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2023 - 2024

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Kidpower was established in 1994 by Jan Isaacs Henry, Debra Campeau, and the late Jan DeBoer. For 30 years, Kidpower has thrived because of the shared commitment of countless supporters, volunteers, board members, and staff who genuinely care about kids' safety and well-being. Through their dedication, Kidpower has empowered generations with the skills to stay safe, act confidently, and advocate for one another.

This milestone celebrates not only our founders' vision but also the community that has made it possible.

A NOTE FROM US

Last year, we committed to expanding our reach and impact—and we did just that!

2023-24 has been a year of high demand for our services, and our organization has grown accordingly. We served 590 more kids and 463 more adults than the previous year, while staying true to our promise of never turning a child away. Additionally, 72% of our school and agency programs were offered at no cost to families. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors and the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and board members.

We are focused on making this progress sustainable and keeping Kidpower financially strong.

This report outlines our progress and highlights our key accomplishments. We are proud of the work we've done and deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the kids and families in our community.

Helping kids be safer, stronger, and protected remains our top priority, and we look forward to continuing this commitment in the year ahead.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped us turn our mission into impactful programs that change lives and enhance the well-being of children.

Sincerely,



**Jan Isaacs Henry
Executive Director**



**Sara Sugerman
Board President**



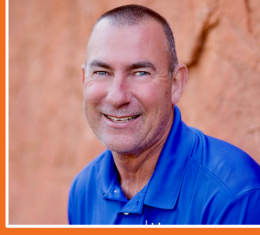
OUR MISSION



The mission of Kidpower Colorado is to teach young people personal safety and confidence-building skills to reduce their risk of abduction, assault and emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

For more information visit us at www.kidpowercs.org.

MEET OUR TEAM



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WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

1 We raised awareness about child harm and how to mitigate it in the community.

2 We trained nearly 600 more young people in Kidpower programs.

3 We continued to integrate Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) into all aspects of our work.

4 We celebrated 30 years of service in Colorado!

5 The El Paso County Board of Health recognized Kidpower Colorado in an official Proclamation recognizing us for our work in preventing child maltreatment and strengthening children and families.

IMPACT STORY



This story is one of many that fuels our commitment to do everything in our power to keep kids safe.

My son really enjoyed the Kidpower workshop. He came home with the Kidpower comic and wanted to read it through with us. It opened the door to many thoughtful conversations. The book was written in very clear kid language and addressed many difficult topics without being scary.

One discussion prompted by the book and the class was about listening to our intuition if we think someone's behavior is off or strange. We want our son to know that not all strangers are bad, but that unusual behavior should be considered.

Later, my son and husband were out walking our dog and a man approached them, saying that his dog was "lonely." The man directed the conversation to my son and asked him to bring our dog over to his house so that the dogs could play together. My husband and son politely kept their distance and went on their way, but when they got home my son said, "I think that's strange behavior."

Our son told me about it and he then immediately went to his room and pulled out the Kidpower comic book. He asked to read the section about stranger safety. He was proud that he noticed his "uh oh" feeling and followed the safety rules. We were impressed that he recognized the signs and so happy he had a resource to confirm his ideas.

*My husband later looked up the neighbor's address and found out that the neighbor was a registered sex offender. I'm just so glad that my son took Kidpower and that he had a book with stories to reinforce the lessons. **Kidpower helped my son recognize the signs of potential danger and gave him a dependable resource.** It was a great way to facilitate difficult conversations and give him the power to be self-reliant.*

BY THE NUMBERS

3,243 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED

1,975

CHILDREN AND TEENS

1,617 in Pikes Peak Region
358 in Denver/Other

1,268

ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS

1,038 in Pikes Peak Region
230 in Denver/Other

More than

67,500

trained since beginning in 1994!

98

SCHOOL AND AGENCY PROGRAMS

72%

PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS

18

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

6

SPECIAL NEEDS/PRIVATE PROGRAMS



30 YEARS

NO CHILD HAS EVER BEEN TURNED AWAY FROM KIDPOWER DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.

Last year 196 people were surveyed regarding the quality of our programs:

100%

AGREED THE WORKSHOPS INCREASED THEIR CHILDREN'S LEVELS OF AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT INTERPERSONAL SAFETY.

100%

AGREED THAT THEIR CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED KIDPOWER SKILLS THAT ARE APPLICABLE IN REAL LIFE SITUATIONS.

99%

AGREED THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED NEW WAYS TO TALK TO THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT INTERPERSONAL SAFETY.

99%

AGREED THAT THE INSTRUCTORS WERE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SAFETY EDUCATION.

100%

AGREED THE INSTRUCTORS TAUGHT THE WORKSHOP IN A CLEAR AND ENTHUSIASTIC MANNER

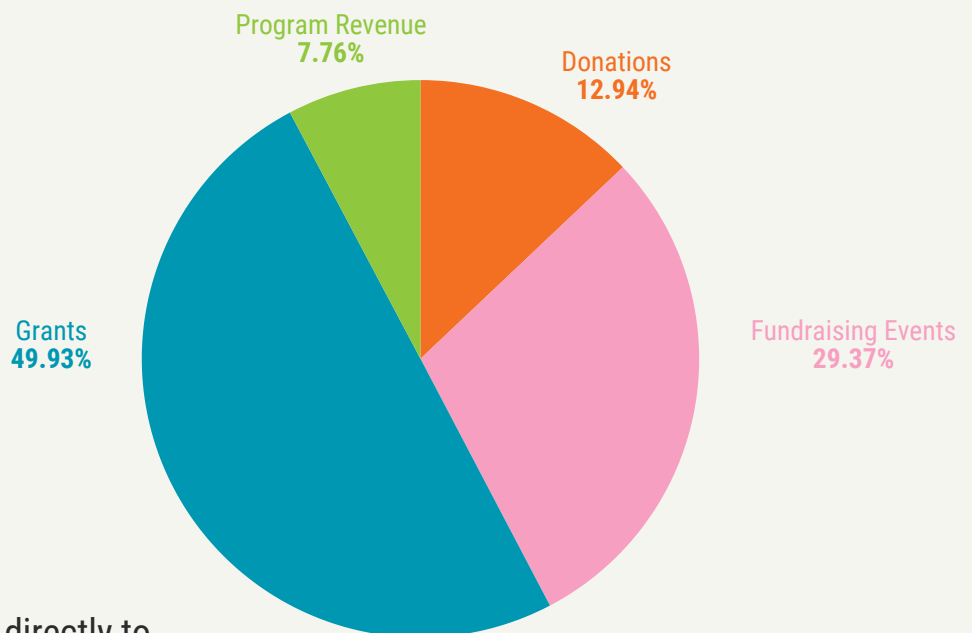
100%

AGREED THE WORKSHOPS WERE VERY USEFUL FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND WOULD RECOMMEND KIDPOWER TO OTHER FAMILIES.

FUNDING SOURCES

**Total Expenses:
\$514,748**

85 cents of every dollar goes directly to Kidpower programs.



“I felt very supported by not only the staff, but with the other participants taking the workshop. There was a real sense of belonging and safety.”

Teenpower Graduate

“What I enjoyed most was using the ‘Kidpower Trash Can’ to throw away hurtful words. I have been using this in my classroom ever since.”

Teacher, The Vanguard School

“I really loved how much fun the kids had. It was useful, informative, and not scary! My son had a great time, and he definitely learned a lot!”

Kidpower Parent

“Learning about safety was very fun and included awesome roleplays. Safety is the number one thing in life that you need, and Kidpower teaches safety!”

Kidpower Graduate, 9 years old

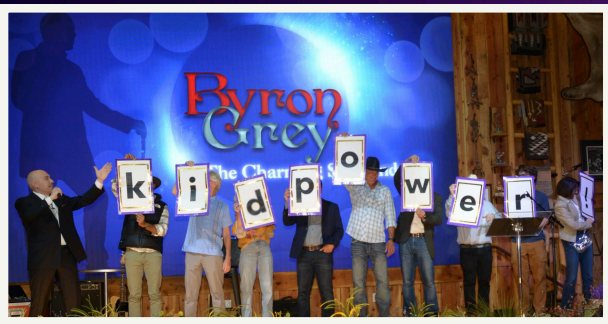


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If we experienced life through the eyes of a child, everything would be magical and extraordinary.

AKIANE KRAMARIK



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