Domestic Violence claims 34 lives in Colorado for 2011

SHOCK: Her children were said to have been waiting inside the Parker McDonald’s, while their pregnant mother was gunned down by their father.

Gateway Battered Women’s Services

2011 Annual Report
“Finally, I couldn’t bear the thought of Mother being hurt and Roger being frightened anymore. I grabbed a golf club out of my bag and threw open their door. Mother was on the floor and Daddy was standing over her, beating on her. I told him to stop and said that if he didn’t I was going to beat the hell out of him with the golf club.”

~Excerpt from Bill Clinton’s Autobiography~
"I said I’d never date someone like my father. Never. It was embarrassing, that I fell in love with someone like this. My father broke my mother’s nose one time, but she would never go to the hospital. She would hide it in the house". ~Rhianna, Child survivor and victim of domestic violence

"At that point, I didn’t want anything. I just wanted my freedom". ~Tina Turner on leaving Ike Turner after 7 years of abuse

"I could taste the blood in my mouth and feel my cheek start to swell. But that isn’t what frightened me. What had me terrified was the long drive to nowhere we were taking. I knew he was thinking of somewhere to hide my body. I knew if I didn’t leave he would eventually kill me. I knew I had nowhere to go". ~Anonymous survivor
Gateway Battered Women’s Services has operated programs with the mission to serve victims of domestic violence and their children for over 33 years. Thousands of victims seek our assistance each year and unfortunately, the need for our services has not subsided.

It is shocking how the crime of domestic violence is so widespread and far reaching. It touches over 50% of the families in the United States and results in more injuries to women than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined. Yet, battering on women is the most underreported crime in America. Every day in the United States, at least four women are murdered by their husband or boyfriends. Oftentimes, until there is a homicide, most people do not even hear about this crime, and then the awful truth is reflected in the newspaper HEADLINES. But, headlines come and go, unlike the problem of domestic violence which continues to be an ongoing social crime. Every 9 seconds in the United States a woman is assaulted or beaten. Isn’t it frightening to think that the person who was supposed to love the victim instead hurts them and possibly kills them?

This annual report is a tribute to the thousands of victims who have lost their lives due to domestic violence and to the countless victims that suffer from this crime. Our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and our community donors all play an important and necessary role in making certain that domestic violence victims receive the services they need to help end the cycle of abuse. Thank you to all those concerned and committed individuals who make a difference! Your willingness to be involved may save a life!

When Domestic Violence Kills

Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee reported 34 deaths in 2011. 34 lives taken by domestic violence in Colorado alone. That number is haunting. That number is only the deaths we can prove are attributed to domestic violence.

A candlelight vigil to remember victims killed by domestic violence
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Gateway could not continue to provide our quality care and programs without the contributions from our volunteers. Incredibly, in 2011, 42 volunteers logged 4,265 hours, offering their unique talents, care and compassion. All volunteers complete a 26 hour training course to gain a better understanding of the cycle of abuse, the different types of abuse, the rights of victims, and how violence in the home affects children.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

It’s through our Speaker’s Bureau that we begin to create this awareness, taking the first step in ending the cycle of abuse. In 2011, Gateway staff, board and volunteers delivered 99 presentations on domestic violence in the Denver Metropolitan Community.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

We continue to grow our fundraising efforts with a host of new and ongoing events that serve to build awareness of domestic violence, further our affiliates, and allow community members to learn about the agency’s programs and how they can support women and children who are victims.

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter, The Catalyst, continues to reach over 14,000 households worldwide. It provides updates on all our programs, information on fundraisers and special events, pertinent information on domestic violence issues and special notes of thanks to financial supporters and volunteers.

Husband Drowns Wife, Four Young Children Orphaned

A 23-year old woman was found drowned by her common law husband in an apparent murder-suicide when Aurora police responded to a welfare check at 5 a.m. The couple had a set of one year old twins and the deceased woman also had a 4 year old and 3 year old from a previous relationship. The batterer killed himself through asphyxiation by hanging. His police record reveals he was arrested on a previous domestic violence related incident. The children are now safe and in the custody of family members.
Gateway Battered Women’s Services (Gateway) provides an extensive counseling program to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The women seeking services are in need of ongoing support and assistance. Gateway staff provides nonresidential services in office located in Aurora and in Southern Arapahoe County.

SHORT TERM COUNSELING
This 16 week psychoeducational group teaches both English and Spanish speaking women how to identify abuse at all levels, set boundaries, assert themselves and take control. The safe, comfortable group forum enables victims to share without fear, build strong camaraderie, and find strength in each other’s progressions.

LONG TERM COUNSELING
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CHILDRENS PROGRAMS
Gateway is a safe environment where children can work through their traumatic stress. Our children’s counseling program uses therapeutic play to help each child gradually feel secure enough to experience their vulnerabilities and strengths, form a trusting bond with their child by listening to their stories and helping them understand that the violence in their home is not their responsibility or their fault. Children are taught non-violent communication and positive ways to handle conflict.

WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH IN DOMESTIC DISPUTE
At 7 in the morning police responded to a call where they found a woman lying in the middle of the street. The victim was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Neighbors reported that an argument ensued and the man chased his wife outside with a knife and stabbed her repeatedly in front of numerous witnesses. Two small children where in the apartment the couple shared and police reported that they seemed to be unharmed and were placed in the care of social services.

As part of our outreach efforts, each counselor also trains and speaks within the community on domestic violence and how it affects children and families. Educational presentations are given in the schools, churches and other civic organizations.
Gateway staff and volunteers’ primary role at CAP is to provide comprehensive advocacy services to domestic violence victims as they come into contact with the criminal justice system. Services include: support for victims prior to, during, and following court appearances; referrals to other victim assistance programs and community resources for more extensive services; information about victim compensation programs, and civil and criminal court proceedings; advocacy on behalf of victims with law enforcement agencies and criminal justice personnel; information about safety shelter, the cycle of violence, characteristics of perpetrators and safety planning; and counseling options for victims and their children. Advocates review safety planning and help victims to actually create a workable plan for their individual situation. Gateway staff provides intervention services to the children of victims who come through the Court Advocacy Program as well as educate victims on the effects of violence on children.

**ADVOCATES**

Our Advocates offer referrals, safety planning, crisis intervention and emergency services (cell phones for 9-1-1). Although the program is in a Criminal Court setting, victims also receive information on civil court matters such as restraining orders, child support enforcement, divorce/separation, immigration, victim compensation and other pertinent matters. Information on how to access victim compensation is also provided. All domestic violence cases at the Aurora Municipal Court are directed to our programs. Advocates work one-on-one with the victim in the case and the children. We also provide a comfortable space for them to wait while at the courthouse, including a special children’s area with toys, games and children’s movies.

**ACCESS WITHOUT BARRIERS**

All the services of our Court Advocacy Program are also provided for our Spanish-speaking and Hard of hearing clients. When the need to work in another language arises, we make all the necessary arrangements to be able to overcome any language barrier in providing court advocacy.

**SHARING OUR EXPERTISE**

Gateway is a training resource in matters of domestic violence for judges, prosecutors and probation officers. City attorneys network regularly with our staff and judges invite our advocates input therefore bringing Gateway staff expertise to authorities that can effect social change, our efforts to end abuse are widened. In 2011, this support allowed the program to provide services to a total of 1,870 victims of domestic violence.
Gateway’s Residential Services offer a 30-day program for women and children fleeing domestic violence. The emergency shelter provides women with confidentiality and safety, enabling the rebuilding of a life free from abuse. Our crisis line is answered by trained staff and volunteers, and provides 24-hour access to our emergency shelter. Gateway also operates a 90-day Extended Stay Program in a separate facility from our emergency shelter for women seeking independent living.

**EMERGENCY SHELTER**

While in the shelter, victims attend weekly group meetings that offer support, information about the cycle of violence and help regaining self-esteem. Counselors are available 24 hours a day to help with referrals for medical, housing and financial needs, but most importantly, to listen. In addition to a place to sleep, we also offer the food, clothing and necessities that the women and children are forced to leave behind.

**SECURITY FOR CHILDREN**

Specific times for snacks, meals, groups, play and sleep create a secure and structured environment for the children who reside at Gateway. Children are counseled individually, in groups and through structured play activities. Non-violent communication skills are taught along with positive conflict resolution. Women enroll their children in school and are assisted with registration, clothing and school supplies.

**EXTENDED STAY PROGRAM**

Sometimes 30 days is not enough time for our clients to find permanent housing. Therefore, Gateway has designed a program that allows our clients to stay in shelter for 90 days. During their stay, women receive one-on-one counseling, available 24 hours a day. It not only provides them with referrals and resources but also hope and encouragement. Group counseling is also provided to heal, educate and bring residents together by sharing their experiences, strength and wisdom.

**THE BAILEY PROJECT**

Many battered women with animals refuse to leave their abusive homes because they fear leaving their beloved pets behind. 71% of pet-owning women entering women’s shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims. Gateway is proud to be a leader in the nation in being one of the first and only battered women’s shelters that also accept family pets.

Gateway Battered Women’s Services lovingly opened up their doors to pets of victims of domestic violence so that the women and children would not be forced to choose between leaving their pets behind in an abusive situation or seeking safety. For 2011, Gateway provided 89 nights of safe shelter for beloved pets of the victims who come to our shelter for refuge.
CRISIS LINE

Gateway’s 24-hour Crisis Line is often a victim’s first step toward making others aware of the situation and getting the help needed. Our Crisis Line is staffed with trained counselors and volunteers ready to listen and give referrals to victims who are experiencing psychological and physical abuse in their relationships. Crisis Line services are also available for the hard of hearing and to those who do not speak Spanish or English. Any individual or professional can call the Crisis Line to access information or referrals.

2011 PROGRAM STATISTICS

705 women and children were provided 10,539 nights of housing and associated services including counseling

504 women and children received individual and group counseling through our Nonresidential Program

9,990 services were delivered through the 24-hour Crisis Line Program

1,870 victims were provided advocacy through our Court Advocacy Program

118 education presentations were given to various corporations, businesses, churches, civic groups and schools

89 nights of canine shelter were provided
2011 Gateway Staff

Linda James
Executive Director

Jeneen Klippel
Director of Development & Public Relations

Jessica Frazier
Emergency Shelter Program Director

Shelli Friess
Nonresidential Program Director

Naomi Malek
Court Advocacy Program Director

Patrice Nelson
Extended Stay Program Director

Donna Sims
Director of Programs

Rhonda Sweeney
Executive Assistant

Aura Banny
Bilingual Services Coordinator

Robin Brock
Nonresidential Bilingual Women’s Counselor

Sheri Burchfield
Nonresidential Child Counselor

Tara Campana
Victim Advocate Volunteer Coordinator

Christel Deckworth
Nonresidential Women’s Counselor

Laura Delgado
Residential Bilingual Women’s Counselor

Cynthia Dubey
Residential Women’s Counselor

Ruby Dudley
Residential Women’s Counselor

Elise Topliss
Child Advocate

LaRane Gary
Nonresidential Women and Youth Counselor

Tracy Groves
Residential House Manager

Mabel Hall
Residential Women’s Counselor

Patricia Jackson Peters
South Residential House Manager

Patricia Lowrey
Residential Women’s Counselor

Michelle McKay
Residential Child Counselor

Michelle Morgan
Office Manager

Terese Morse
Resource Specialist

Kay Sasser
Nonresidential Women and Youth Counselor

Vivia Reid
Residential Bilingual Women’s Counselor

Erna Young
Residential Bilingual Women’s Counselor

Takiya Zackery
Residential Women’s Counselor

2011 Board of Directors

Officers:
Peggy Sanborn—President
Cynthia Addy—Vice President
Dawn Sokolski—Secretary
Barry Warshaw—Treasurer

Members:
Joe Costello
Joel Egelman
Diedra Garcia
Brad Jeffress
Maxine Vasil
## GATEWAY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

*(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2010)*

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### Notes:
- **Note 8**: In-kind contributions
- **Note 9**: Net assets released from restrictions
# Gateway Battered Women's Services

## Statement of Financial Position

### December 31, 2011

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**Pie Chart**

- Government grants: 62%
- Individual Contributions: 14%
- Fund-Raising: 7%
- Client Fees: 3%
- In-Kind Contributions: 2%
- Corporation & Foundation Grants: 10%
- United Way: 1%
- Net Investment Income: 1%
- Other: 1%
- Resident: 35%
- Non-resident: 2%
- South Resident: 18%
- Court Advocacy: 19%
- Community Development: 4%
- Crisis Line: 3%
- Management & General: 12%
Gateway Offers Inspiration

A Gateway client speaks of her experience in a thank you card. She describes her journey through Gateway’s many programs starting with our Court Advocacy Program. The young woman worked her way through the nonresidential counseling services, finding hope, a support system and tools to help make healthier decisions for her future along the way that not only made her a survivor but a victor over the issues she faces surrounding domestic violence.

“The work you have guided me through has changed my life! Thank you for asking “what happened?”, focusing on my strengths and value and helping me see that what abuse does to me, and always reminding me that I am a survivor and I have the power and resilience to make peace with the past, live in the present and dream for a better future.”

May all your good come back to you.
Woman rebuilds her life with her children after seeking counseling at Gateway.

Husband anxious to start new life receiving treatment and proper tools to live a life free of violence.

College graduate looking forward to spring wedding after surviving growing up in a violent home.

Victim no longer lives in fear thanks to Court Advocacy Program’s Support and Guidance.