

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 ***Call to Action: Help us advocate for a permanent funding solution for Victim Services!***

Domestic violence service providers across Colorado and the nation are facing a precipitous decline in critical funding due to changes in fines collected by the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice recently reported an additional cut of 45% of VOCA funds in 2025 to organizations supporting victims of crime. This drastic decrease in funding, if not replaced, would result in critical program cuts and fewer victims of domestic violence served, leaving 1000's of victims without a safety net.



In February, a new coalition was formed to spearhead solutions to the VOCA funding crisis at the Colorado State Legislature. Colorado Supports Crime Victim Services was launched by Violence Free Colorado (VFC), Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA), and Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA). Gateway will be joining other DV and sexual assault organizations at the statehouse on March 7 to address the need for \$30 million in funding to fill the gap caused by VOCA this year, and to help find a permanent funding solution so providers can continue to serve survivors in Colorado without fear their programs will end. This funding is critical to the continuation of Gateway's programs. If you would like additional updates on state legislation and other efforts to support organizations that provide services to victims of crime, please submit an email to us at [VOCA Gap](#). Thank you for your vital support of Gateway and victims of domestic violence.

Implementing SMART Moves Therapy Program ***Made possible by a grant from The Zonta Club of Denver***

Gateway is thrilled to be implementing a new SMART Moves Therapy Program to assist children and adults working through trauma caused by domestic violence. SMART (Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Treatment) is an innovative mental health therapy for individuals who have experienced complex stress and trauma resulting from medical procedures, loss, neglect, emotional maltreatment, abuse, or witness to violence in the home. The SMART therapy program will seek to help



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youth and their parents/caregivers with emotional, behavioral and interpersonal regulation. For many families, the cycle of intergenerational violence and neglect causes the entire family to suffer from the effects of complex trauma. This program would not be possible without the support of the Zonta Club of Denver. We are incredibly grateful for their support of our program!

Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Treatment (SMART)

Gateway will open a SMART room in the spring that uses a variety of therapeutic equipment and supplies such as weighted blankets, fitness balls and other items to support children's natural ways of regulating their bodies and emotions to facilitate attachment building. The SMART room will be used by Gateway's therapists holding therapy sessions with children and their parents/caregivers. For more information on our counseling and therapy programs contact Kendri Ladewig at kladewig@gatewayshelter.org.

Join our Monthly Giving Program - Empowerment Circle "45 for 45"

We are excited to launch our new monthly donor program called the [Empowerment Circle](#) with a goal of adding 45 new monthly donors in recognition of Gateway's 45th Anniversary. By joining the Empowerment Circle, you're directly helping survivors and their children all year long take the first step towards safety, hope and healing. In addition, you will receive the following benefits:

- You'll be part of an exclusive community of supporters;
- 10% discount on tickets to Gateway's signature fall event Corks for a Cause Wine Tasting Fundraiser;
- Exclusive invitation to Gateway's special recognition event in December for staff, volunteers and donors; and
- Special communications and invitations throughout the year.

Please consider becoming a member of the Empowerment Circle with a recurring monthly donation of \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100. Learn more at [Empowerment Circle - Monthly Giving](#) and join today!



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*Empowerment
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**We're on a mission to recruit 45 new monthly donors in
honor of Gateway's 45th anniversary.**

WHY GIVE MONTHLY?

Make a meaningful
impact on the lives
of those we serve
all year long.

A convenient way to
give hope, healing
and recovery
to individuals every
month.

Discounts on event
tickets, exclusive
invitations and
communications.

Gateway's Inaugural Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser

Team Registration, Sponsorships and Booth Opportunities

Get your pickleball team ready (or register as a spectator) and join us for Gateway Domestic Violence Service's inaugural [Pickleball Fundraiser Tournament](#) on Saturday, April 13, 4-8 p.m. at 3rd Shot Pickleball in Wheat Ridge. All teams will play a minimum of three games involving a round robin and then single elimination rounds. Top team trophies will be awarded for two divisions: Beginner/Novice and Intermediate Plus. Registered players and spectators will be provided dinner, drink tickets, and entry into a drawing for two round trip plane tickets with Alaska Airlines! Register today by clicking [HERE](#).

Sponsorship and booth opportunities available. For more information contact Tony Frank at tfrank@gatewayshelter.org or 303-577-7932. Hope to see you on April 13!



The poster features a light blue background with large, stylized brown numbers '1' and '2' in the corners. At the top center is the Gateway Domestic Violence Services logo with the tagline 'empowering lives'. Below it, the word 'pickleball' is written in a brown script font. In the center is a graphic of a pickleball and a paddle. To the left, under 'Sponsored by:', are logos for CCIG and The Harris Law Firm. To the right, a yellow starburst contains the text 'DRAWING FOR 2 ROUND TRIP AIRLINE TICKETS ON ALASKA AIRLINES!'. The word 'Inaugural' is written in red script. The main title 'FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, the date and time '4.13.24 | 4 - 8 pm' are in a white rounded rectangle. Further down, 'TOURNAMENT, DINNER & DRINKS' and '3RD SHOT PICKLEBALL' are in bold black text, followed by the address '3545 Wadsworth Blvd, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033'. A 'Register Today!' call to action is below. At the bottom, a QR code is flanked by two yellow starbursts: one for '\$150 PER 2-PERSON TEAM' and another for '\$25 SPECTATOR TICKET'. The website 'www.gatewayshelter.org' is at the very bottom.

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Volunteer Spotlight

VOLUNTEER *Spotlight*

Dianne Peck has been with Gateway as a regular Thursday volunteer for over ten years, consistently assisting the Court Advocacy Program. She dedicated more than twenty years to her private practice as a registered psychotherapist, Domestic Violence Offender Treatment provider, Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist (CCBT), and Certified Domestic Violence Counselor (CDVC).

In 2000, she was among the first therapists in Colorado to become a fully approved offender treatment provider for both male and female offenders under the new state regulated domestic violence offender management board (DVOMB). Dianne closed her private practice in 2016, moved to Aurora, and worked part time as a domestic violence treatment provider at various counseling services before she officially retired in 2018.

We are endlessly grateful for her service and commitment to the clients we serve at Gateway!



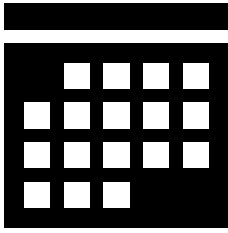
DIANNE PECK

Aliyna Gavagan (left, Court Advocate), Dianne Peck (middle), Kim Archuleta (right, Director of CAP)



If you're interested in our volunteer programs contact Bessana Kendig, Volunteer & Event Coordinator at bkendig@gatewayshelter.org. Look for the upcoming posted opportunities on our [volunteer site](#).

Calendar of Events



- **April 13, 4:00-8:00 p.m. - Gateway Pickleball Fundraiser Tournament.** Get your 2-person pickleball team ready (or come as a spectator) for our 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament at 3rd Shot Pickleball (3545 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge, 80033). [Register Today!](#)
- May 3, Kendra Scott Jewelry giveback at Cherry Creek Mall AND Park Meadows Mall (or online all May 3-4 with checkout code GIVEBACK-GAKVC).
- June 15, 1-4 p.m., Lady Justice Brewing Company's giveback event at new Englewood location (3242 S. Acoma St., Englewood, CO 80110)
- August 15, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar giveback at Littleton location (8501 W. Bowles Ave, #2025, Littleton, CO 80123).
- **September 26, evening - Corks for a Cause - Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser.** Join us at the University of Denver's Knoebel Events Center (2044 E. Evans Ave., Denver, 80208) for a special night of wine tasting, delicious food, and a silent/live auction.

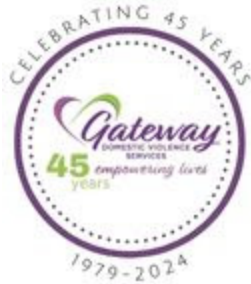
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THANK YOU Recent Supporters



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Feb 27 for Gateway's 45th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined us on February 27 at Cedar Creek Pub for our 45th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration! A great night with long-time supporters and many new friends. Your support makes our work possible providing safe shelter and compassionate, caring services. A special thank you to the event sponsors: Aurora Housing Authority, Heartland Retirement Group, and Lady Justice Brewing Company. Thank you to event photographer Earl Goodson who volunteered his time and talent to capture the event (learn more about Earl's work at www.human-element.me).



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:

Child Family Advocate
Case Manager
Bilingual Therapist
Relief Staff Member



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