

NEWSLETTER



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Gateway Domestic Violence Services is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to prevent and eliminate intimate partner violence through counseling, residential care, court advocacy, and empowering people for social change.

Message from Executive Director Karmen Carter

As Domestic Violence Awareness month comes to a close, I can't help but reflect on the meaningful work that Gateway is doing in our community to ensure victims/survivors of domestic violence have the tools they need to escape abusive relationships. Our shelter advocates work tirelessly on behalf of those who seek our services, providing critical emotional support as well as connecting survivors with social supports on their journey to healing and independence.

Sadly, others are not so fortunate. On October 23, the State of Colorado released the Domestic Violence Fatality Report providing the difficult news that unfortunately was not a surprise to us. In 2022 the report showed there were 94 deaths, including 6 children, due to domestic violence. Tragically this is a record high for Colorado. In addition, 22 people were killed in domestic violence in Colorado without being directly involved, including two law enforcement officers. Domestic violence is an issue impacting the whole community and children. Among the reports key recommendations is to work with organizations like Gateway Domestic Violence Services to expand the use of risk assessment tools when working directly with domestic violence survivors to ensure a better response to the needs of adults and children. The full report is available at the [Colorado Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board's site](#). Gateway staff is dedicated to ensuring the safety of everyone that walks through our door.

At this critical time for our state, it's vital that we work closely with our partners and supporters to ensure we have the necessary resources to strengthen and expand our life saving services for victims/survivors of domestic violence. To this end, I encourage you to consider Gateway in your year-end giving plans. Each donation, no matter the size, has an immediate impact on the lives of the women, men and children and pets we serve. I wish each of you and those around you a happy, healthy Thanksgiving and wonderful season of gratitude.



**Support Gateway's vital work during this season of giving:
Colorado Gives Day and Workplace Giving**

Colorado Gives Day (Nov. 1 - Dec. 5) - Support Gateway!

Colorado Gives Day - the state's biggest 24-hour giving movement - is December 5! Early gifts can be scheduled starting November 1. Each year, the people of Colorado unite with a shared common purpose: to elevate their community and neighbors by fueling the efforts of nonprofits that make a meaningful change. All donations made between Nov 1 - Dec 5 qualify for incentives. Please consider giving to Gateway to strengthen our vital work ensuring safety and compassionate services for adults and children. Make a donation today! [Gateway Domestic Violence Services](#).



State and Federal Workplace Giving Programs

Every year, state and federal employees in Colorado have the opportunity to give to their favorite nonprofits through payroll deductions. This year Gateway can be selected in both the [Combined Federal Campaign \(CFC\)](#) and the [Colorado Combined Campaign \(CCC\)](#). Please consider giving to Gateway Domestic Violence Services if you can participate in these campaigns. A contribution of just \$10 per paycheck will have a major impact on the lives of individuals seeking safety and support from domestic violence. Simply search for Gateway Domestic Violence Services on the campaign websites. Thank you for your support!



Emergency Shelter Updates

Over the last three months, our emergency shelter provided a total of 907 nights of shelter stay to 29 adults and 35 children from families experiencing domestic violence. These individuals received a safe place to stay away from imminent danger and were offered support groups, safety planning, advocacy and case management as they progressed on their journey to healing and independence. One example of the tremendous impact our shelter services have on ensuring the safety and well-being of adults and their dependent children includes a mother and her two children who recently called our Crisis Line (303-343-1851), "I knew I had made the right decision for me and my daughters after arriving at the emergency shelter." They stayed in shelter for 40 days and 39 nights, with staff advocating for her family. She recently shared, "I was able to move into a transitional housing program for two years. I'm so thankful for Gateway, they're part of my journey from being free and starting a new life for me and my daughters."



Counseling Program Updates

Our Non-residential Programs team is led by licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) Kedri Ladewig, a specialist on the impacts of trauma in abusive relationships. She oversees master's level students in psychology and social work from the University of Denver and the Naropa University that provide one-on-one and group counseling services. All counseling services are offered at no cost to clients.

Gateway is currently scheduling appointments in-person and via telehealth. Appointment requests can be made via our website by clicking "[I Need Help](#)" and submitting a Counseling request. To learn more about our individual and group counseling services for adults and children, contact [Kedri Ladewig](#) and watch for additional details on new groups and services in our December Newsletter.



Partner of the Month: Aurora Chamber of Commerce - Women in Business Committee

On October 24th, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the [Aurora Chamber of Commerce](#)'s Women in Business Committee held a month long donation drive to collect critical items and raise funds to support Gateway's work, culminating in a lovely wine & cheese reception at the Chamber Office. At the event, Gateway's Executive Director Karmen Carter and Director of Development Marnie Kamensky met with attendees and shared updates on our critical needs to ensure all adults and their dependent children have the services they need to escape domestic violence and start building a healthy future. Thank you Women in Business Committee for your support!



Calendar of Events



Colorado Gives Day - Tuesday, **December 5** (give today at [Gateway Domestic Violence Services](#))

Corks for a Cause 2024 - **October 2024** (contact us today for sponsorship opportunities)

Thank You to Our Recent Supporters!

Mary Kay Ash
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Employment Opportunities

We are looking for passionate, dedicated employees to work in our emergency shelter programs and to support our caring, comprehensive support services. Please visit our [Career Page](#) to learn more about the following open positions:

Volunteer Coordinator
Human Resource Specialist
[Bilingual Navigator](#)
[Lead Housing Navigator](#)
[Relief Staff Member](#)



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