WHO WE ARE

WINGS’ mission is to break the cycle and heal the wounds of childhood sexual abuse by providing education, advocacy and support to adult survivors, loved ones, providers and communities.

Specifically, WINGS works to connect survivors, loved ones, providers and communities with the resources they need to speak about, heal from and thrive beyond childhood sexual abuse trauma to live their fullest, healthiest lives.

We do this by offering referrals to qualified therapists and therapist-facilitated support groups in a number of confidential locations to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their loved ones.

Our program serves anyone who is 18 and older. Our “Survivors’ & Loved Ones’ Guide to Healing” handbook is a comprehensive resource used in our support groups to facilitate group members’ processes of learning and healing.

The most powerful aspect of our program is the dialogue and exchange that occurs among and between group members in their weekly WINGS Support Group.

In addition to support groups, WINGS offers local and national referrals, workshops, speaking presentations and training to survivors, loved ones, service providers and the general community.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

Support and Revenue: $825,497
- State and Federal Grants: $296,520
- Foundations: $51,000
- Events & Contributions: $286,615
- In-kind Contributions: $180,403
- Classes/Program Fees: $12,629
- Interest Income: $128
- Loss on Disposal of Assets: ($1,798)

Expenses: $543,562
- Program Services: $541,258
- Administration: $97,156
- Fundraising: $17,714

Change in Net Assets: $169,369
Net Assets: $339,242

*Independently Audited

PROGRAM EXPENSES

- 82% Program Administration
- 3% Fundraising
- 15% Administration

308
Survivors and their loved ones received CSA information and community/therapy referrals.

229
Individuals received support group services during the year.

3,336
Support group sessions were held during the year in locations in the Denver Metro area, Boulder and Colorado Springs.
CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVOR AWARENESS MONTH

WINGS’ kicked off Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivor Awareness Month (CSA-SAM) with “An Evening with Marilyn Van Derbur Atler” for over 200 attendees and a proclamation by the Governor. Marilyn gave an incredibly moving presentation, and we shared highlights from Phase 1 of our One Voice Project community needs assessment. Suzy Shotts received the Marilyn Van Derbur Atler Heart of Courage Award, Kathy Wells was presented with the Lawrence A. Atler Partners in Healing Award, and a new Champions of Healing Award was presented to Kim Thomas, a long-time WINGS facilitator.

WINGS’ 3rd annual Race for Healing took place on September 9th with over 120 individuals participating. We were proud to unveil WINGS’ new official “Victory” arch that marks the race finish line and gives a nod to the “Victory Checks” that are such an empowering part of our weekly support group structure. Healing is a journey that takes time. It is important to celebrate each brave step, as these amazing survivors and supporters show us. Their smiles say it all!
Childhood Sexual abuse (CSA) occurs when the victim is under the age of 18, regardless of the age of the perpetrator or the relationship between the victim and the perpetrator

TESTIMONIALS

"Knowing I’m not alone has been helpful. Actually being with people who have been through similar things is such a relief. I no longer have to censor myself and now have the freedom to talk about it."

"The bond my group has achieved has been amazing. Our connection in group has made me feel welcomed, understood, and accepted just as I am."

"I feel more connected to the world, knowing that I am not crazy and that I am not alone."

"WINGS is AMAZING. I feel blessed everyday to have it."

"I appreciate the opportunity to share what feels like random struggles and learn that they are aspects of being a CSA survivor."

"I’m grateful for my group, it has made a huge impact in my life and healing journey. I am honored to be a part of WINGS."

OUR IMPACT

According to WINGS 2017 Annual Program Evaluation:

- 91% of group members agree (36%) or strongly agree (55%) that they feel more self-sufficient and their ability to function in daily life has increased due to their group experience.

- 97% of group members agree (21%) or strongly agree (76%) that the topics discussed in group are relevant to their CSA healing journey.

- 97% of group members agree (24%) or strongly agree (73%) that their group is accepting of differences between group members with regard to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, and gender identity.

- 97% of group members agree (9%) or strongly agree (88%) that WINGS support groups are valuable to their healing process.

- 94% of group members agree (15%) or strongly agree (79%) that they now understand how their current symptoms may be linked to their childhood sexual abuse.
Jenny Stith, WINGS Executive Director, was honored with the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) Survivor Activist Award for her dedication to advancing the needs of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Jenny was nominated by Ashley Riley Lopes with the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice.

WINGS CONTINUES TO GROW!

Melissa Haenchen joined WINGS in May as the Manager of Outreach & Community Engagement.

Melanie Kirkham joined WINGS as the Office & Grant Manager in September.

Bridget Blasius celebrated her second year as the Intake Support Specialist. Previously, she was a group facilitator.

#METOO COLORADO

A #MeToo rally held on the steps of the CO Capitol drew a number of victims’ service leaders. WINGS spoke on behalf of adults whose #MeToo includes childhood sexual abuse.

WINGS provided workshops focused on Hope & Healing for Adult Survivors of CSA to professionals throughout the region, including at two state conferences in Vail & Keystone, Colorado.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Community support is vital in allowing WINGS to provide these specialized programs and services to adult survivors and their loved ones. We wish to thank each and every donor and volunteer who gives so generously to make our healing work possible.

LEAVING A LEGACY

WINGS extends a very special thank you to a former WINGS member, Jeffi G., who gifted WINGS with a $75,000 bequest upon her passing this year. We will never forget the courage and generosity of Jeffi, whose gift will empower more survivors to receive the same type of life changing support she received from WINGS. Please contact WINGS’ Executive Director if you would like information on how you can leave a legacy through your will or estate plan.

“I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THE IMPACT WINGS MADE ON MY LIFE, AND I NEVER WILL. BLESS WINGS FOREVER!”

- Jeffi G.

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