

# NEWSLETTER



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We want to send a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to Next With Kyle Clark's Word of Thanks Campaign on 9News. Together, you raised \$40,000 for domestic violence survivors, their children, *and* their pets in our programs. We are so overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of support from our community. THANK YOU!

Why is it so important for Gateway to be a safe place for pets as well as adults and children escaping intimate partner violence?

People often have to choose between staying with their abuser or becoming homeless if they have pets. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, as many as 1 in 4 survivors have reported returning to an abusive partner out of concern for their pet. Offenders can harm pets as a tactic to hurt victims and to intimidate or coerce victims to stay.

By allowing pets to accompany survivors in shelter, it can provide a tremendous sense of comfort and safety and help them with the transition to their new environment. We have seen a wide variety of pets over the years, including this adorable bearded dragon pictured with Manal, one of our wonderful navigators.

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Valentine's Day was extra special this year thanks to the kindness of our supporters! Sending a big thanks to New Dawn Center for Spiritual Living's Kindred Spirits group. They supported Gateway by collecting various items for hygiene kits and some lovely flowers for our shelters. Additionally, King Soopers in Edgewater generously donated a wide assortment of beautiful flowers to our programs for Valentine's Day (pictured right). We appreciate your support!

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## February is Black History Month

February is Black History Month! Throughout this month, we honor and celebrate the many contributions of African Americans throughout history, while recognizing the sacrifices made.

Women of color are disproportionately impacted by domestic violence, yet are often more reluctant to seek help due to racism, among other factors. At Gateway, we are committed to providing shelter and comprehensive services to *all* victims of domestic violence – women, men and children of all races and ethnicities. Reach out today at 303-343-1856 to learn more about how we can help. If you or someone you know is in crisis, call our 24/7 crisis line at 303-343-1851.

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## Get Involved



Giving to Gateway is easy when you become a monthly donor! Monthly donations are a reliable and steady funding source that allows us to carry out our mission of preventing and eliminating intimate partner violence. Through your support, you can help survivors to connect with our life-changing resources so they can start their journey toward safety, hope and healing.

[Click here to become a monthly donor today!](#)

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Help us restock our pantry! We are in need of some basic household items for our shelter, including basic hygiene items for the adults and children in our programs. Visit our [online wish list](#) for a full list of our needs.

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