



DECEMBER UPDATE

OUR SAFEHOUSE IS NOW OPEN!

Alternatives to Violence (ATV) has provided supportive services to victims and witnesses of violence for over 34 years. During that time, we have advocated for the rights of victims so that they are able to begin the healing process and have done so for thousands of men, women and children over the years. Each person under our care

receives tailored services for their specific needs.

With the addition of the SafeHouse

we will continue to grow as the culmination of years of hard work, determination, strength of resolve and a vision to meet the growing needs of our community through a continuum of care. ATV is uniquely qualified to expand upon our current services through a holistic approach to meet the individual needs that a victim of violence may face as they attempt to regain stability. The coming year brings growth in many ways.

We shift from an agency where our core services revolved around counseling, advocacy and ongoing support to one that also includes providing services in response to an immediate crisis. As a crisis response agency, we are open 24/7 to meet the needs of victims no longer safe in their own homes. We have added 7 new staff members to meet this growing need and while

“You have been my blessing tonight. You listened to me when I needed to be heard. Words cannot express my gratitude.”

Jaimie G.

volunteer advocates are a continuous need, we have added paid advocates

to assure all gaps are filled.

We could not do this without the dedicated staff, volunteers, our committed board, generous donors and community partners like you. Each one of us serves a different purpose yet contributing to the overall success of those we serve and we appreciate your support through your financial donations, in-kind support and volunteer spirit. Donations may be made online at our website or mailed in the enclosed envelope. The best is yet to come!



*To the amazing women of ATV,
As a former client of ATV, I see how valuable this organization can be. The support and counseling you offer is life-changing. For me, it was critical in assisting to break the cycle of violence that once was my life. The resources you offer were the difference between staying stuck and moving forward/onward/upward with my life. I am forever grateful for the support I received when I needed it most, when I felt most alone. I can gladly say I would not even recognize the “me” that utilized your services, but I would empathize and want to offer help. Thanks for all that you do.*

H. S.

A letter from one of our clients.

HOW THE ENTERPRISE CREDIT CAN BENEFIT YOU!

General Information for income tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, any taxpayer who makes monetary or in-kind contributions to an enterprise zone administrator or to an agent designated by the enterprise zone administrator for the purpose of implementing the economic development plan of the enterprise zone may claim an income tax credit of 25% or the value of the contribution up to a maximum credit of \$100,000. For more information, see the Colorado State Dept. of Revenue Tax Library.

Make a cash or check donation and mail to

Alternatives to Violence
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or visit our website at www.alternativestoviolence.org

ATV's annual report may be found on the donate page of our website.



PURPLE RIBBON BREAKFAST

1st Annual Fundraising Breakfast



The Purple Ribbon Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Loveland from 7:30 am-9:00 am.

Raising awareness of the issue of Domestic Violence in our community is so important to adequately address the many repercussions that abuse has on the family. It is hard to imagine that every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten, and that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner. It is even harder to imagine that most cases of domestic abuse go unreported. Raising funds to continue to provide services to victims is a challenge that we embrace as our responsibility and we need your help to do it.

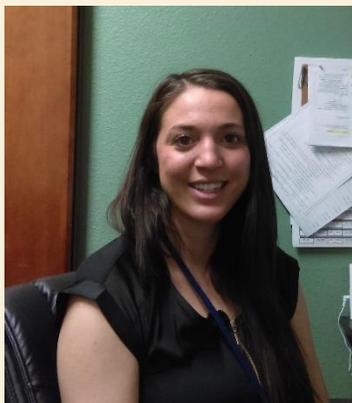
Gaining stability after making the brave decision to escape the abuse in one's own home creates even more challenges for the individual and ATV helps that victim address those challenges head on. With the addition of our SafeHouse we provide a continuum of care by giving the victim of domestic violence or

sexual assault the option to leave the abuse rather than continuing to endure it. Accessing counseling and advocacy services for those impacted by violence is just the beginning of the uphill battle faced by victims of violence. Finding safe housing to shield them from continued abuse is daunting but with the SafeHouse we are able to do just that; at least temporarily.

Sponsoring a table at our Agency Awareness Breakfast is available at various levels and I hope you are able to find it in your heart to sponsor at any level you are able. **Our goal to raise \$20,000 is a lofty objective, but with your help, I believe we can do it.** You can access the sponsorship pledge form with the various levels and the benefits of each by going to www.AlternativesToViolence.org. At the breakfast you will not only meet like-minded community members but meet a few of the recipients of our services and hear how receiving support from ATV changed their lives for the better. Should you have any questions, like to sponsor a table or like a tour of our newly renovated SafeHouse, please do not hesitate to call me at 970-669-5150 ext.105.

Glenda Shayne
Executive Director

Staff Spotlight - Lauren Woods, SafeHouse Manager



ATV welcomes Lauren Woods as our newest team member and SafeHouse Shelter Manager. Lauren will provide the day to day oversight of shelter operation assuring the SafeHouse functions as it should. Early on, Lauren knew that she wanted to help people in need. This was further solidified when she received her bachelor's degree. After working in another safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and a home for chronically homeless women with disabilities for 3 years, she immediately felt that helping people in crisis was her calling and choosing the ATV SafeHouse would be the perfect next step in her career. Lauren was chosen not only for her

passion for helping an under-served population in crisis but her willingness to see the opening of the first SafeHouse in Loveland as a challenge she couldn't pass up. Understanding that it truly does take a village to see that a project this important with so many moving parts values the input from many sources. Working alongside the executive director and board president throughout this process has given her a new full circle perspective. She has also fully embraced our goal to put "trauma informed care" into practice allowing ATV to "screen in, not screen out". This practice is very important to helping those made homeless as a result of domestic violence and helping them become self-sufficient. Lauren will continue to work towards her master's degree in Psychology in Clinical Mental Health at Argosy University as she oversees the day to day SafeHouse operation.

From our board president- Frederick Richart

This has been an exciting year for ATV. Opening the doors to the SafeHouse was the result of years of preparation and fundraising, and months of following details large and small to completion. This has been a milestone not only for our community, but for me personally.

I believe deeply in ATV's mission, so much so, I am driven to significantly serve the organization through time, talent and funds to enable its work. I seek to engage as many people as possible in these worthy endeavors. Perhaps you or people in your circles, would come stand with me in support of ATV. Encourage others by your example to become supporters of ATV. This organization makes a huge difference for those in domestic violence situations. The services and connections ATV offers actually change lives and create new futures. Knowing this motivates me - won't you allow it to motivate you and the people you could introduce to ATV, too?

Please help us grow our contact list and our reach here in our community.

Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays,
Frederick Richart, ATV Board President



WE HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED BY THE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT THROUGH IN KIND SERVICES
AND OVER 15,000 VOLUNTEERS HOURS! THANK YOU!

The ATV Staff and Board members wish you Happy Holidays!

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We have many volunteer opportunities for you to choose from. Whether in our office, at various fundraising events, court advocates, or in-person advocates, we need you! Please check our website under the "how you can help" tab or call Katie at 970-669-5150 ext. 114 for more information.

SafeHouse wish list: paper goods (copy paper, toilet and facial tissue, paper towels), laundry detergent, shelf stable food items, and grocery gift cards.

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If you would like to be removed from this mailing, we hate to see you go but you can contact info@alternativestoviolence.org to do so.

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