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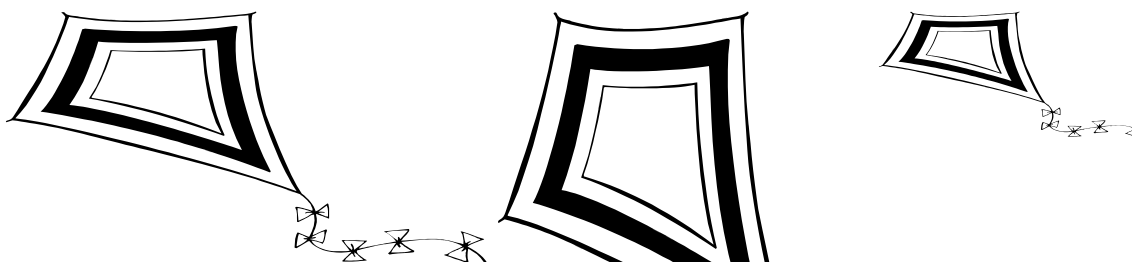
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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



SOARING AWAY FROM THE STORM

Artful Kites Honoring Children of Domestic Violence


It is getting to be that rally time of the year again. Our statewide rally will be on Tuesday, October 1st, 2002, at the State Capitol in Denver from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Please bring friends and colleagues to the rally to celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

To honor the smallest victims of domestic violence we are asking community members to make large faux cardboard kites and bring them to the rally.

THESE KITES ARE NOT MEANT TO FLY. We want to cover the front lawn of the state capitol with colorful kites which represent the chil-

dren who witness domestic violence. If you know a group that is looking for a project, particularly a group of children who would be willing to make kites, please have them contact Julie Ireland at (303) 831-9632 x17.

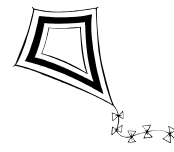
The kites should have inspirational messages on them. Examples could include: drawings, collages, messages written by children of what constitutes a safe home, tributes to children who witness etc. Please encourage kids to make kites. This would make a fun family project.



Kids love to make drawings on kites about healthy families and safe homes.

Please make them at least three feet in height and add a tail to make it look authentic. Since they will not be actually flown, cardboard would be an inexpensive material in which to make your kite. Please bring something to weight them down.

We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 1st at the capitol.



The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide, membership based coalition. Our mission is to eliminate domestic violence in all its forms. CCADV represents member programs and individuals by giving domestic violence a state-wide voice. This is done by education, membership development, public policy and systems advocacy.

CCADV'S STATEWIDE WORK HAS LEAD TO SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- * Domestic violence is now regarded as a crime and offenders are arrested.
- * Insurance companies can no longer discriminate against victims of domestic violence.
- * Colorado's welfare reform law includes provisions to accommodate domestic violence victims whose safety could be jeopardized by welfare requirements.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- * Discounts to CCADV's statewide membership meetings/conferences, fundraisers, and events.
- * Access to trainings, technical assistance, and consultations on domestic violence issues.
- * Exclusive access to CCADV Member Updates/Technical Assistance Packets.
- * Updates on pending legislation on domestic violence and related issues.
- * Access to CCADV's newsletter and publications.
- * A collective voice on public policy issues on domestic violence that affect you personally and/or your organization.

[Individual Member](#) = \$50.00 annual dues ... [Allied Member](#) = \$100.00 annual dues... [Domestic Violence Program](#): Variable

For more information, please call Yolanda Gotier, at (303) 831-9632 x22

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY:

CCADV works with communities statewide to enhance criminal justice responses around issues related to enhancing the safety of battered women and increasing accountability of domestic violence offenders. This is done by:

- * Identifying issues.
- * Researching current practices in Colorado and nation-wide.
- * Compiling and distributing resource materials.

For more information, please call Vicki Ybanez at (303) 831-9632 x12

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

CCADV works to prevent and end domestic violence by raising community awareness through:

- * Conducting free workshops and support to the general public and community professionals.
- * Maintaining a library and distributing a semi-annual newsletter, crisis cards, bookmarks, manuals, and fact sheets (free).
- * Low cost Law Enforcement Training/Healthcare Manuals, and videos available to the community.
- * Coordinating the statewide rally for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- * Providing technical assistance, statistics and education.

For more information, please call Julie Ireland at (303) 831-9632 x17

PUBLIC POLICY

Without public policy, we return to the days when domestic violence was a "private family matter". CCADV works to ensure that laws and public policies in Colorado work for battered women and their children. This is done by:

- * Educating legislators on intended and unintended consequences of legislative initiatives.
- * Providing members with a voice in the Colorado General Assembly.
- * Researching and analyzing legislative initiatives.

For more information, please call Jennifer Corrigan at (303) 831-9632 x15

RESIDENTS WRITING THEIR LIVES IN TWO SHELTERS

For almost twenty years, Rita Brady Kiefer has been writing with the residents of two Colorado shelters for survivors of domestic violence. While a Professor of English and Women's Studies at UNC in Greeley, she initiated the program with residents of A Woman's Place. She has done the same at Gateway in Englewood, conducting weekly writing sessions for women survivors, staff members and interns. The program has been so popular that in each shelter the director has designated the writing group as one the women were required to attend.

Rita currently is compiling an anthology of writings that have come from this "project."

Her major hope, in going public and getting this manuscript published, is to create an awareness - within the general public - of domestic violence issues, and to reach women still involved in abusive relationships, offering them the impetus to escape their dangerous situations. Furthermore she hopes that others who are interested in volunteering their time in this manner, might contact a local shelter about starting a similar writing group.

The experience of writing has become very significant for the women. The group provides one hour a week set aside for reflecting, for recognizing their talents and acknowledging their dignity. The time dedicated to writ-

ing and listening to the work of others also helps build community among the residents.

In 1993 when Kiefer received a grant from the Colorado Council on the Arts, she and the women writers took to the road, giving several public readings around the state. In every venue the reception from the audiences proved how highly successful the readings were. More important was the stunning effect these presentations had on each woman.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in initiating a similar program is encouraged to contact her local shelter or Rita Brady Kiefer at <rkiefer@purplemountain.net>

ADVOCACY FOR BATTERED NATIVE WOMEN By Sacred Circle

The rate of violent crime experienced by American Indian woman is nearly 50% higher than that reported by black males. (Bureau of Justice Statistics). Treating all women the same is not possible even if all are of the same cultural group because each woman's situation is unique.

HARMONY IN THE SHELTER

Some Native American women have resided on the same reservation for their entire lives. If a battered woman leaves her home to go to a shelter, she is forced to leave both familiar surroundings and her support system.

When racist language is expressed in the house it is up to the staff to address the situation immediately and not minimize it. No matter what the intent, the importance is how it was received by the Native woman.

Often disputes around mothering and housekeeping practices arise. Native women may swaddle or cra-

dle board their baby. Non Native women may find this strange and make comments. Staff may make remarks about Native women if they sleep in the same bed with their children.

To be able to handle potentially explosive situations staff must be trained. Some shelters try to be culturally correct by hanging up symbols or pictures: however, that could be considered cultural theft. Non natives should never assume to hang symbols on the wall because some symbols are sacred. No matter the intention please keep in mind the best monitors are Native women.

Most non Natives have little knowledge of spiritual practices that might include altered states of consciousness. As a good advocate, your responsibility is to listen without judging.

Some non Native advocates in shelter are not comfortable with silence. They may feel the Native woman is not being honest or is trying to hide something because she is not talking. Rules in

shelters could use re-evaluation because loosening rigid practices would benefit all women. Reconsider mandatory activities for women coming to your shelter such as support groups, parenting classes, counseling etc. Could intakes be shorter?

CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality is a major issue in small communities. Sanctions within tribal or clan groups or other subgroups are often more severe in relation to an informant than to an abuser. Although the community may view the behavior of the batterer as undesirable, the decision to contact the external legal system or to reveal details of intimate family life is often viewed as disloyal. In addition, due to various group and subgroup relationships, outside intervention is often viewed by battered women as undesirable.

RESOURCES

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Emergency Checklist
What You Need To Take When You Leave

- Identification for yourself
- Driver's License and Registration
- Children's Birth Certificates
- Your Birth Certificate
- Money
- Lease, Rental Agreement, House Deed, Mortgage Payment Book
- Bank Books, Savings Books
- Checkbooks, ATM Card
- Insurance Papers and Cards
- Keys - House, Car, Office, Safety Deposit Box
- Items Of Special Sentimental Value
- Medications
- Address Book
- Pictures
- Medical Records For All Family Members
- Social Security Cards For Yourself and Children, (SSN# for spouse)
- School and Vaccination Records
- Work Permits
- Green Card
- Passport
- Divorce Papers
- Order For Protection/Harassment Restraining Order
- Children's Small Toys
- Computer Disks Containing Essential Information

**DONATE A CAR TO ARC
& ASK THAT PROCEEDS GO TO
CCADV**

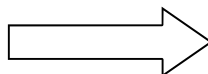
CCADV ACCEPTS CAR DONATIONS

We are now accepting donated vehicles. Automobiles, trucks, vans, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, dirt bikes, tractors, riding mowers, golf carts, boats and trailers are all viable donations. Vehicles do not have to be running, but must be complete vehicles without collision damage. Vehicles donated in Colorado Springs and northern Colorado must be running and drivable to assure that we do not lose money on donations. We are listed on the website, www.vehiclesforcharity.org, for online donations. All donations are tax deductible. The number to call in the Denver Metro Area is: 303-462-6859. Outside Denver, the number is: 1-866-628-CARS(2277). For more information, call Cheryle

WOW!

WOW is "Women Offering Women" support group which continues to offer women survivors of same sex domestic violence support and empowerment. Gateway Battered Women's Shelter's goal is to reach out to the community to ensure awareness of this resource for women in need. We have successfully started this group and continue to grow. WOW is an open, friendly, and safe group addressing different issues of domestic violence specific to same sex relationships. In addition, we talk about assertiveness, self concept, and healthy relationships. For more information please call (303) 343-1856.

CHECK IT OUT



www.womenslaw.or

Your chance to buy a piece of Bronco's football memorabilia. See page two.

Thanks to our friends at
Decisions Restaurant.

CCADV "DECISIONS RESTAURANT" FUNDRAISER

Decisions Restaurant in Denver is located at 1201 East Colfax in Denver (Colfax & Marion). Decisions is donating 20% of their dinner proceeds to CCADV on **October 7th from 4-10 p.m.**

Additionally, we are having a **silent auction** with proceeds going to CCADV. This is a great way of getting bargains for your holiday gift giving and helping out CCADV in the process.

Please call Decisions Restaurant for reservations at (303) 861-2265.

Decisions is in the heart of Denver. They boast a diverse staff, an elegant atmosphere with a moderate price range. Prices are between \$7.00-\$16.00.

Reservations recommended. Free Parking at 1600 Downing

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

Donations of new items would be greatly appreciated for our silent auction. Does your brother own a hardware store? Does your sister manage a restaurant? Does your aunt own a computer store? Then perhaps you can help us.

Proceeds will benefit CCADV. Can you donate anything? A TV? A Stereo? Art Work? Services? Tickets to an event?

Please contact Julie Ireland at (303) 831-9632 x17 by Sept 20th, 2002.

Your donation is tax deductible.

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE

At 1600 Downing St. #400 (CCADV offices) for the evening of October 7th. (1 block from Restaurant). For anyone attending the silent auction or eating dinner at Decisions Restaurant.

ITEMS TO LOOK FOR IN OUR SILENT AUCTION:

We have a variety of donations for our silent auction on **October 7th**. Here are a few we have received as of press time. We are expecting many more. Please call Julie Ireland at (303) 831-9632 x17 if you are able to donate something for our silent auction. We will print information about your business in our next newsletter. Thank you to all of our wonderful generous donors. We couldn't do it without you! *Many "rare or one of a kind" items.

FEATURING

****AUTHENTIC BRIAN GRIESE AUTOGRAPHED FOOTBALL***

***SIGNED CHECK BY CAROLL O'CONNOR "ARCHIE BUNKER"**

***ORIGINAL WEST WING SCRIPT WITH PHOTO OF MARTIN SHEEN**

OVERLAND SHEEPSKIN & LEATHER: SHEEPSKIN RUG/PELT. VALUE \$71.00

DENVER ZOO TICKETS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. VALUE \$28.00

***AUTOGRAPHED CHILDRENS BOOK BY NORM EARLY**

TWO DESIGNER STYLE PURSES. VALUE \$65.00 EACH

***ASTROLOGY READING. VALUE \$100.00**

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE. FOUR PASSES. VALUE \$27.00

IMAX THEATER. FOUR PASSES. VALUE \$32.00

CANYON CAFÉ: SAMS CAFÉ, DESERT FIRE COOKBOOK. VALUE \$18.00

FLATIRON CROSSING GIFT CERTIFICATE. VALUE \$20. 00 For any store.

BRIERLYS JEWELRY GIFT CERTIFICATE. VALUE \$25. 00 American Indian, Contemporary & Southwestern Jewelry.

DINNER FOR SIX MEMBERSHIP. VALUE \$390.00. Two 3-month passes for Denver area single professionals. (303) 777.0700

TATTERED COVER GIFT CERTIFICATE. VALUE \$20. 00 Westword's "Best of Denver."

***HEATLEYS PORCELAIN DOLLS VALUE \$20.00-60. WWW.HEATLEYSBOUQUETCRAFTS**

VASE VALUE \$18.00 from The Thicket.

CHILDRENS METAL DETECTOR. VALUE \$20.00 www.bargainbuddies.com

CHILDRENS WALKIE TALKIE HEADSET Value \$15.00 Www.bargainbuddies.com

OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY. Dinner for Four.

***ANTIQUÉ FIRE KING WARE JADE 3-COMPARTMENT PLATE. VALUE \$32.00.** It was made 1948-1967

***ANTIQUÉ GLASSWARE.** This Tumbler is a depression glass pattern made in 1938-1954 by Hocking Glass Co.

CHAMPAGNE SHERBET GLASS. Rondo pattern and was produced by Cambridge Glass co. of the 1949-53 era

WITS END COMEDY CLUB TICKETS SIX PASSES

DENVER ART MUSEUM FOUR PASSES

MUPPET ACTION FIGURES VALUE \$13.00

***DENVER CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS –2 TICKETS FOR "SKIN OF OUR TEETH" (OCT 10-17TH) VALUE \$90.00**

***VINTAGE ROSS WOMAN'S BICYCLE 1950-60'S**

Just a few of the other gifts expected to arrive:

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS// PENNY'S GIFT BASKETS™ VALUE \$100.00 (720) 748-9812// PERFUME BASKET// ORIGINAL ART//TOYS

***BOULDER THEATER: DIANE REEVES JAZZ TICKETS VALUE \$71.00 FOR THE OCT 26TH SHOW. PAIR OF RESERVED TICKETS.**

BOULDER THEATER. FOUR PACK. \$24.VALUE. FOR THE BOULDER WEEKLY FILM SERIES. 303-786-7030.

CALENDAR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

BOULDER

Regarding: Boulder events contact Lisa Olcese, 303-449-8623 or lisao@bouldercountysafehouse.org. Visit the Safehouse web site at www.bouldercountysafehouse.org.

Sept. 17 & 28: FAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT: A TRAINING TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 9- 4. 835 North Street, Boulder.

Sept. 25 & 3: ANNUAL BRINGIN' DOWN THE HOUSE: COMEDY FOR A CAUSE 6:30 p.m. Spice of Life Event Center, 5706 Arapahoe, Boulder. This fundraising event will feature local comedians, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction. Contact Natascha Bruckner, Development Associate: (303)449-8623

Oct. 5: 'GOTS TO RAISE UP!' ACTiViST iNSTiTuTE 8:30 -4:30. Spice of Life Event Center, 5706 Arapahoe, Boulder Sliding Scale \$15 - \$100. Boulder Safehouse will host a forum to discuss the connections among racism, poverty, and sexual/domestic violence in the lives of people of color. Panels include Spiritual Appropriation of Native Cultures & Sexual Violence; Academic Racism; The Criminalization of Poverty; Young People in DV; Policing Motherhood and Reproductive Rights; Sovereignty, State Violence and Colonialism; Heterosexism: The Silent Killer; Violence Against Women in the Muslim World.

Dates listed below: SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINAR SERIES Noon – 1:30, 835 North Street, Boulder.

The Social Justice Seminar Series provides educational and social change opportunities on issues related to violence against women and children. *Sept. 18:* Healthy Relationships Among Teens; *Oct. 16:* LGBTQ Safe Relationships; *Nov. 13:* Trauma and Recovery – The Wilderness Experience; *Dec. 11:* Ethical Communication: A Tool for Social Change. Donation is \$10. Lunch is provided. TBA:DV in the Workplace: Lunchtime Lecture and Brainstorming Session.

Oct. 1, 15, 29: SAFE TOUCH TUESDAYS 6 – 8 p.m Boulder Bookstore. \$10 Chair Massage. Proceeds benefit Boulder County Safehouse.

Oct. 16: VOLUNTEER TRAINING 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Boulder County Safehouse Outreach Center, 835 North Street, Boulder. 50-hour, 3-week paraprofessional volunteer training includes crisis intervention and woman defined advocacy, dynamics and issues of battering, the relationship between oppression and violence against women, the justice system, and Safehouse programs, procedures and philosophy. Call (303)449-8623, or susan@bouldercountysafehouse.org.

CRAIG

Oct. 3: CANDELIGHT VIGIL sponsored by Crisis Support Services Advocates - in Craig will hold a honoring survivors of domestic violence at the Moffat County Courthouse on October 3rd. Other activities throughout the month.

METRO DENVER

Sept. 26: AMEND 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION featuring a public lecture with Dr. William Pollack, author of the nationally best-selling book *Real Boys – Rescuing Our Sons From the Myths of Boyhood* (1998). His presentation includes information on how to recognize hidden signs of depression, suicide, and violence as well as methods of “bully proofing” our society. Dr. Pollack's lecture will begin at 7:00 P.M. at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (14th & Curtis) in the Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex. He will stay to autograph books at 8:30. His books will be available on site before and after the lecture. Tickets are only \$20, two for \$35. Call (303) 832-6363.

Oct. 1: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH RALLY 2:00-2:30. State Capitol in Denver. FREE. Speakers, Music & Kite Project. Please feel free to make a 3 ft. tall faux kite with a message about children who witness domestic violence. Call Julie at (303) 831-9632 x17.

Oct. 7: DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CCADV). Located at Decisions Restaurant 1201 East Colfax (at Marion: 303-861-2088), Denver. Reservations recommended. Free parking at 1600 Downing. Proceeds go to CCADV (20% of all food). American Contemporary Restaurant and Bar. Elegant atmosphere at moderate prices. (\$6-\$15). CCADV (303) 831-9631x17. 4-10 P.M.

Oct. 7: SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR CCADV DECISIONS RESTURANT. 1201 E. Colfax (at Marion) in Denver. Large variety of items for sale: Theater tickets, toys, art, antiques, purses, signed Brian Griese football, bike, Carroll O'Connor autographed check, Hyde Park earrings, sheepskin pelt, comedy tickets, zoo passes, art museum passes, Tattered Cover gift certificate, porcelain dolls, West Wing Script etc. Something for everyone. Great place to get a bargain on your holiday shopping. PARKING AT 1600 DOWNING. 4-9:30 P.M.

METRO CONTINUED

Oct. 8: **THE FOURTH ANNUAL GATEWAY BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER** which recognizes "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" will be held at The Inverness Hotel. Gateway will be celebrating "23 Years of Care" in Arapahoe County. The luncheon features a survivor of domestic violence sharing her journey and will also honor several individuals from the community that have been an important part of the work of the shelter and its programs. Silent Auction follows. For more information contact office at (303) 343-1856.

Oct. 29: **"THE BATTERER AS PARENT" – A HALF DAY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND EVENING READING FOR THE PUBLIC** will be presented by the Program on Domestic Violence at the University of Colorado at Denver, Graduate School of Public Affairs. The featured speaker for this workshop is Lundy Bancroft. Mr. Bancroft has 15 years of experience working with abusive men as a counselor and clinical supervisor, with involvement in over 2000 cases. His book *The Batterer as Parent: Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics* was released in March by Sage Publications and has already developed a national acclaim. For more information contact Barbara Paradiso at (303)556-5994.

LONGMONT

TBA: Call Claudia Reynoso Longmont Coalition for Women In Crisis (303)772-0451 x22

PAGOSA SPRINGS

Oct. 1-31: KITE PROJECT PAGOSA SPRINGS: 5th grade students at the Pagosa Springs Intermediate School will be crafting awareness kites throughout the month of September, displaying their thoughts of healthy families and life free from family violence. On October 1st, the kites will be display throughout the community; in the schools, at the local post office, in banks and doctor's offices to complete the statewide Kite Project. Other events TBA. Contact Nina or Carmen at the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program at (970) 264-9075.

SALIDA

SEPT. 8: 4TH ANNUAL CREST CRANK MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR THE ALLIANCE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE on Sunday, September 8th on the spectacular 20 mile, single track Monarch Crest Trail. All riders must get \$50.00 in pledges or pay a \$50.00 entrance fee. The first 75 participants receive an event t-shirt and goody bag. The ride is followed by a party and all participants qualify to win great door prizes. The rider with the most pledges over \$300.00 wins a shiny red Deluxe Cruiser bike by Electra. Please contact Kim Wood at (719)539-7347 or e-mail aada@amigo.net.

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

By Debora L Beck-Massey

Most individuals in our field know and highlight **October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. What may not be known in our field is that **October** is also **Disability Awareness Month**. Domestic Violence Initiative for women with disabilities will be highlighting both causes, as 85% of disabled women have experienced some form of abuse (domestic violence, sexual assault and/or caregiver abuse). Because of their extreme isolation most women with disabilities do not know they have the option of calling a safehouse, a domestic violence program, a sexual assault program or the police. They are afraid they will lose their children (with good cause as one in five do lose their children) or fear the people they reach out to

won't understand their disability and they will be put in a nursing home/ institution. The other aspect is: approximately 10-20% of women who have been victims have acquired a disability as a result of the abuse. Because of these reasons and many more DVI will continue with its mission: to create, promote and support viable alternatives for women with disabilities.

Special materials will be created and released for the month. DVI will also be holding a luncheon at Racine's to thank their supporters. For more information please contact Debora L Beck-Massey at Domestic Violence Initiative For Women With Disabilities P.O. Box 300535Denver, CO 80203 (303) 839-5510 v/TTY (303) 839-1181.

Your chance to get a steal on theater tickets. See page two.

HOW DOES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EFFECTS CHILDREN?

By Julie Ireland

Each year a minimum of * 3.3 million children live with domestic violence in their homes. These kids live with fear every single day of their lives. They know that a fun happy day can turn violent on a moments notice. Holidays ruined. Embarrassment in front of friends. Sheer terror that their mother could be murdered in front of their very eyes. They are constantly living in a state of stress...waiting for the next violent episode to happen. All while pretending everything is "normal" in their homes.

The children who live in situations where domestic violence occurs are called "Children Who Witness".

In homes where partner abuse occurs, children are 1,500 times more likely to be abused. *Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Family Violence: Interventions for the Justice System, 1993.*

These kids can feel so much fear of the abuser that they will gravitate toward the abuser to survive. They can appear to be overly solicitous toward the perpetrator in order to keep the wrath of Dad from coming down on the rest of the family. They may try very hard to appease Dad by not making him angry in any way, including telling him how much they love him. This is done out of foreboding, not love.

They may withhold outward affection from their mother as to not bring retribution down upon her. Dad tries to split families at an early age, he does not want any alliances occurring. Siblings, and, mother and child, are often rivaled against each other by Dad. The child must often "act" like they don't love their mom, in order to save their mom's life. This brings in incongruent feelings of love and fear.

They often suffer from low self esteem and guilt for not being able to stop the abuse. Overall they generally feel powerless, because they have virtually no control in their lives.

Older children are at risk of being hurt by stepping in to save their mother. They can "accidentally" be struck by a

thrown object. Another grave danger is that the perpetrators may harm or murder the child to punish the mother. Children are being killed every day as "punishment" by perpetrators of domestic violence. In one study, 27% of domestic homicide victims were children. *Florida Governor's Task Force on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Florida Mortality Review Project, 1997, p. 45, table 11.* When children are killed during a domestic dispute, 90% are under age 10; 56% are under age 2. *Florida Governor's Task Force on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Florida Mortality Review Project, 1997, p.51, table 28.*

We need to first, understand that domestic violence really does hurt the kids. We need to place the responsibility for harming these children on the perpetrator. To blame the mother is to re-victimize her all over again.

Sometimes we hear battered women say "You know he is only violent to me, but he is good to the kids". Please understand that witnessing violence is *always* bad for the kids, and they know what is happening even if they are not in the room. They know. They always know.

Children need a very concrete plan about how to be safe. Sadly, domestic violence is almost never discussed in these families.

The most important thing to tell your children (If you are still in a domestic violence relationship) is "Kids your job is **not** to save me...your job is to save yourselves. When dad hits me & you are playing in the basement, you need to crawl out this window...& go to this neighbors house". They need to know an EXACT escape route from all areas of the house.

They need permission from mom that THEIR safety is what is vital. Please teach your children how to escape from their house...their lives may depend upon it.

**(American Psychological Association, Violence and the Family: Report of the APA Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family,1996)*

Journey Cards: Thoughts for Daily Discovery and Transformation

Boulder County Safehouse is excited to announce a new educational and fundraising project, Journey Cards: Thoughts for Daily Discovery and Transformation. Journey Cards are a series of inspirational cards, designed as a meditative and instructional tool for women coping with issues of domestic violence or for anyone who is going through a transition. All proceeds will support Safehouse services. To order a deck of Journey Cards, contact Natasha Bruckner, Development Associate: 303-449-8623 or natascha@bouldercountysafehouse.org.

Your chance to buy a West Wing Script...see page two.



Legal Remedies for Battered Immigrant Women Training



Yolanda Gotier, Membership Services Director, meets with new CCADV participants at the Membership Meeting held in Vail.

2002 Donor List

CCADV SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

FOCUSES ON IMPROVING SERVICES TO BATTERED IMMIGRANT WOMEN

On Thursday, June 27th, over 75 domestic violence advocates attended CCADV's Summer Membership Training, at the Evergreen Lodge in Vail, to learn about legal remedies available for battered immigrant women. Leslye Orloff, Esq., from the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund spent a full day educating advocates on options available to battered immigrant women under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA, reauthorized in 2000). After the all day training, participants gathered at a reception hosted by CCADV's Anti-Racism Alliance/Statewide Latina Outreach Committee. CCADV's Rural Issues Committee was fortunate to have Leslye's participation in their meeting on Wednesday, where the focus of evening was outreach and services to Latina communities.



Leslye Orloff, Esq. NOW- LDEF

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Robbie Rossman Child Advocate of the Year Award 2002

Presented by

The Children's Advocacy Committee of

The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)

B.B. Robbie Rossman, Ph.D., (1944-2002) was a pioneer advocate for child witnesses of domestic violence. She was a Senior Clinical Professor on the Child Faculty in the Psychology Department at the University of Denver, where she also taught, conducted research, and provided clinical supervision. Robbie was instrumental in the formation of the Children's Advocacy Committee over 15 years ago. She conducted many research projects on how domestic violence affects children and used many shelter children as subjects. She shared her research findings and offered information and insight to children's advocates on how domestic violence affects children. Robbie radiated with enthusiasm for this work and continuously supported the work of shelter advocates around the state.

Presentation of this award will be given during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month CCADV rally on October 1, 2002, 2 p.m., at the state capital.

CCADV AWARDED \$522,910 GRANT

CCADV has been awarded \$522,910.00 grant by the U. S. Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office, (VAWO), a component of the Office of Justice Programs.

Rural victims of domestic violence and child abuse face additional challenges rarely encountered in urban areas. The Rural Program enhances the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and child abuse by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in Colorado. CCADV will create or enhance partnerships between organizations, health care providers, schools, and businesses in order to promote cultural change and develop practices that enhance the safety of victims and children and hold offenders accountable for violent behavior.

CCADV is honored to participate in this program and will develop a model Rural Program here in Colorado.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETINGS.

Call 303-239-4528 for more information. Meeting schedule is changing as of September 13, 2002.

On the following dates the meetings will be held at 710 Kipling, 3rd floor Conference room. 9/13/02; 10/11/02; 1/10/03; 2/14/03; 3/14/03 ; 4/11/03 ; 5/9/03 ; 6/13/03 ; 7/11/03; 8/8/03 ; 9/12/03 ; 10/10/03 ; 11/14/03

On the following dates the meetings will be held in the DA's office. 11/8/02; 12/13/02; 12/12/03

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