

CCADV VOICE

NEWSLETTER OF THE COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DESCRIPTION OF THE CANDLE PROJECT

By Julie Ireland

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Chair Project for the October 2000 rally was successful because so many people brought decorated Chairs to honor domestic violence fatality victims. Thanks to our members, DU Law Students, the Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design and the people in the community who brought Chairs to that rally, many issues surrounding domestic violence were brought to light. The event received extensive press coverage. Including spots on documentaries by KMGH Channel 7 and UPN 20.

At this year's rally, (October 1st, 11:15 a.m. 2001), we want to emphasize the need for the eradication of domestic violence, and illustrate that there is hope that this type of violence can end. Candles symbolize hope. This year instead of Chairs, our goal is to have handcrafted giant papier-mâché CANDLES with faux flames displayed on the State Capitol lawn to symbolize that hope.

The community of Colorado is invited to design large lightweight candles. These candles need to be jumbo (exaggerations of candles) in other words, NOT real candles, but for example, papier-mâché. Real candles are way too small. We cannot make as strong of an impact without all you making faux candles. We request that each person make several candles each in order to have the effect we are seeking.

These candles can be made out of cardboard, cylinder poster tubes, Styrofoam, papier-mâché, etc. Please make sure that the candles are approximately 5 feet in height and 2 to 3 feet in width. After you have made the giant 5 ft. tall candle, please use your imaginations to decorate them.

The parameters are:

1. Approximately 5 ft tall.
2. Light weight.
3. Decorated and including a positive message about hope.
4. Must resemble a candle, with faux flame.
5. Individuals are responsible for bringing their candle to the capitol & removing it.

On the candle, feel free to brightly paint it. Please tell a story of HOPE; perhaps a family who defied the odds and how they made it out of an abusive situation. You might want to tell *one* story. You might want to tell *ten* stories. You might want to make your candle a tribute to the police officer or friends who supported you. You may want your candle to be dedicated to the children who witness domestic violence. Perhaps a candle thanking the efforts of the domestic violence advocate who assisted you. You might want to tell the successful story of escape through a poem, or a child's story. You could have children draw pictures of "abuse-free families" and paste them all over your candle. Another idea might be to tell the story of a judge who understood the dynamics of enhanced sentencing and the importance of accountability of a perpetrator.

Please bring them to the State Capitol, Monday, October 1st, at 11:00 a.m. After the rally, we ask that you take your candle home with you. We encourage you to find a place in your community to display your candle during the month of October. You may want to bring super glue for last minute repairs and something heavy to keep your candle from blowing over. For more information call Julie Ireland at 303-831-9632 x15.



GET CANDLE CREATIVE GET CANDLE CRAZY...

- Candelabras
- Faux Birthday Candles
- Floating Faux Candles
- Heart Shaped Faux Candles
- Different Holders With Faux Candles
- Wrought Iron Candleholders
- Xmas Trees With Faux Candles
- Bamboo Lanterns With Candles
- Fat Faux Candles
- Thin Faux Candles
- Square Faux Candles
- Round Faux Candles
- Faux Hanukah Candles
- Faux Wedding Candles
- Outdoor Faux Candles
- Funny Candles
- Crooked Candles
- Candles With Wild Faux Flames
- Etc. etc. etc

WHAT?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH KICK-OFF RALLY.

WHERE?

State Capitol West Steps...Arrive early to find parking. (Colfax & Broadway).

WHEN?

Monday, October 1st, 2001. 11:15 a.m.-11:45
Steel band will play 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the rally.

WHY?

To offer a message of hope & to bring awareness to domestic violence issues.

WHO?

Open to all the community.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Calypso band, candles, giant labyrinth, speakers, Anne Trujillo (Channel 7 News Anchor), education table, media.

WHAT DO I BRING?

Giant candles, domestic violence agency banner, friends, water, rally signs (re: ending violence), purple balloons.

AFTER THE RALLY...

After the statewide rally, please feel free to cross the street to support the DVAM opening ceremony to launch the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Denver, at the Denver City / County Building, 3rd floor rotunda. Oct 1st - 12:00 noon-1:15. Mayoral proclamation will be read and invited dignitaries include Chief of Police Gerry Whitman, Denver DA Bill Ritter, Denver City Attorney, H. Wallace Wortham, City Auditor Don Mares and more. Come and join the celebration of over 15 years of very successful collaboration through the Denver Domestic Violence Task Force. 303-694-7438.



DO YOU LIKE CRAFTS?

Can you do craft projects?

Do you have kids who enjoy crafts?

Do you have friends who can do crafts?



If so, (even if you aren't the craft type at all) we are looking for anyone who might design 5 ft. lightweight faux candles & bring it to the State Capitol for our October 1st rally at 11:00 am. Candles should tell about happy healthy families and that there can be hope in the elimination of domestic violence.

Feel free to bring more than one candle.

HINT: You might want to ask your local printing company for large poster tubes to use as a candle base.

Please ask your co-workers if they might be willing to make candles.

FREE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLASSES IN SPANISH

Where: Denver.
Length: Classes last 6 weeks. On going classes.
Time: 5:30-7 pm. Thursdays.
Cost: Free.
Whom: Open to all women.
Childcare: Provided free of charge.
Contact: Diana Rey 303-436-8676.



CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE AT: www.ccadv.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline toll free number is **1-800-799-SAFE**

NAME CHANGE IN COLORADO SPRINGS
T.E.S.S.A. Trust. Education. Safety. Support. Action
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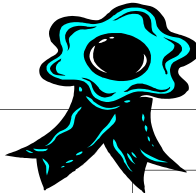
TEDDY BEARS

The Child Rescue Foundation, Inc. is beginning their second annual teddy bear project and fundraiser. Last years efforts to raise teddy bears, a symbol of unconditional love for children in crisis, resulted in over 9000 bears coming in and being delivered, with over 2000 volunteers participating. To become part of this event, please contact Laurie Riker at the Child Rescue Foundation at 303-628-0477 or www.cr-foundation.org



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We couldn't do it without all of your help! Special thanks to Irene Wise, Ann Musman Quigley, Deborah Owen, Dr. Elisa Robyn, Chuck Parson, Julie Pollack, Michelle Richardson, Mark Johnson, Linn Gunsburg, RMCAD Students, Angela Bolen, our wonderful board members, and Elyane Raines.



WOW! Women Offering Women Support

By Shelli Friess

Gateway Battered Women's Shelter

Gateway Battered Women's Shelter, serving Arapahoe County, is now offering a support group for women who have experienced abuse from another woman in an intimate relationship. Our goal is to offer a safe and confidential environment for these women to be empowered through knowledge, group support, and nonjudgmental women's counselors. We

want to offer clarity about domestic violence issues and the opportunity to share and connect with other women who have experienced similar abuse. The topics include, but are not limited to: cycle of violence, different types of abuse and their effects, challenges for the victim, effects on children, homophobia and outing, self-esteem, boundaries and assertiveness, feelings and healthy relationships. Call Shelli at 303-220-8785.

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NEW HOME * NEW LOOK* SAME FACES

By Dede de Percin

The Anti-Violence Program (formerly part of Equality Colorado) has a new home, new contact information, and a new look. As of March 1, we became a project partner of the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center as the Colorado Anti-Violence Program (CAVP). The CNDC will provide us with technical assistance and management support, while the CAVP staff (Carter Klenk and Dede de Percin) along with our community advisory board remain responsible for financial and program management.

Our mission: ending violence within and against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, and providing the highest quality services to survivors of hate crimes, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

Our Denver and statewide toll free numbers have not changed, but all our administrative contact information has. Here's how you can reach us:

**Colorado Anti-Violence Program * PO Box 181085
Denver, CO 80218 * 303.839.5204
coavp@hotmail.com * www.coavp.org**

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS CALENDAR

Please call your local domestic violence agency for further events as this list is incomplete at press time



ALAMOSA

Oct. 6th – Tu Casa Benefit Dinner & Dance. \$50.00 6 p.m at the Monta Villa Inn. 719-589-2465

BOULDER

* *Sept. 30 - Women's Empowerment through Music,* Gala opening and Safehouse benefit featuring local female vocalist Liza, with special guests. Located at En Vie in Boulder. 7-9 p.m. 303-449-8623

Oct. 1st – Discussion and Book Signing with Linda Fairstein. Ms. Fairstein has run the sex crimes unit of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for more than two decades. She is one of the nations foremost prosecutors of sexual assault and domestic violence cases. She is a best selling author. Contact Barb – 303-556-5994

* *Oct. 2nd - Fearless Creative Journal.* Boulder Public Library. 6:30-8:30 p.m. In this workshop, we will examine how to take daily lived experience and make it come alive on the page. Facilitated by Kari Edwards. Kari is a nationally-recognized writer, poet, and artist who has taught art/literature and creative writing at CU-Boulder, Naropa University, University of Denver, Tyler School of Art-Temple University, and Comm. College of Aurora. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 5th, 7 – 9 p.m. Resisting Violence: A Benefit Reading for Safehouse* featuring the poetry of Marilyn Krysl, Patrice C. Queen, Stephanie Mines, R. Mercedes Lindenoak, Erika T. Wurth, and Bill Scheffel. Shambhala Hall, Naropa University. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 9 - Storytelling and Song, Healings of the Heart .* Boulder Public Library. 6:30-8:30 Explore the healing power of nature through traditional stories, slides, and music. Facilitated by Red Feather Woman. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 10th - Noon – 1:30. Safehouse Social Justice Seminar Series Presents: Artistic Triumph Over Violence – The Neurology of Creativity.* Looks at the brain and its activities to reveal some of the causes and cures of violence. By understanding, we can create models of re-patterning that restore the ability to sustain joyous interaction. Presented by Stephanie Mines, PhD, and Christine Caldwell. Boulder County Safehouse Outreach Center, 835 North Street, Boulder. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 14th - Youth Empowerment Through Movement and Dance: An Afternoon of Creativity, Conversation, and Community.* Noon – 4 p.m. Youth of all ages are invited to join a team of playful, body-centered artists and educators for an afternoon of movement, song, writing, drumming, clay, collage, shield-making and more! Facilitated by Melissa Michaels, M.Ed., Lisa Hasin, M.Ed., LPC, and company. Safehouse Outreach Center, 835 North Street, Boulder. 303-449-8623

Oct. 16th – Light Supper and Evening with a Nationally Renowned Speaker at the Home of Phyllis and Aaron Katz. The Katz's home is a showcase of modern art with remarkable views of the Boulder flatirons. Contact Barbara Paradiso, UCD – 303-556-5994 or Barbara.paradiso@cudenver.edu.

* *Oct. 17th - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Women In The Now: Power Through the Presence of Dance.* Awareness of the body through movement and dance to discover new, more empowered ways of being. This experience will help us access the incredible intelligence of our bodies, and the joy of living in them! Facilitated by Heather Karian and Carolyne Rideg. Alchemy of Movement Studio, 2436 30th Street, Boulder.

* *Oct. 18th - Annual Interfaith Breakfast,* 8-10 a.m. hosted by our Spiritual Support Team. 8-10 a.m. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 19th -5 – 7 p.m. Art Triumphs Over Domestic Violence.* Art of protest, art of rage, art of healing, art of support – this 6-week exhibit will express all voices. Join us as we celebrate art's triumph over domestic violence. Jazz and hors d'oeuvres provided. Main Gallery, Boulder Public Library. 9th and Canyon. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 23 - Visual Arts. Painting A Personal Voice: Art Therapy for Adult Survivors.* Boulder Public Library. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free-form painting that carries an expressive tone will be the focus as we rise together over silence. Facilitated by Julia Bry Schwab, MA, LPC. Julia is a local Art Therapist with experience working in public schools, mental health centers, private colleges, and hospitals. Her work as an abstract painter has been shown throughout the area. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 25th -7 – 8 p.m. Empowerment Through Poetry with Amanda Castro,* winner of the 1993 "Poeta Laureada" International Poetry Prize, and Assistant Professor of Spanish, Colorado State University. Boulder Bookstore, 1107 Pearl Street. 303-449-8623

* *Oct. 28th -Authentic Movement: The Path of Healing From Vicarious Trauma. TBA.* Authentic Movement is an invitation to return to the innate wisdom of the body. Simple and self-directed, this method provides therapists, advocates and healers a way to reclaim their ground after providing service to others. Open only to those who work with survivors of domestic violence and related shock and trauma. Stephanie Mines, PhD, and Zoë Avsteh, MS. SPACE TBA. 303-449-8623

* Call Lisa Olcese at 303-449-8623 for more info in Boulder

COLORADO SPRINGS

T.E.S.S.A. Trust. Education. Safety. Support. Action (Formerly Center For Prevention of Domestic Violence)

Oct. 14th - Silent Witness Walk at Pioneer Square Park (Tejon and Vermijo Streets), 1:30 p.m. Individuals may carry life-size wooden silhouettes that commemorate the lives of men and women who have died as a result of family violence. Call Susann Mikkelson . – 633-1462

Oct. 5th - 31st Empty Chair Project – decorated chairs to commemorate the lives of domestic violence victims. The Citadel Mall : Other locations: Chinook Bookstore; Gallery at UCCS; Tri Lakes Center for Performing Arts.

All month Purple Ribbon Campaign -Call T.E.S.S.A. for purple ribbons – 633-1462

CONIFER

TBA Teen Resource Table at the Safeway on a Saturday in October. Contact Heather Kassman 303-838-7552

TBA Teen Sales of domestic violence merchandise. Contact Heather Kassman 303-838-7552

DENVER

Oct. 1st - Statewide Rally to Kick-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. 11:00 a.m. West steps State Capitol. Bring Jumbo Candles, Rally Signs. Speakers, Steel Drum Band, Special Guest Ann Trujillo from Channel 7 News. Call Julie at 303-831-9632 x15

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Oct. 7th- The Jazzercise Event which benefits Family Tree is during the Broncos halftime. Broncos Vs. Kansas City. Barbara Wilson 303-422-2133

Oct 7th & 21st—Cages. One act play. 1595 Pearl St. One woman show re: domestic violence and intimate homicide. Free. 303-561-3939

Oct. 3, 5, 7th - Pagliacci 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, Oct. 3rd and 5th, and, 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7th. Teikyo Loretto Heights \$10-\$25. The Colorado Opera Troupe will stage a performance of Pagliacci to benefit SafeHouse Denver, Inc. Brenda Roush, 303-302-6112

Oct. 10th- SafeHouse Denver Gala 2001 6:00 p.m. Donald R. Seawell Ballroom, Denver Center for the Performing Arts \$150. Reception, Dinner and Awards Presentation. Keynote Speaker is Rick Reilly, columnist from Sports Illustrated. Contact: Brenda Roush, 303-302-6112

Oct. 17th - Lasting Images: Our Remembrances' 2nd Annual Art Show and Sale, 5:45 - 8:30 p.m. Denver Design Center 595 S. Broadway. Social change through cultural action will happen when primarily women artists show their works. For more information www.projectsafeguard.org. Alan 303-863-7416

Oct. 18th- 8th Annual Charity Shopping 10% of all sales from Elizabeth Stores, Liz Claiborne Stores or Outlets on this date will go to a domestic violence charity partner agency. Call 1-800-449-STOP for domestic violence fundraising items through Liz Claiborne.

Oct. 26th - Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking. A daylong workshop provided by Elizabeth Schneider. She was a leading figure in developing the battered wife syndrome; arguing the landmark case of State v. Kelly before the New Jersey Supreme Court. Her book, *Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Ms. Schneider is a professor at Brooklyn Law School where she teaches Battered Women and the Law. Contact Barbara 303-556-5994.

TBA Physicians For Social Responsibility Domestic Violence Presentation & Screening of Video "Defending Our Lives". University Colorado Health Science Center. Call Ted Pascoe or Lisa Schilling at 303-298-8001

Oct. all month - Adopt-a-Room Project will begin with the first group decorating a bedroom in October. Businesses are asked to decorate a room at one of the shelters through Family Tree. Contact Jane at 303-420-0412

ENGLEWOOD

TBA: New class of Volunteer Training on Domestic Violence & Gateway's Programs. Jeneen Klippel-Worden (303)343-1856

Oct. 2nd - 22 Years of Care Luncheon/Silent Auction Fundraiser, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Inverness Hotel. All proceeds benefit Gateway Battered Women's Shelter. Jeneen Klippel-Worden (303)343-1856

ESTES PARK

Oct. 28th - Chili Cook-off & Silent Auction . Contact Estes Valley Victim Advocates. 2 pm. Lake Shore Lodge, 1700 Big Thompson \$5.00 Mary 970-577-9781

GRAND JUNCTION

Oct. 5th- Seminar "The Domestic Violence Batterer as a Criminal." AMEND is offering this domestic violence seminar at the Holiday Inn. The training is sponsored by VAWA and presented by AMEND's training team. For information call (303) 832-6363.

Oct. 10th- Domestic Violence Awareness Day through Latimer House. Call 970-241-0324 Lauri.

Oct. 10th- Courthouse Vigil 12:00 noon in conjunction with Mesa County Medical Society Alliance. Hands are Not for Hitting. View children's art work. Speakers. District DA, Volunteer & Officer of Year Recognition. At the Justice Center Steps. Call 970-241-0324 Lauri.

Oct. 10th- Book fair Barnes & Noble. Free Bookmarks. 10% of sales with vouchers support Latimer House. Call 970-241-0324 Lauri.

TBA Campus Vigil & Educational Presentation to students at Mesa State College. Call 970-241-0324 Lauri.

LARIMER COUNTY

Oct. 4th - 5th Annual Candlelight Vigil . Sponsored by Alternatives to Violence (ATV) in southern Larimer County at 6:00. The ATV Divas will be playing music and a clothesline project will be displayed. Lynda or Megan at (970) 669-5150

LONGMONT

TBA Clothesline Project. / TBA Chair Project. / TBA Special Event. Longmont Coalition for Women In Crisis. Contact Sandra Cardenas Jones at 303-772-0432

WHEATRIDGE

Sept. 11,13,19,25 and 29 - Volunteer Training, Women In Crisis Family Tree. The final day, 29th, is a potluck by staff to welcome new volunteers and to kick off DVAM - give out pins. Barbara Wilson 303-422-2133



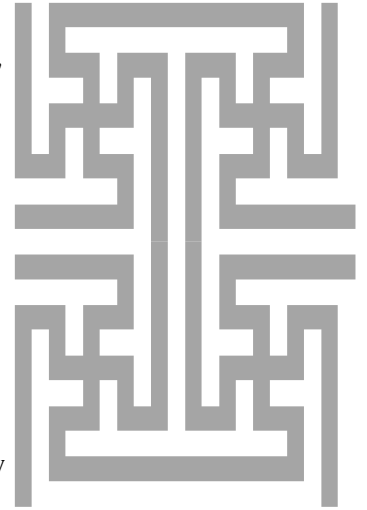
DESCRIPTION OF THE LABYRINTH PROJECT

By Julie Ireland

The *Labyrinth Project* is separate yet complimentary to the *Candle Project*. Our friends at *Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design (RMCAD)* specifically Dr. Elisa Robyn, have come up with a fantastic idea. The students and faculty drew a giant labyrinth on canvas. Historically, candles lit the way through the deceptive maze of a labyrinth. The labyrinth represents how someone can be caught in this nightmarish maze of domestic violence, and the candles illustrate how one may eventually get out of this maze with support and assistance.

Our goal is to combine the giant labyrinth with the candles that you will be making for a great visual at the rally this year. There will be a dancer, Ann Musman Quigley who will be walking through the labyrinth. Please call Julie Ireland with questions at 303 831-9632 x15.

CCADV would like to give a very heartfelt thanks to Dr. Elisa Robyn, who came up with the labyrinth idea and oversaw the project, Julie Pollack who designed the labyrinth, Mark Johnson and his students, and a special thanks to Chuck Parson who put the project into reality, the faculty and students at RMCAD who have shared their talents and been a tremendous support to CCADV and the cause of ending domestic violence .

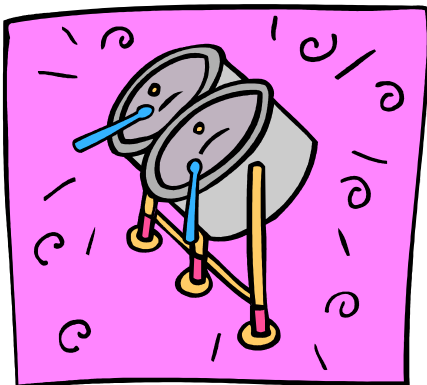


HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) originated from the first Day of Unity observed in 1981 by NCADV. In October of 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was held. In 1989, Congress passed the first DVAM commemorative legislation. The Day of Unity is now observed the **first Monday in October**. Each October, hundreds of varied events are planned in communities around the country. Activities mourn those who were killed as a result of Domestic Violence, commemorate those who experienced Domestic Violence, and bond with those who work to end Domestic Violence.

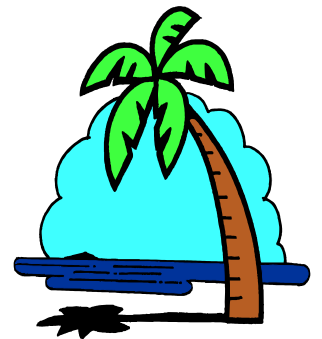
General themes surrounding DVAM can include:

- Building public awareness around domestic violence issues
- Encouraging others to get involved in domestic violence efforts
- Alerting the public to domestic violence resources in your community



SWAY TO THE ISLAND SOUNDS OF THE BRYON JAMES BAND

October 1st at the state capitol.
Directly before and after our rally.
Featuring special guest Rob Wolcott on steel drums and vocals, Bryon James lead vocals and guitar and Rex Beauchamp on bass and vocals. The band will be playing from 10:50-11:15 a.m. and again 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.





INTRODUCING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CCADV recently hired Trish Thibodo as the new Executive Director. Formerly, Trish was the Membership Director at CCADV.

Last year Trish moved to Austin, Texas, to work at the Texas Family Violence Council. We are thrilled to have Trish back as our Executive Director. She will be starting in September 2001.

WELCOME BACK HOME TRISH!

A Goodbye Message from Zori Rodriguez, Executive Director, CCADV

As I prepare for my departure from CCADV, I do so with mixed emotions. I have been blessed to work with a dedicated and wonderful group of people who have made incredible accomplishments in improving services to domestic violence victims. Yet there is so much to be done. While I return to Kansas City to spend more time with my family, I do so knowing that the necessary work will be in great hands.

Wishing you peace and love,
Zori Rodriguez

WELCOME ABOARD CHERYLE CLARKE

We are pleased to welcome our newest staff member Cheryle Clarke to CCADV. Cheryle started her position as Development Director in June, 2001.

Cheryle Clarke comes to CCADV with twenty eight years non-profit and grant-writing experience. Having worked at a state legislature, written grants and conducted fund-raising campaigns, Clarke brings a wealth of knowledge and skill to the position of Development Director at CCADV. As a survivor of domestic violence, her perspective is pro-active.

A Goodbye Message from Ellen Yin-Wycoff

First of all, I would like to thank you all for making my tenure at CCADV such a great experience. I would especially like to thank the CCADV staff, interns, and volunteers: Zori, Yolanda, Jane, Diana, Julie, Anna, and Donovan for being the extraordinarily supportive and professional individuals who keep things going "behind the scenes."

I will be relocating back to Sacramento, California. I will begin working as the new Education Manager for CalCASA (California Coalition Against Sexual Assault). You can still contact me via e-mail at EWYin@aol.com. It has been an incredible honor and pleasure to work with all of you.

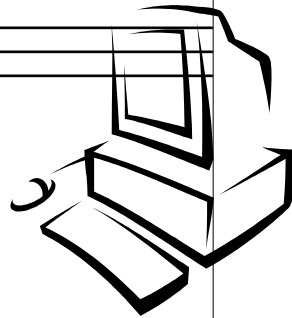
Introducing VAWnet: The National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women

The National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women (VAWnet) is a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC), a project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV). VAWnet has been created to assist domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, allied national organizations & individuals in their work to end violence against women. The site offers the general public access to VAWnet Library (<http://www.vawnet.org>), a collection of high quality electronic resources. The library serves as a repository for materials gathered by, commissioned for, and developed in VAWnet. All files from the library can be searched, read, downloaded, and printed. Collections include the Law Collection, the General Collection, and the Periodical Collection. VAWnet also offers the public updates on media reports on violence against women, a national calendar of events related to issues of violence against women and a resource room with links to other online resources. Within minutes advocates and activists can access up-to-date research and thought provoking materials that speak to the issue of violence against women. Four private forums (<http://www.vawnet.org/login>), requiring a login ID

and password, provide VAWnet participants with an opportunity to share information, critically analyze and develop strategic responses to the myriad of complicated issues facing those working on a state and national level.

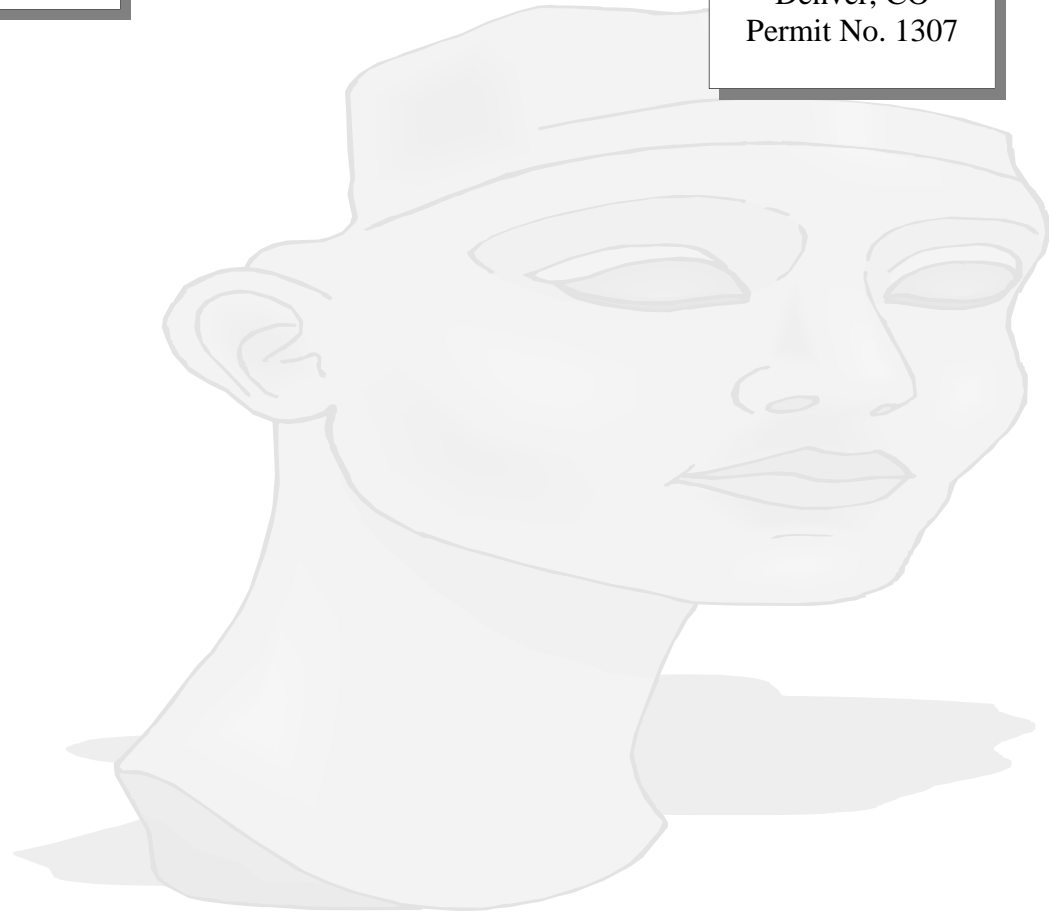
Facilitated peer technical assistance and dedicated support, gives participants a place to learn from each other before weighing in on important policy initiatives or beginning new endeavors thus anticipating and preparing for problem spots. Participants can provide input into the types of information that are most helpful to the movement thus assuring access to pertinent collections of materials. VAWnet provides an opportunity to network and organize online in a private, supportive environment. It is a place to work cooperatively in building a national electronic system that is relevant and reliable to further social change and our work to end violence against women.

VAWnet is an easy way to keep up with the news and information to stay current with the issues on violence against women. Check out VAWnet online at <http://www.vawnet.org> or contact the VAWnet staff at vawnet@pcadv.org.



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Please pass this
newsletter on to a friend.
Thanks!

Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and elimination of domestic violence in all of its forms. Members of CCADV include shelters, safehouses, counseling & advocacy programs, and concerned individuals. The staff at CCADV provides information and referrals, offers free trainings to your organization and works on the development of public policy and legislation.

Please find my enclosed donation of:

\$ 15.00 \$ 25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 Other \$

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