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CONNECTION

A quarterly newsletter
for the Committee to
Aid Abused Women —
An Organization for
Families

A banner with a dark blue background featuring a space theme. It includes a bright sun, a comet, several planets (including Saturn and Jupiter), and numerous stars of various colors (yellow, green, purple, blue). The word 'Congratulations!' is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center.

Congratulations!

CAAW's 2010 Hannah Humanitarian Award Goes to...

May 13, 2010

Judge Deborah Schumacher & Mike Willden

On May 13, the Committee to Aid Abused Women (CAAW) will present the 2010 Hannah Humanitarian Award to Judge Deborah Schumacher, Department 5, Washoe District Court, and Mike Willden, Director, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

We hope you can join us as we honor these amazing individuals who have worked tirelessly to ensure that families experiencing violence can find safety and services.

In recognition of the economic downturn, CAAW wants to help out attendees by keeping prices low. Therefore, this year's Hannah Humanitarian award ceremony will be a "breakfast celebration" at the Atlantis Casino, Resort and Spa. Breakfast service will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Tickets are available for \$35 per person, \$65 for two tickets and \$240 for a table of eight. You may also purchase advertising in the 2010 Hannah program book. Please call Amy at 329-4150 for more information.

Survivors of domestic violence will be our guests. Survivors who would like to attend should call Anna at 329-4150 to be put on the guest list.

Invitations will be mailed in April. If you do not get one in the mail, please call 329-4150 and one will be sent to you.

We hope you can join us at the celebration for these outstanding members of our community as we congratulate and thank them for their work!

CAAW NEWS

caaw.org Yes it's true! CAAW has a website at <http://caaw.org>.

We are very excited to unveil our new website and invite you to check it out at your convenience. This has been an ongoing project and we are thrilled to be able to reach out to people through yet another medium.

Many people contributed to this project. We would like to thank our website designer, Danielle "Gemini" Gann-Lind for donating her time and talents to bring the staff's words to life. CAAW is also grateful to Board Members, Karen Ayarbe, Diana



Lee and Terrie Ramirez as well as an anonymous donor for their contributions to cover expenses for lifetime hosting of the site.

Some of the highlights to look for include: client quotes, volunteer opportunities and a page highlighting future events. You can also contact staff and learn more about the many services that CAAW provides.

Photo by D. Sharon Pruitt

Victoria Campbell and Dorene Whitworth Honored

The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence is honoring 30 people in honor of their 30th Anniversary. Their 30 honorees have been chosen by the 15 Nevada member programs.

CAAW's honorees are Victoria Campbell, KRNV Channel 4 TV, and Dorene Whitworth who recently retired as the Nevada STOP Administrator in the State of Nevada, Attorney General's Office. Both of these amazing individuals advocate for battered women and their children through their work and in their personal lives.

We are so thankful and honored for the opportunity to recognize them on April 22, 10 a.m. at the CAAW office. Please call Amy at 329-4150 if you would like to come and join us!

CONGRATULATIONS JONI!

We are happy to announce that Joni Kaiser will receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nevada Women's Fund.

The award will be presented on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget during the Salute to Women of Achievement. Call 786-2335 for more information.

WAY TO GO JONI!

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The Adopt-A-Family Effect

Do you or someone you know struggle during the holidays? Maybe it's the emotional drain or the pain felt in the wallet. Families who have experienced violence are no different.

As CAAW staff, we get to see many sides of the holiday equation. We see and hear the sad accounts and feel the fear as families struggle to provide celebrations during the holiday season. We also experience the generosity of individuals, groups and organizations who want to help others. But the best part is when it all comes together and we have the chance to witness the hope and joy of the season as families receive their gifts and support. We would like to share a couple of stories that we as staff were able to witness this season.

The first is the story of a 9 year old child (we'll call her Laurie) living in the emergency shelter as witnessed by the Residential Services Staff.

Laurie came to me one evening with a worried look and asked me about Santa Claus. She wondered whether or not he would be able to find her at the shelter (they hadn't put in a change of address form). I looked at the concerned child and with a smile in my heart and a gleam in my eye and replied that "I had connections with Santa Claus and that he knew exactly where to find her". The child smiled and ran off to play. Then on Christmas Eve the child was very upset on her way to bed and asked if she could speak to the Director of the Shelter. She asked, are you sure Santa will find me here? Sandy said he would, but are you sure? The Director assured her that he would and the child went on to bed. The next morning Laurie found presents under the tree addressed to her and her Mom. She was thrilled to see she was not forgotten, especially when she opened the beautiful ballet dress chosen just for her.

Additionally, the Residential Services Staff report that the women residing in the shelter also may have felt they would be forgotten or possibly felt like they wanted to forget the day altogether. Here is the reflection of one staff member...

Christmas day is a very interesting day in the shelter. Many of the women believe that just because they are in a shelter they will not receive anything for Christmas. This year, one of the residents commented that this was the first time in years that she was able to open gifts and celebrate. She also stated that she had never felt so loved and cared for. As a matter of fact, all of the residents were so happy and grateful that they commented to staff that this holiday was better than they could have imagined.

Finally, those of us in the Vassar Street office get to see the faces of those who receive assistance and gifts and hear their stories. We get to see their children smile and their burden literally lifted from their shoulders as they are given what they've wished for...help for the holidays. One client stands out:

It was after lunch and the lobby was full. A woman drags in a pillowcase full of old toys and clothes. She states that she would like the pillowcase back, but that she is bringing donations in because we gave her kids Christmas and she wants to give back to CAAW. She said they wouldn't have had Christmas without us. Isn't that what you're supposed to do?

Thank you so much for giving to CAAW and for allowing us to share our stories with you! You make a difference all year long!

THE 2010 Adopt-A-Family Results...

With the help and generosity of the following Individuals, and the many who wanted to remain anonymous, CAAW was able to help: 194 adults and 365 children with Thanksgiving celebrations, and 243 adults and 455 children with Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah celebrations! Thank you for making a difference!



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COMING UP...



April

- 4/7 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training
- 4/10 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training
- 4/14 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training
- 4/15 CAAW Board of Directors Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Vassar Street Office
- 4/17 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training
- 4/21 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training
- 4/24 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training
- 4/27 CAAW Resource Development and Outreach Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., Vassar Street Office
- 4/28 Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training

May

- 5/13 Hannah Humanitarian Awards Presentation, 7:30 a.m., Atlantis Casino, Resort & Spa
- 5/20 CAAW Board of Directors Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Vassar Street Office
- 5/31 Memorial Day—Courthouse, TPO and CPS Offices CLOSED

June

- 6/8 CAAW Resource Development and Outreach Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., Vassar Street Office
- 6/17 CAAW Board of Directors Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Vassar Street Office

PLEASE NOTE: The April Crisis Line/TPO Volunteer Training dates are for individuals who have signed up to attend the training sessions. Please call Trish for more information and an interview at 329-4150.

WISH LISTS

FOR THE VASSAR & CPS OFFICES:

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| Dry-erase markers | White copy paper, 8 1/2" x 11" |
| Hand sanitizer | Dishwashing soap |
| 3-inch, 3-ring binders | Name tags (self-adhesive) |
| Trash bags (all sizes) | Air freshener (plug-ins) |
| Pledge dusting spray | Index dividers for binders |

FOR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS:

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| Kleenex and toilet paper | Large 30-gallon trash bags |
| Zip-lock bags (sandwich, quart and gallon) | Lysol spray and wipes |
| Pull ups (size 3 and 4) | Diaper rash cream |
| Teething rings | Batteries (A, AA, 9 volt) |
| Anbesol (for adults and children) | Small bedside alarm clocks |

FOR THE TPO OFFICE:

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| Black or blue medium ballpoint pens | Hand sanitizer |
| Individual juices and snacks | Coffee |
| Large boxes of Kleenex | Gift certificates at print shops |

Donations can be delivered to the CAAW office at 1735 Vassar Street. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

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 We appreciate your support. Contributions made to CAAW may be tax deductible.

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CAAW has not, does not, and will not trade or sell its mailing list.



CAAW VOLUNTEER CORNER...

We at CAAW continue to thank our lucky stars that we work with such a committed and talented group of volunteers. In fact, in fiscal year 2008-'09 they volunteered 17,786 hours for CAAW! This is equivalent to 8.6 full time staff positions.

One of those committed volunteers is Carol Miller. Carol went through the Fall Counselor/Advocate training and said that the training was not only an explanation of what CAAW does but how to expect the unexpected. "During those 25 hours, I learned that volunteering would be an experience to remember and it has been. I love being a volunteer!"

Carol is now volunteering in the office as well as on the crisis line. We are so fortunate to work with Carol as we strive to meet our mission to end violence in families.

If you are interested in joining Carol and the rest of the CAAW volunteer team, please contact Trish at 329-4150.

Counselor/Advocate Training Spring 2010 Schedule

- Wed. April 7, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Sat. April 10, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Wed. April 14, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Sat. April 17, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Wed. April 21, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Sat. April 24, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Wed. April 28, 7—9:30 p.m.

***You must sign up prior to attending.
 Please contact Trish at 329-4150.***



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