THE COST OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

GATEWAY BATTERED WOMEN’S SERVICES
2012 ANNUAL REPORT
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE COSTS

$5.8 BILLION EACH YEAR
MEASURING THE EXPENSE

How do you put a price on the welfare of domestic violence victims and their children?

Research shows the costly impact of domestic violence on the workplace, the family and the community at large. Domestic violence affects workplace productivity. It tears families apart through fear and isolation. And, it takes a toll on children which results in emotional and behavioral problems as well as increasing their risk of becoming victims and perpetrators in their future relationships.

The most devastating result of domestic violence is death. Domestic violence fatalities not only include victims but also family members and innocent bystanders. Know the true impact of this crime makes it harder to say “Not my problem”. The truth is that domestic violence is a social crime whose effects ripple throughout and indeed needs to be acknowledged and addressed by all of us. Educating ourselves on the issues surrounding domestic violence can help us recognize the problem and learn how to access services for anyone who needs them.

Metaphorically, I am reminded of the old poem, “The House that Jack Built”. Here is an excerpt:

This is the house that Jack built.
This is the cheese that lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the rat that ate the cheese
That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the cat that killed the rat
That ate the cheese that lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the dog that worried the cat
That killed the rat that ate the cheese
That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the cow with the crumpled horn
That tossed the dog that worried the cat
That killed the rat that ate the cheese
That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the maiden all forlorn
That milked the cow with the crumpled horn
That tossed the dog that worried the cat
That killed the rat that ate the cheese

It is a cumulative tale that does not tell the story of Jack's house, or even of Jack who built the house, but instead shows how the house is indirectly linked to other things and people, and through this method tells the story of smaller events, showing how these are interlinked. Domestic violence does not stand alone. Each incident is interlinked to other things and people who are then directly or indirectly affected.

The staff at Gateway Battered Women's Services understands that victims need help in coping with the abuse in their home. Programs are designed to provide support to victims and their children. After 34 years of serving the residents of the City of Aurora and all of Arapahoe County, Gateway continues to be the number one resource that the community can count on for assistance to domestic violence victims.

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!

*Living in a safe home, free of abuse........priceless.*
1400 women die annually in the U.S.A. due to domestic violence.
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
Gateway could not continue to provide our quality care and programs without the contributions from our volunteers. Incredibly, in 2012, 54 volunteers logged 4,645 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 2012, we delivered 110 presentations on domestic violence to 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.
6 MILLION WOMEN ARE BATTERED EVERY YEAR

ALMOST 1/3 OF FEMALE HOMICIDE VICTIMS ARE KILLED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER
Gateway’s 24-hour Crisis Line is often a victim’s first step toward making others aware of her situation and getting the help she needs. Our Crisis Line is staffed with trained counselors and volunteers ready to listen and give referrals to women who are experiencing psychological and physical abuse in their relationships. Crisis services continue to expand to serve the hearing-impaired and those who do not speak Spanish or English.

The following services were provided by Gateway in the fiscal year 2012:

658 women and children were provided 10,648 nights of housing and associated services including counseling.
558 women and children received individual and group counseling through our Nonresidential Program.
9,875 services were provided through the 24-hour Crisis Line Program.
1,984 victims were provided advocacy through our Court Advocacy Program.
110 educational presentations were given to various corporations, businesses, churches, civic groups and schools.
143 nights of canine shelter were provided.
In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder.
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.

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

**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

**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 2012, Gateway provided 143 nights of safe shelter for beloved pets of the victims who come to our shelter for refuge.
10 MILLION CHILDREN WITNESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ANNUALLY
Our Nonresidential Programs help to empower women & children who are living independently or have returned to their batterer by providing the tools and counseling to assert confidence and make positive choices.

SHORT-TERM COUNSELING
This 16-week psycho-educational group teaches 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
Offered in individual and group sessions, long-term counseling further explores assertiveness, self-esteem and skills for nurturing healthy relationships. Extended group support offers victims added comfort as they overcome the hardships of ending relationships, divorce and seeking further counseling.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
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 counselor and celebrate their resiliency. We strive to build self-esteem and to nurture each 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.

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.
ONLY 1/4 OF PHYSICAL ASSAULTS PERPETUATED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER ARE REPORTED TO POLICE
At the Aurora Municipal Court, Gateway houses a Court Advocacy Program that provides victims of domestic violence with information on their rights, legal options and the court processes. This program gives women the resources they need to make positive legal choices and a much-needed voice within the criminal justice system.

Our advocates offer referrals, safety planning, crisis intervention & 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.

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

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 Gateway’s input at sentencing. By bringing our expertise to authorities that can effect social change, our efforts to end abuse are widened. In 2012, this support allowed the program to provide services to a total of 1,984 victims of domestic violence.
2012 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
Kay Aaro, Office Manager
Aura Banny, Bilingual Services Coordinator
Takiya Bradley, Residential Child Counselor
Robin Brock, Nonresidential Bilingual Women's Counselor
Sheri Burchfield, Nonresidential Child Counselor
Tara Campana, Victim Advocate Volunteer Coordinator
Christel Deckwerth, Nonresidential Women's Counselor
Laura Delgado, Residential Bilingual Women's Counselor
Chris Devlin, Residential Women's Counselor

Cynthia Dubey, Residential Women's Counselor
Ruby Dudley, Residential Women's Counselor
LaRane Gary, Nonresidential Women's Counselor
Lisa Gertzen, Child Advocate
Tracy Groves, Residential House Manager
Mabel Hall, Residential Women's Counselor
Patricia Jackson Peters, South Residential House Manager
Nora Lexion, Residential Women's Counselor
Patricia Lowery, Residential Women's Counselor
Alison McGinty, Nonresidential Child Counselor
Michelle McKay, Residential Child Counselor
Terese Morse, Resource Specialist/Emergency Shelter Program Director
Vivia Reid, Residential Bilingual Women's Counselor
Kay Sasser, Nonresidential Women and Child Counselor
Elise Topliss, Child Advocate
Erna Young, Residential Bilingual Women's Counselor

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Cynthia Addy—Vice President
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Dawn Sokolski
Alisha Taibo
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# Gateway Battered Women's Services
## Statement of Activities
### For the Year Ended December 31, 2012
#### (With Comparative Totals for 2011)

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<td>(80,408)</td>
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GATEWAY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2011)

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<th>Assets</th>
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| Liabilities and net assets           |         |         |
| Liabilities                          |         |         |
| Accounts payable                     | $12,347 | $20,106 |
| Accrued payroll costs                | 87,578  | 64,920  |
| Line of credit (Note 5)              | 217,154 | 215,250 |
| Capital lease obligation (Note 6)    | 10,315  | 5,684   |
| Total liabilities                    | 327,394 | 305,960 |

| Unrestricted                         |         |         |
| Operating                             | 277,337 | 357,745 |
| Temporarily restricted (Note 7)      | 114,375 | 121,475 |
| Total net assets                      | 391,712 | 479,220 |
| Total liabilities and net assets     | $719,106| $785,180|
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE RESULTS IN OVER $18.5 MILLION IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE VISITS EACH YEAR.