

HOPE  HOUSE  
COLORADO

# 2021

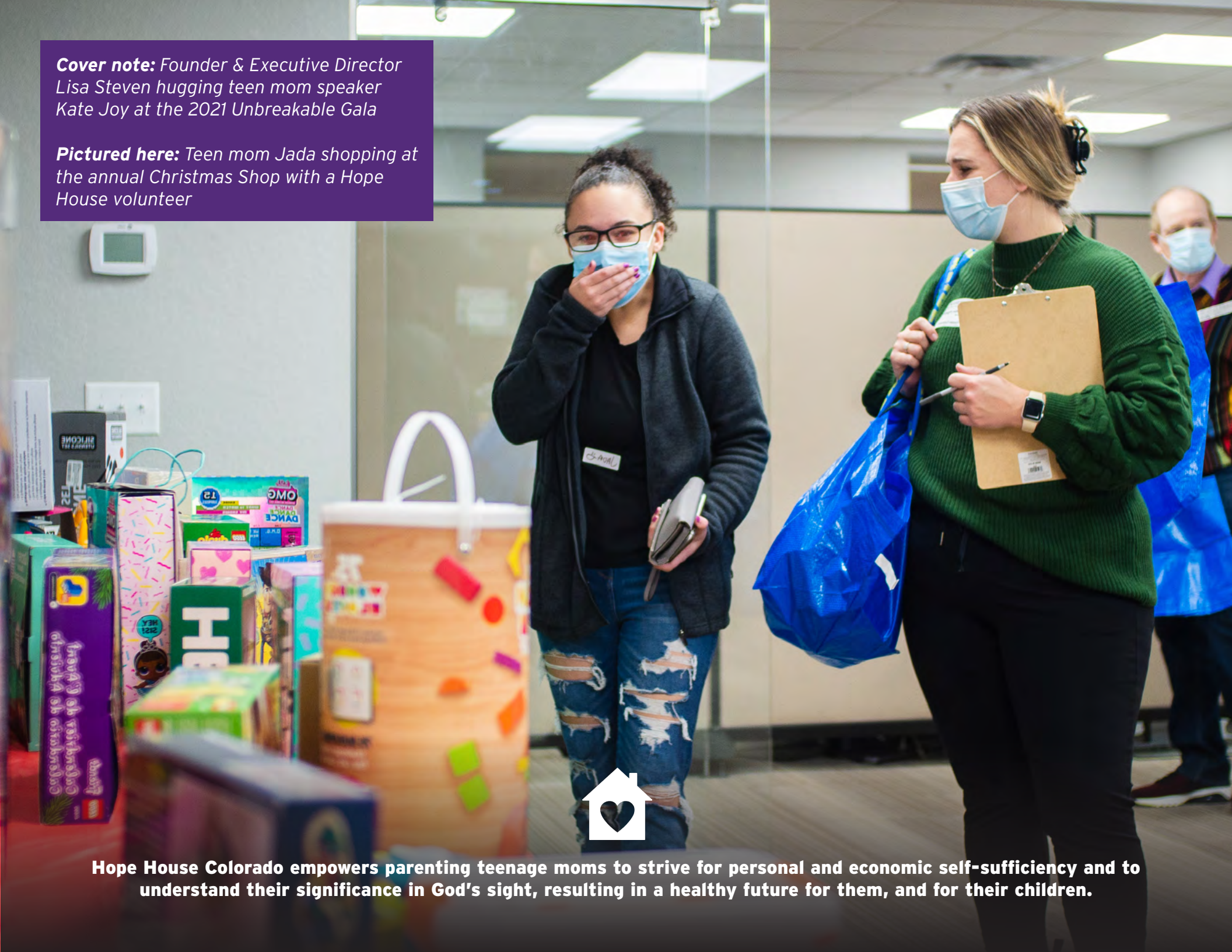
ANNUAL REPORT

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**Cover note:** Founder & Executive Director Lisa Steven hugging teen mom speaker Kate Joy at the 2021 Unbreakable Gala

**Pictured here:** Teen mom Jada shopping at the annual Christmas Shop with a Hope House volunteer



**Hope House Colorado empowers parenting teenage moms to strive for personal and economic self-sufficiency and to understand their significance in God's sight, resulting in a healthy future for them, and for their children.**

# A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

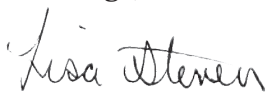
For so many of us, 2021 felt a lot like 2020 on repeat! The impact of COVID continued to create big challenges for us. Our girls and their children spent most of a year isolated in homes that were unstable prior to COVID and then became downright chaotic during the pandemic. Our moms struggled with increased depression, anxiety, domestic violence and housing instability. Eighty percent of our little ones who were on track before COVID declined developmentally. **I know there were moments when our moms might have given up, but their sheer determination to press on toward their goals fueled our determination to meet them at their point of greatest need.**

In June 2021 we contracted JVA Consulting to perform a third-party program evaluation. We engaged our moms, staff and champions in the process. The primary finding blessed our hearts: our teen moms feel that Hope House provides a safe, loving, judgement-free place for them to grow, learn and meet their goals; and our champions feel engaged and invested in the organization! Challenges to be addressed include decreasing staff burnout, finding workflow efficiencies, improving data-driven decision making and reorganizing programs and staff to meet the need post-pandemic.

Recommendations implemented in Early Learning by the end of 2021 included the addition of a dog therapy partnership and contracted early intervention specialists for speech and behavioral therapy. In addition, a new initiative was launched to offer school-readiness supports to our preschool and school-age children. In 2022 we will add additional staffing for housing and mental health supports for our moms and will reorganize classes and programs to meet the greatest needs.

2021 may have brought a continuation of pandemic-related difficulties, but it also brought together our teen moms, staff and champions in new ways. **We look forward with renewed hope and enthusiasm; gratitude for God's grace and provision for our teen moms and children; and excitement for continued partnership with you – our champions!**

Blessings,



Lisa Steven

Founder & Executive Director





# TOP TEN 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

#10

Thank you to our **2021 Bedrock Builders**, our monthly donors, who donated over **\$273,000** to help support the ongoing needs of our teen moms.

#5

Our **Residential Program**, with seven moms and nine kids at one point, provided safe and stable housing for our teen moms and their little ones.

#9

Our Early Learning little ones were introduced to a new class called **'Cooking Up A Story'** and even read alongside some sweet therapy dogs!

#4

**Four of our teen moms bought homes** this year, including Edith, who is pictured on the left!

#8

Our **Christmas Shop** was a huge hit as teen moms bought presents for their kids using points they earned all year long!

#3

We celebrated the accomplishments of **22 High School & GED graduates** this year!

#7

Alicia, one of our **Hope House alumni**, joined our Hope House Board of Directors in May!

#2

Hannah, our **second teen mom** in program history to graduate with a **4-year bachelor's degree**, completed her studies at the University of Colorado Denver.

#6

We celebrated **Hope House Northern Colorado** in September, who is now operating out of a leased space to offer support to teen moms!

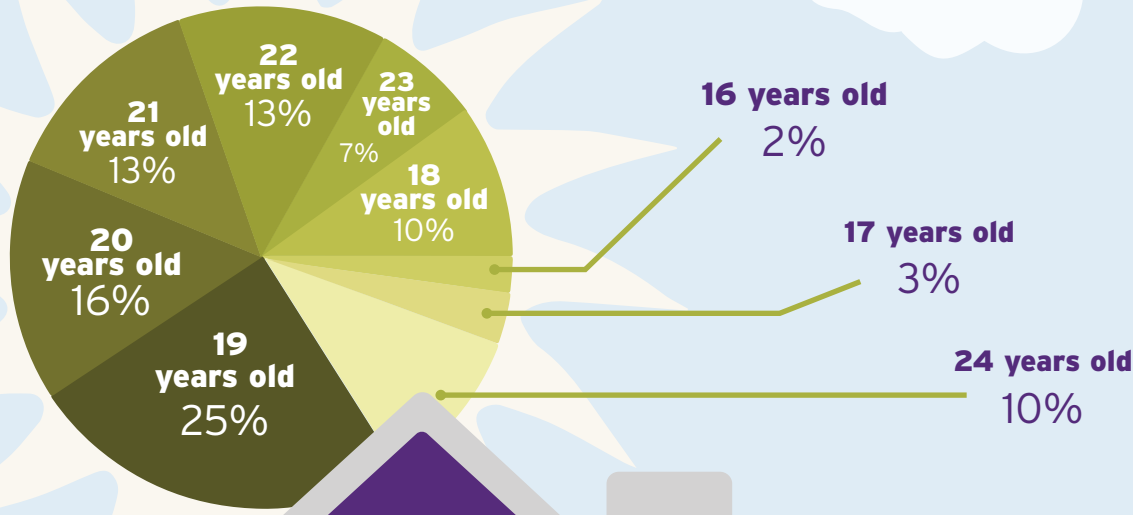
#1

**Maddie and Kate Joy, our teen mom speakers at the gala**, had the courage to share their inspirational stories in front of hundreds of champions!



## AGES SERVED

All teen moms must start in our program before age 21. We serve moms until age 25.



WE SERVED  
**218**  
TEEN MOMS

WE SERVED  
**329**  
CHILDREN

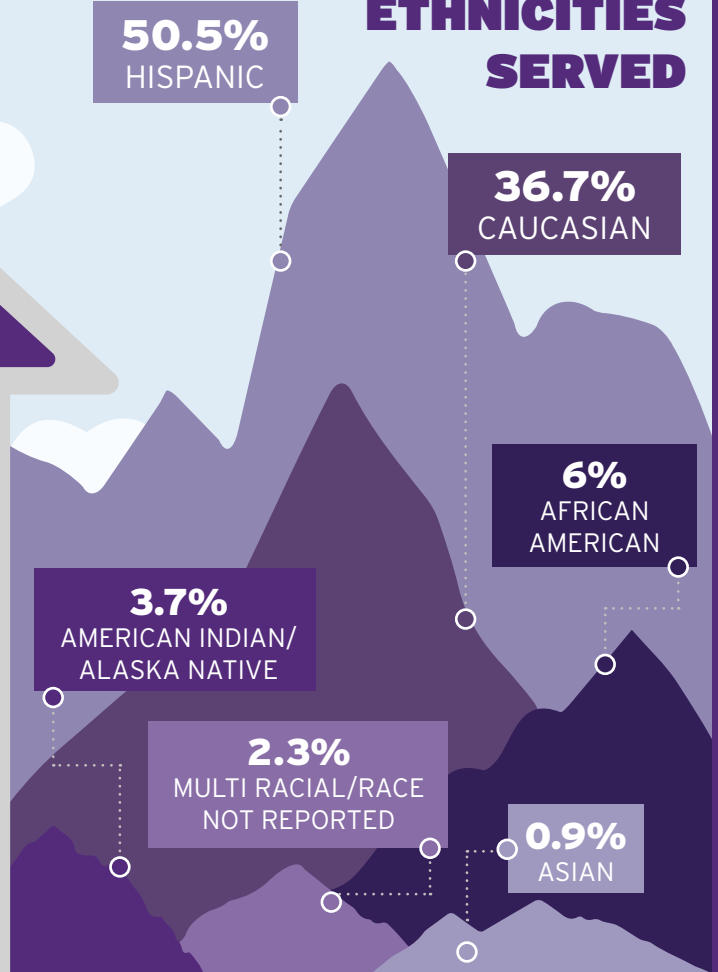
**170**  
CHILDREN WERE  
IN OUR EARLY  
LEARNING PROGRAM

**79%**  
OF MOMS GREW  
IN ECONOMIC  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**45**  
NEW MOMS  
FOUND HOPE  
HOUSE

**68%**  
OF MOMS GREW  
IN PERSONAL  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## ETHNICITIES SERVED





# 22

OF OUR TEEN MOMS  
EARNED THEIR GED  
OR ONLINE HIGH  
SCHOOL DIPLOMA

## KOSMO & ATHENA



***“Every time I doubted reaching my goals, staff at Hope House uplifted and encouraged me to believe in myself.”***

Kosmo set out to complete high school at the beginning of 2021 by enrolling in Penn Foster’s online program. Penn Foster is a self-paced program, so Kosmo knew that completing this goal would eventually come at some point in the distant future. However, by accessing early learning, Kosmo was able to drop off Athena every day and dedicate intentional time to studying in the Learning Lab at Hope House. Five months later, Kosmo walked at the High School & GED Graduation in May 2021. From there, Kosmo earned a dental assistant certification. “I wouldn’t have been able to do that if I didn’t go to Hope House everyday and sign Athena up for early learning. The staff has been amazing, too. Every time I doubted reaching my goals, staff at Hope House uplifted and encouraged me to believe in myself.”



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OF OUR TEEN MOMS  
ARE ENROLLED IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
INSTITUTIONS

## SARIAH & AMIYAH

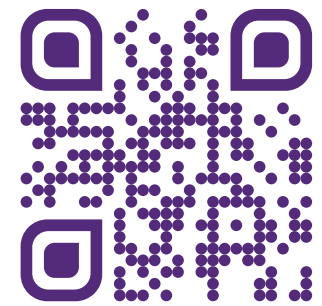
*“College has helped me conquer generational curses.”*

Sariah came to Hope House for the opportunity to create a better future. Through our College & Career Program, Sariah was able to succeed in college and identify a career path using the practical tools and support provided. Now attending Emily Griffith, Sariah is working toward a degree in dental assisting. “What I’m doing and where I’m going is all because of the opportunity Hope House gave me. Following my dreams became a reality not only for me but for my daughter and her future.”

# 10

TEEN MOMS WERE  
GIVEN SAFE HOUSING  
THROUGH OUR  
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Take the tour of the  
residential house here!



## AMBROSIA, ANGEL & AZALEA

*“Hope House helped me through the roughest parts of my life.”*

Ambrosia’s top priority in 2021 was to gain stability. After leaving an abusive relationship, Ambrosia needed to find a safe and stable place to raise Angel and Azalea. In March of 2021, Ambrosia moved into the residential house. With a new start, Ambrosia pushed forward to complete goals like obtaining a driver’s license and pursuing more education. Personal Self-Sufficiency Programs at Hope House helped Ambrosia grow as a mom through classes focusing on parenting, raising siblings and self-care, too! “The impact Hope House has had on my children’s lives and my life is enormous. Hope House helped me through the roughest parts of my life, and I am beyond thankful for that!”

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, we hosted **three record-breaking fundraising events.**

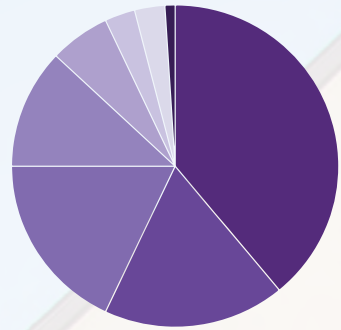
In May at the 8th annual Hope House 5K & Fun Run, we collectively raised over **\$68,000** with the help of sponsors, participants and peer-to-peer fundraisers. Our fun, family-friendly event hosted 'right in our backyard' brought beautiful blue skies to make for a perfect race day.

In July, our annual Joe Coors Hope House Classic took place for a sixth year at Sanctuary in Sedalia, Colorado. This beautiful course brought in 112 golfers who enjoyed a day of golf followed by dinner, a speech from Hope House teen mom Tearsa and a live auction. The event raised over **\$263,000!**

In October, the signature gala event took place in-person at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. The 2021 Unbreakable Gala hosted 400 guests in the museum's atrium where a silent auction was held during cocktail hour, followed by a three-course meal and inspirational speeches from Hope House teen moms, Maddie and Kate Joy. Founder & Executive Director Lisa Steven also spoke to guests about how champions continued to empower teen moms during the ongoing struggles brought on by the pandemic. An entertaining live auction and dance party finished off the evening, only to be outmatched by the incredible news that over **\$482,000** had been raised at the record-breaking event. It was an incredible year of giving from our generous champions!



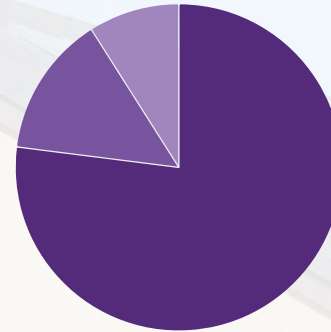
# FINANCIALS



## Summary of Income

Individuals	39%
Events*	18%
Government & Relief Funding	18%
Foundation Grants	12%
In-Kind	6%
Coporate	3%
Other	3%
Churches	1%

**Total Income\*\*:** \$3,527,743



## Summary of Expenses

Program	77%
Fundraising	14%
G&A	9%

**Total Expenses:** \$2,626,010

\*Does not include event expenses

\*\* Includes restricted gifts

## MAJOR CHAMPIONS (\$7,500+)

- American West Construction, LLC
- Anderson Charitable Fund
- Anonymous (5)
- Benevity Community Impact Fund
- Eric & Lindsay Bernum
- Bess Family
- Eric & Dawn Boivin
- Brad Buchanan
- Ceres Foundation
- Chromzak Clarke Family Fund
- CMI Legacy LLC
- Mike & Margaret Cunningham
- Rick Dassow & Amy Arlander
- Peter & Lisa Estler
- Gardner Family Foundation
- Godden Sudik Architects
- Frontier Metal Stamping Inc.
- Ed & Carol Gubanich
- Fawcett Family
- Betty Haligas
- Rod & Deb Herring
- Sam & Stacy Houglund
- Ideker Family Foundation
- Rich Inman & Mindy Brown
- Josiah & Caitlyn Javellana
- Dana & Christine Jensen
- Chris & Brittany Johnson
- KNU For Kids Foundation
- Kroger
- Living On The Go Foundation
- Liniger Fund
- Hap & Judi Lundquist
- M & B Anonymous
- Joe & Pat Markham
- Debbie Misrack
- Neisen Borth Agency
- Nordhagen Family
- Northville Product Services, LP
- Gary Osburn
- Out Of The Box Foundation
- Partners in Sharing
- Steve & Rita Prokopiak
- Larry & Debbie Queen
- Mark & Brenda Reid
- Paula & Steve Reynolds
- Darin & Liz Schanker
- John & Laurie Scott
- Jeff & Lisa Schlarbaum
- Shirley Smith
- Spahn Family
- Brian & Jill Sump
- Swinerton
- Szapor Family Partnership
- The Estate of Phil Millett
- Mark & Connie Tomko
- Bill & Donna Wehner
- Weifield Group Contracting

## 2021 Grant Funders

### Program & General Operating Grants:

- Adams County Foundation
- Anschutz Family Foundation
- Anschutz Foundation
- Bill Ackerman Trust
- Broomfield Community Foundation
- Buell Foundation
- City of Arvada
- Community First Foundation
- Denver Foundation
- Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation
- Illuminate Colorado
- In-N-Out Burger Foundation
- Larry H. Miller Charities
- Louis & Harold Price Foundation
- MAXIMUS Foundation
- McDaniel Family Foundation
- Premier Members Credit Union
- Schlessman Family Foundation
- Spirit of Christ Catholic Community
- The Nathan B. and Florence R. Burt Foundation
- The Robert W. & Susan T. Brown Family Foundation
- TyL Foundation
- Walmart Community Grants

## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### President

Jennifer Zertuche  
*FirstBank*

### Treasurer

Paul Snyder  
*American West Construction, LLC*

### Secretary

Steve Reynolds  
*Infinity Oil & Gas, Inc.*

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*Primrose Preschools*

Chris Johnson  
*Gorilla Logic*

Karla Nugent  
*Weifield Group Contracting*

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*Retired, Professional Engineer*

Alicia Quintana  
*WAXIE Sanitary Supply*

John Steven  
*J&D Machine*

Brian Sump  
*Urban Autocare*

"Thank you to all our Hope House champions! Your support exceeded our expectations again this past year. We are so thankful for the impact you are having on our teen moms that are working so hard to keep moving forward. At the end of the year you gave generously to make sure we could stay on track during the early part of 2022. The best part of my job is sharing what God is doing at Hope House through you."

- Lisa Schlarbaum,  
Director of Development



## Help us give hope.♥

Together, we can help our teen moms break the cycle of generational poverty and empower them on a path to self-sufficiency for themselves and their little ones.

**BUILD** the bedrock for our moms by donating monthly as a Bedrock Builder.

**BREAK** the barrier of transportation by donating a vehicle to a teen mom.

**PROVIDE** a non-monetary donation like baby supplies or new car seats.

**IMPACT** the lives of two generations by including us in your will or retirement plans.

**CREATE** an easy donation through King Soopers, Amazon or your corporate match.

**SPONSOR** one of our major Hope House events throughout the year.

**VOLUNTEER** your time or professional service like cooking and tutoring.

**HOST** a small event during the year to help us raise money outside of our events.

**LIKE** our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn pages and share our posts.

# WHAT'S AHEAD

## Hope House Colorado's 20th Anniversary

April 2023 officially marks 20 years since opening our doors to serve Hope House teen moms. Since then we have served over 750 teen moms in the Denver-metro area! We are excited to celebrate all that God has done in the lives of teen moms, children, staff and volunteers over the past two decades!



## A New Vision For Programs

Hope House provides free self-sufficiency programs to parenting teen moms in three key areas. The Empower Program provides opportunities for personal, educational and economic self-sufficiency for teen moms. This includes educational assistance through High School & GED and College & Career Programs. Additional supportive services include healthy relationships and personal growth classes, licensed counseling, legal advocacy and financial literacy. The Housing Support Program provides metro-Denver's only Residential Program for teen moms, and additional housing supports through various partnerships. The Early Learning & School Age Program focuses on literacy and social-emotional development for the children while providing early intervention services, school-age supports and a Parenting Program for teen moms. All programs are designed to transform the lives of two generations at Hope House.





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