her at another shelter in her home state. Emma struggled with childhood trauma, as well as the current abusive relationship and having a child with physical and emotional disabilities. During her stay, Emma received legal support, individual therapy, and attended a parenting group. Her children engaged in play therapy. Emma was able to secure housing, TANF and food stamps for her family and continued to receive out-client therapy for 16 months after leaving shelter. During this time, she went back to school, got full time employment and no longer requires TANF or food stamps. Emma reports that her anxiety is under control and no longer a hindrance to day-to-day activities. She is more confident in her parenting skills and her children are no longer having behavioral issues at school.*

**Can we count on you to support this important campaign?** By making a tax deductible donation, you'll be directly helping the Crisis Center provide domestic violence programs and services to adults and children in need, right here in our community. **We are depending on your assistance and generosity. Please visit [www.thecrisiscenter.org](http://www.thecrisiscenter.org) to donate online today, or fill out and return the donation form below.** Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_



Jennifer Walker  
Executive Director



Amy McCandless  
Director of Development

-----**TEAR OFF, COMPLETE & RETURN TO THE CRISIS CENTER**-----

Simply complete this form and return it with your donation to the Crisis Center at:

PO Box 367 • Castle Rock, CO 80104

On behalf of the adults and children we serve, thank you for investing in the Crisis Center.

YES! I would like to help the Crisis Center reach its capital improvement campaign goal!

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