



Gratitude Report

2025 - 2026

Empowering kids.

Strengthening communities.

Changing lives.





Founded in **1994**, Kidpower Colorado has thrived thanks to 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 skills to **stay safe**, **act confidently**, and **advocate for themselves and each other**.

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A note from us.

A child's sense of safety can change everything.

Today's children face new and evolving challenges, from bullying and digital safety concerns to navigating complex social situations. Kidpower continues to play a vital role in helping families stay safe and informed.

In Kidpower classes, children don't just hear about safety. They practice what to do until the skills become second nature. Whether in person or online, they learn to communicate clearly, make safe choices and respond effectively when something doesn't feel right.

This year, Kidpower reached 3,496 kids, teens and adults through 96 programs offered in schools, agencies, and at our Kidpower building. True to our promise, we made sure that no child was turned away because of their family's financial circumstances. Generous grants and donor contributions made this possible, fully funding 72% of our school-based programs.

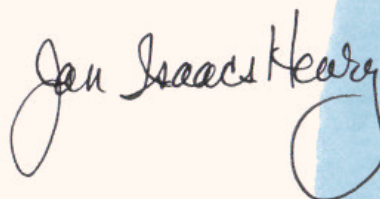
We call this our Gratitude Report because we are sincerely grateful to have you alongside us.

Real impact only happens together, and we couldn't do this work without you.

Heartfelt thanks,



Board President



Executive Director





Our *mission*

To teach young people
personal safety and **confidence-building skills**
to reduce their risk of abduction, assault, and
emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

Our *vision*

To work together to create
cultures of caring, respect, and
safety **for everyone, everywhere.**



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the safety and protection of all children.*

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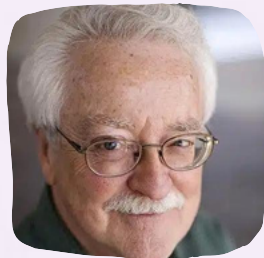
We are grateful to our Advisory Board for believing in our mission and helping Kidpower create a world where all kids feel **safe, strong, connected, and respected.**



Rita Burns



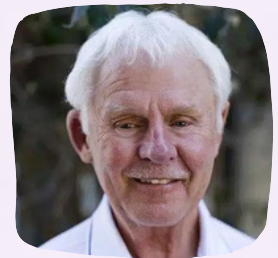
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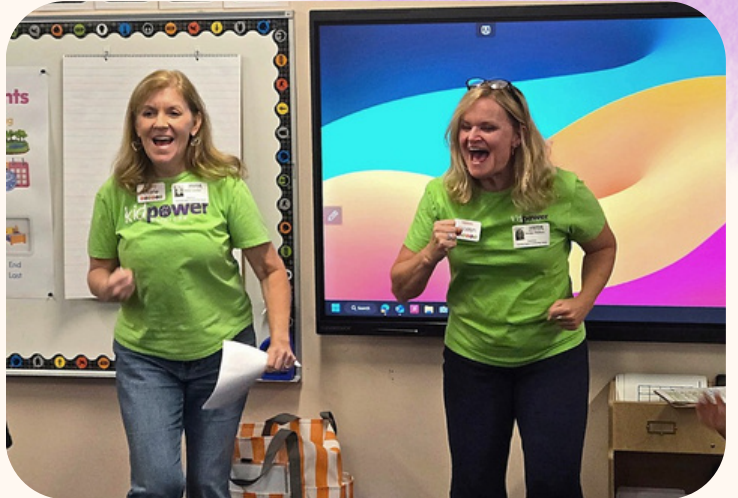
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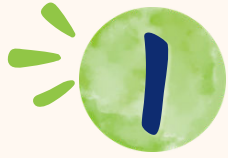


Sara Sugerman



What we accomplished Together

Thanks to our community's support, more children, teens, parents, and educators gained the skills and confidence to stay safe, set boundaries, and thrive.



We raised awareness

about child harm and how to prevent and address it in the community.



We added Kidpower programming at five new schools and agencies,

expanding access to Kidpower's safety programs.



We provided 1,830 children with our 76-page comic workbook,

helping adults reinforce core safety concepts with their children at home.



We hired one new instructor

to help us meet increased demand for our services.



We successfully trained 3,496 kids, teens, and adults,

demonstrating our staff's dedication and commitment to our mission.



We provided two Position of Trust trainings for coaches

in partnership with Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services.





an Impact Story

"My son really enjoyed the Kidpower Kindergarten 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 my son ran ahead, but within sight of his dad. A neighbor approached my son, saying that his dog was "lonely." The man asked him to bring our dog over to his house so that the dogs could play together. My son politely kept his distance and went on. When my husband joined him, my son told him that he thought what the neighbor did was "strange behavior."

“Kidpower helped my son recognize the signs of potential danger and gave him a dependable resource.”

When they got home, 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.

Kidpower gives kids a voice and helps them trust their own intuition. I wish all kids could have Kidpower!"

Confident kids build safer communities.

by the Numbers

*In 32 years,
no child has ever been
turned away from Kidpower
due to lack of funds.*



3,496

INDIVIDUALS TRAINED THIS YEAR

2,013

CHILDREN & TEENS

1,483

ADULTS & CAREGIVERS

72%

PROGRAMS FOR LOW-
INCOME POPULATIONS

88

SCHOOL & AGENCY
PROGRAMS

8

KIDPOWER/
TEENPOWER
WEEKEND
WORKSHOPS

18

COMMUNITY
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS

3

SPECIAL NEEDS/
PRIVATE PROGRAMS

MORE THAN

73,962

TRAINED SINCE 1994



*In the last program year, **143 people** were surveyed regarding the quality of our programs and:*

100%

agreed the workshop was very useful for their children.

100%

agreed the workshop increased their children's level 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.

100%

agreed that the instructors were knowledgeable about safety education.

100%

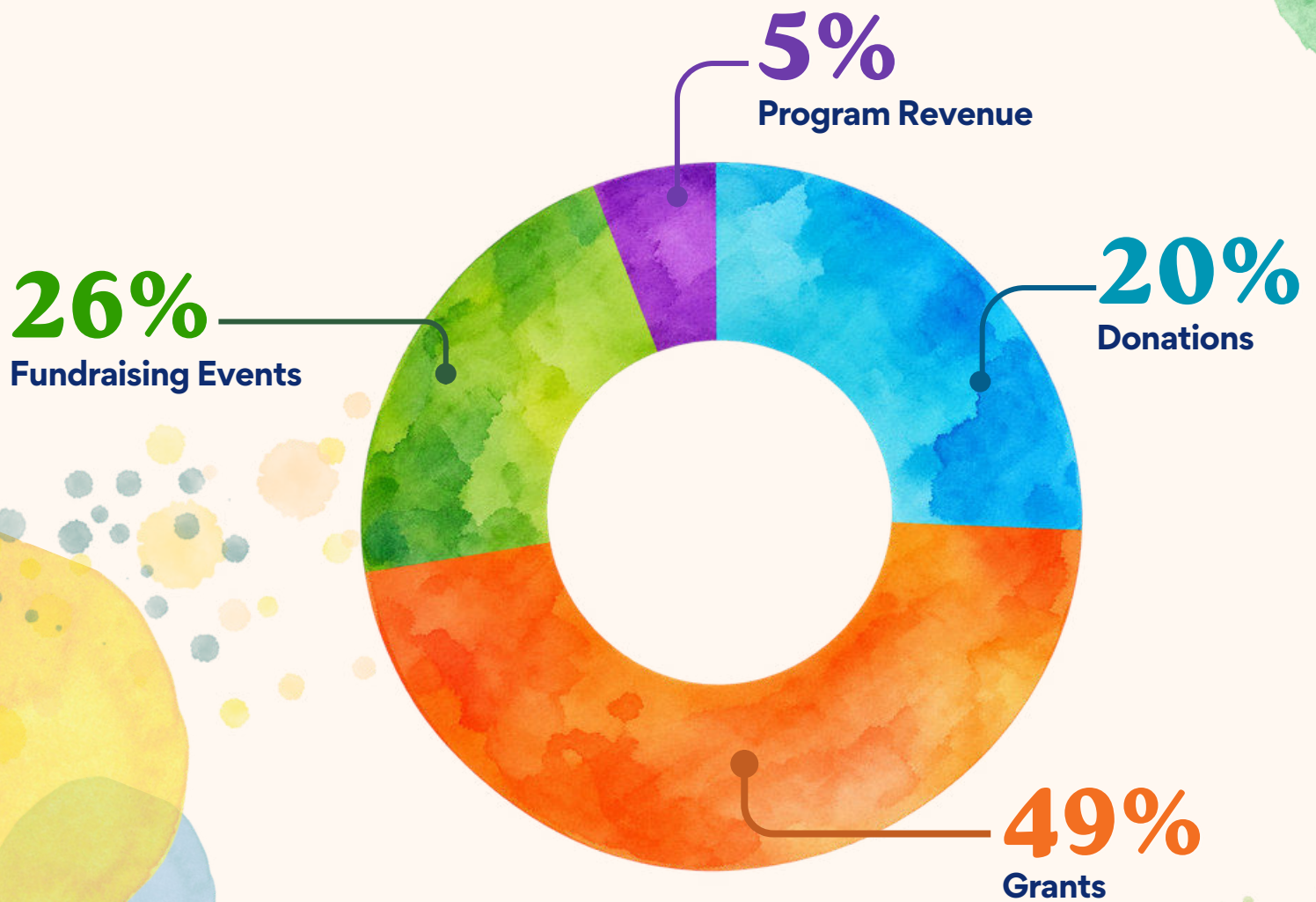
agreed the instructors taught the workshop in a clear and enthusiastic manner.

100%

would recommend

Kidpower to other families.

Funding Sources



\$517,388

Total expenses

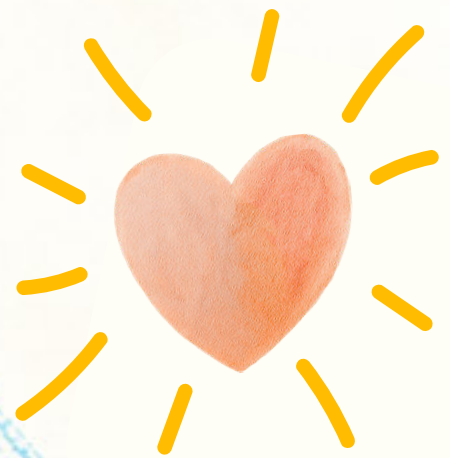
80¢

of every dollar goes
directly to Kidpower
programs.



**“I liked Kidpower
because it taught me how to notice
when something doesn't *feel right*
and how I can *stand up for myself.*”**

Kidpower Graduate, 9 years old





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2026







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or [click here](#) to view our 2026 Chocoholic Frolic video: **Carrie's Story**

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