

# 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.*

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - a time to recognize survivors and raise awareness about the devastating impact of domestic violence. DV is a pattern of abusive behavior used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. This kind of abuse affects everyone – men, women, and children of all races, religions, and cultures - and can occur in many forms. One in four women and one in seven men will experience DV in their lifetimes. Throughout every month, but especially in October, we'll be sharing facts & figures, highlighting survivor stories, and more to shine a light on this epidemic. For more information and guidance on helping someone who is experiencing domestic violence contact Gateway Domestic Violence Service's 24/7 crisis line at 303-343-1851 or contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE (7233).



**Thank You for a Successful Corks for a Cause  
2024!**

We were blown away by the generosity of sponsors and attendees this year's Cork for a Cause. Together, you raised more than **\$85,000** to support our critical programming including Emergency and Extended Stay Shelter; 24/7 Crisis Hotline; Counseling for adults and children; Housing Navigation, and Court Advocacy. It was an incredible, action packed evening: Dr. Anne DePrince delivered an exceptional keynote address, we heard about Gateway's impact through survivors, past staff and community members, and celebrated 45 years of providing life saving programming in the community. We appreciate everyone who contributed in some way to this tremendous event! A special thank you to our generous sponsors listed below, **Heritage Wine & Liquors** for sponsoring the wine tasting and our fantastic photographer, **Quincy Malik** for capturing the evening. We can't wait for 2025!



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## CAP Volunteer Diane Peck Honored for her Service!

We couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteer community. Last week, we were able to celebrate one of our most dedicated volunteers, Diane Peck, at an awards ceremony through the City of Aurora. Diane was the recipient of the City of Aurora Volunteer Community Spirit Award, which recognizes individuals who volunteer for the city or whose efforts directly impact city municipal operations or programs. Diane was honored for her dedication and impact as a volunteer with Gateway's Court Advocacy Program over the past 10 years.

We can't think of a more deserving recipient. Thank you, Diane, for your dedication and commitment to Gateway. We are so proud to celebrate you!



## Vote YES! on Prop KK on the November Ballot

Please help us spread the word! Proposition KK was developed as an innovative solution to the drastic budget cuts that crime victim agencies and other mental health providers are facing (including Gateway) from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). If passed this November, the ballot measure will raise desperately needed funding by levying a modest 6.5% excise tax on guns, precursor parts, and ammunition sold by dealers and manufacturers in Colorado (akin to excise taxes on tobacco).

This funding is critical to Gateway and similar agencies serving victims of crime. If passed, it will maintain support services for victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes; increase mental health services, including for military veterans and youth; and promote school safety and gun violence prevention. To learn more, visit their website [HERE](#).



## THE ISSUE



Agencies in Colorado that serve victims of crime are facing drastic reductions in budgets due to loss of funding for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). There is currently no state funding set aside for victim services.

- Domestic violence (DV), sexual violence, and stalking cases have become more fatal; when a gun is available, **women are 5x more likely to be killed** by an intimate partner.
- In an average year, 951 people die and 1,392 are wounded by guns in Colorado.
- Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Colorado, and an average of 84 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 48% are suicides and 47% are homicides.

## THE SOLUTION

Gun violence in all its forms continues to devastate Colorado families and communities. Prop KK will levy a new 6.5% excise tax on gun and ammunition retailers (*akin to excise taxes on tobacco*) to generate an estimated \$39 million each year to:



Maintain support services for victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes

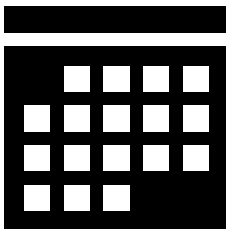


increase mental health services, including for military veterans and youth



Promote school safety and gun violence prevention

## Key Dates and Happenings!



- October 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- October 17, 2024 - WEAR PURPLE!
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - Election Day
- December 10, 2024 Colorado Gives Day

Sponsorship opportunities available: Contact Marnie Kamensky at [mkamensky@gatewayshelter.org](mailto:mkamensky@gatewayshelter.org) or 303-577-7924.

## THANK YOU to our Supporters



## Employment Opportunities

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

Case Manager - Domestic Violence  
Relief Staff Member



## Connect With Us



### Our Contact Information

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