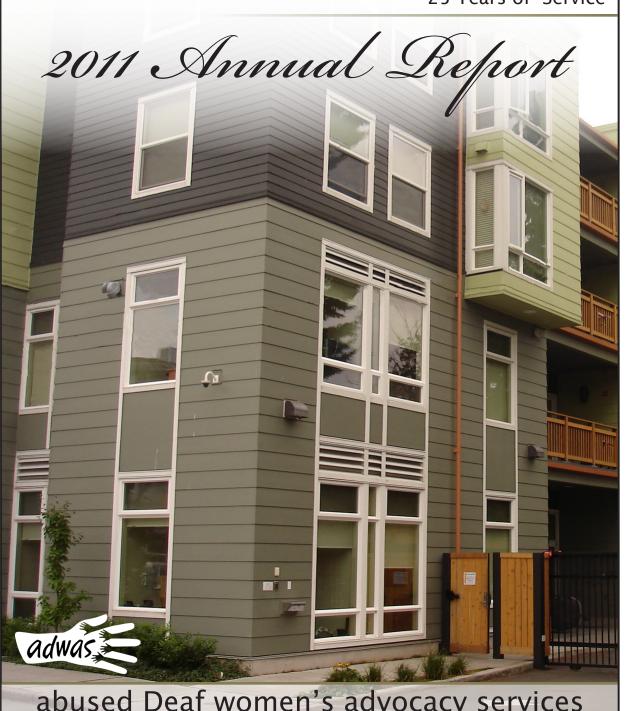
25 Years of Service



abused Deaf women's advocacy services

Our Previous Offices





# 2011 Annual Report

Celebrating 25 years 1986 - 2011

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DWAS provides comprehensive services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. ADWAS believes that violence is a learned behavior and envisions a world where violence is not tolerated.

ADWAS was founded in 1986 and is located in Seattle, Washington. Over the years 42 Deaf communities across the United States have been trained using the ADWAS model.



Cover picture and above: Current ADWAS offices and transitional housing, A Place of Our Own

## Current ADWAS Leadership

Staff

Executive Director - Tiffany Williams Program Assistant - Marcella Alltop Operations Manager - Kay Amos Donor Development Coordinator - Carol Brown National and Local Hotline Coordinator - Rhonda Cochran Donor Development Assistant - Michelle DeMey Office Manager - Emily England Community Advocate - Jena Floyd Business Manager - Misty Flowers Transitional Housing Advocate - Kim Fulwiler Positive Parenting Program/Shelter Coordinator - Linda Goldman Transitional Housing Advocate - Jeniffer Mendoza-Morales Children's Advocate - Sadie Pile Building Manager - Yes Serious Community Advocate - Kellie Shapard Hotline Advocate - Kate Spencer Direct Services Coordinator - Libby Stanley Community Outreach Specialist - Napal Tesfai Therapist - Dov Wills

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## Leadership Letter

Each summer, ADWAS presents its annual report to our community, volunteers and donors. During this time, we reflect back on the goals that we have achieved in the past year, but also to look forward to the next year.

## In 2011 the highlights include:

- West Monroe Partners offered their pro bono services to assess our IT services and to make recommendations and changes for improvement to our IT infrastructure
- Welcomed three interns during the summer of 2011
- Implemented a successful management practice for regular review of the executive leadership
- · Reviewed and updated our personnel policies
- Dedication of the playground, with funding provided by Boeing Community Fund
- Another successful Auction that also raised needed dollars for the children program

Already well into 2012, we obtained placement on the CBS Jumbotron in Times Square, redesigned the website to include more videos throughout the site, and attended the DeafNation World Expo 2012 in Las Vegas. We are also changing our office hours the first week of October. We'll be open Mon - Fri from 9am-5pm (closed 12-1pm for lunch).

We care about providing the best services to our community and would always appreciate your continued input. We are especially thankful for our generous donors and the community support we have received throughout the year.

Best.

Rob Roth 2011 ADWAS Board Chair

Tiffany S. Williams ADWAS Executive Director



Marilyn J. Smith organizes a group of Deaf women, hearing women, and parents of Deaf children to discuss how to address the needs of Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in a fully accessible environment.

ADWAS receives its second public grant from the City of Seattle. This funding has grown from an annual allocation of \$5.000 to \$70,602. ADWAS continues to develop services and programs to meet the needs of Deaf and Deaf-Blind child and adult victims.

1988

The Positive Parenting Program begins providing training to Deaf or mixed (hearing and Deaf) couples. Its purpose is to break generational abuse by helping Deaf and Deaf-Blind parents learn and use positive parenting skills. This service was in response to Deaf parents in the community asking for help.

1995

ADWAS develops an Education and Training Program and hires their first Education Coordinator. At this time, the education focus is primarily on the Deaf and Deaf-Blind communities. By 1994, the Education and Training Program expanded to provide training to professionals and consultation with individuals

and organizations throughout

1991

the United States.

The ADWAS
Executive Director
(Marilyn J. Smith)
receives an award
for "Outstanding
Services on Behalf
of Victims of Crime"
from President
Clinton during a
ceremony at the
White House.

1996

1985

ADWAS applies for and receives \$4,000 from the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services.

1986

1980s

1986

ADWAS is founded and Marilyn J. Smith becomes the Executive Director with the office located in the basement of her home. She manages the organization and provides oneto-one therapy services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of abuse. ADWAS is the only agency of its kind in the United States.

1987

ADWAS hires its second employee, Cathy Hoog, to work part-time as a Community Advocate; the 24/7 crisis line becomes operational.

1990

ADWAS makes the decision to make the office telephone number accessible by TTY only. This was a turning point for ADWAS as it is the only Deaf organization in the United States that does not answer voice calls. The staff and board made this decision so that the Deaf staff of ADWAS would have equal access to calls and would not be dependent on hearing people to answer telephone calls for them and to encourage hearing people to use the TTY and/or relav service to communicate with Deaf people.

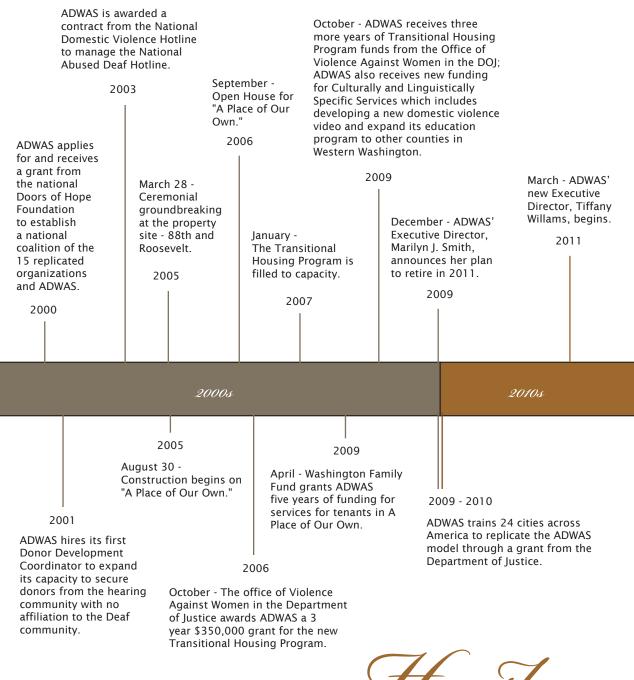
1998

1990s

ADWAS is awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Justice to train Deaf people, from 15 cities across America, to replicate the ADWAS model. A total of 75 Deaf women received the training over three years.

1999

ADWAS' board of directors approves a five-year strategic plan that includes the development of "A Place of Our Own" — transitional housing for Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of abuse with on-site services and administrative offices.



Herstory Chronological Herstory of ADWAS

"It's really great to see the kids playing and engaging. This is a space where they explore and negotiate, developing skills in the context of play"



Thank you to the generous donations from foundations and individual donors who helped make this dream come true ~ Norman Archibald Foundation, Forest Foundation, D.V. and Ida J. McEachern Foundation. The Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound provided the capstone gift that completed the fundraising effort. Colette Ogle – Employees Community Fund Administrator Their gift served as a "capstone" for us to be able to build this playground Karen Bosley – Our past grant writer who wrote the grants for us to build the playground and was here to coordinate the installation and construction.

## ADWAS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### ADVOCACY PROGRAM

ADWAS' advocates support people who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. Services are free of charge and available to people who are Deaf or Deaf-Blind. Advocates:

- · Offer information and options
- · Help people develop a safety plan
- Help people learn about victims' rights, and the rights of Deaf and Deaf-Blind people to have interpreters and fair access to all systems
- Provide legal advocacy
- Connect people with any other ADWAS services

### Positive Deaf Parenting Program

The Positive Deaf Parenting Program offers parenting education and support to all members of the Deaf community. A variety of classes and workshops are available throughout the year.

We offer classes or workshops on:

- · Positive Discipline
- · Parenting through Play
- · Parenting Teenagers
- Talking to Your Kids about Drugs & Alcohol
- · Building Bridges
- Parenting Support Groups
- · Special events for families

## 24/7 VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES

Caring, compassionate and trained volunteer advocates provide 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault crisis support for Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of abuse within King County.

### COUNSELING PROGRAM

The Counseling Program offers victims of domestic violence or sexual assault the following services:

- Short-term crisis counseling
- On-going individual/family therapy related to domestic violence and sexual assault
- Group counseling related to childhood sexual assault and domestic violence
- · Client advocacy and referrals

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Children's Program provides the following services to children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence or sexual assault:

- Therapy
- · Support Groups
- Advocacy
- Structured educational and recreational activities

### Transitional Housing Program

ADWAS provides transitional housing apartments for women and their children escaping violence. There are 19-units with support programs located in the same building.

Women and their children may stay for up to 2 years.

## **EDUCATION AND CONSULTATION SERVICES**

ADWAS provides a vast array of education and consultation services. All trainings and workshops are specifically designed to meet the needs of each group, school or agency. Developed by ADWAS, Deaf appropriate material is used during training. Deaf staff provide all training in American Sign Language. Voice interpreters for hearing agencies/individuals are provided as needed.

### NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEAF HOTLINE

The National Domestic Violence Deaf Hotline (NDVH) is available to Deaf and Deaf-Blind people across the nation. The hotline is in operation 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. ADWAS operates the National Hotline for Deaf Callers from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time) Monday-Friday. At all other times, the National Hotline is answered by staff at the NDVH headquarters in Texas.

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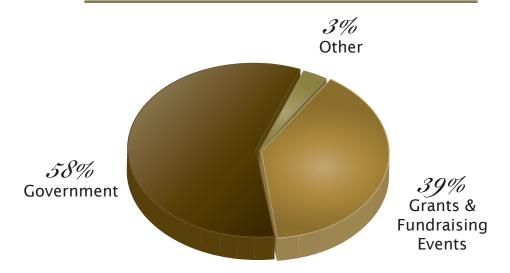
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Non-Current Assets	\$824,682
Property & Equipment	\$2,362,803
Total Assets	\$3,417,861
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Current Liabilities	\$141,326
Long-Term Liabilities	\$782,796
Total Liabilities	\$924,122
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,246,784
Temporarily Restricted	\$187,893
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets

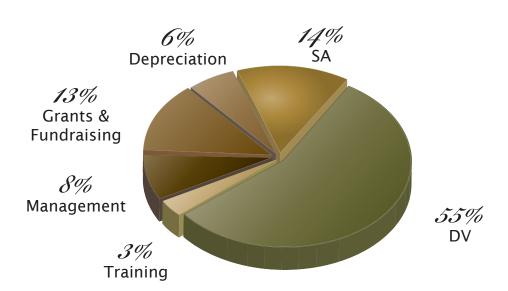
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## 2011 Revenue \$1,302,293



## 2011 Expenses \$1,417,057



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## Marilyn J. Smith Social Justice Endowment Fund

Her 25-year career of service to Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of domestic and sexual violence began in 1986 after a Deaf woman who needed help to escape her violent relationship was later murdered by her partner. The victim had nowhere to turn and existing services for hearing women did not fit her cultural and linguistic needs.

Often called the "Mother of the Anti-Violence Movement" in Deaf America, Marilyn's passionate leadership has

been a powerful force in shaping the current services provided both locally and nationally. Over the past two decades, ADWAS has received funding from the Department of Justice in order to provide training for replicating the ADWAS model in 39 cities nationwide.

To recognize Marilyn's outstanding contributions to the Deaf and Deaf-Blind communities and the movement against domestic violence, the ADWAS Board is continuing a three year drive to establish a \$250,000 endowment fund. The Board is asking for support from people well acquainted with Marilyn and her life's work to make this possible.

Contributions to the Marilyn J. Smith ADWAS Social Justice Endowment Fund



Founder and retired Executive Director, Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services

will establish a permanent endowment with the intended purpose of helping ADWAS operate and maintain Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services including support for new program initiatives.

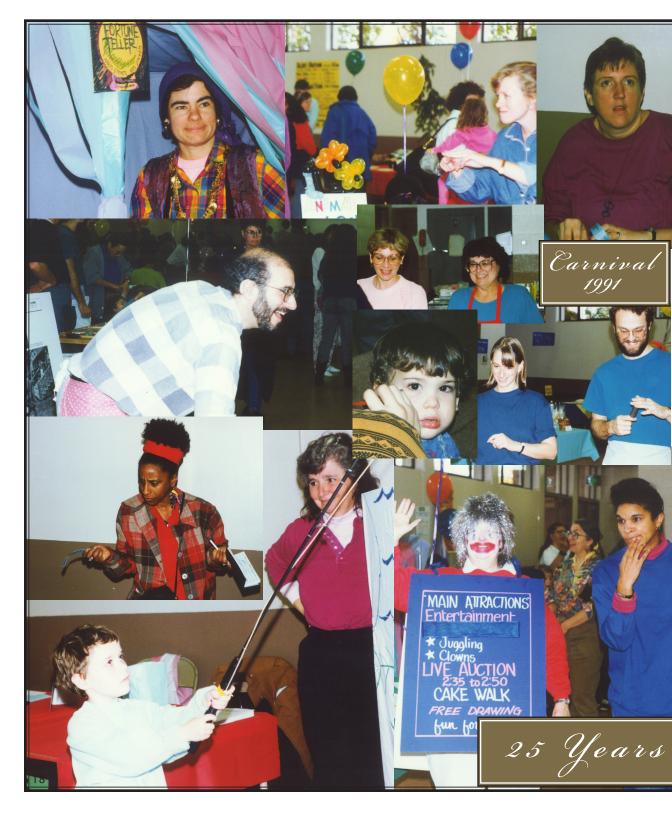
We ask that your special endowment gift be made separately from your annual contribution.

All gifts to the endowment are tax deductible. You can make a one-time gift or a three year pledge to be paid over time. You may contribute in some of

the following ways:

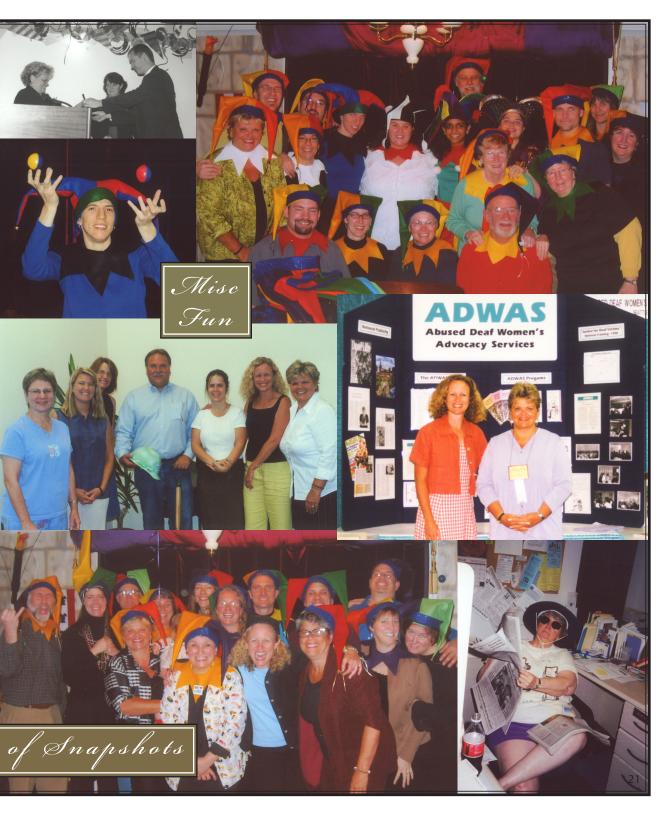
- Check or cash
- · Electronic funds transfer
- Gifts of stock
- Pledge

We will use the annual earnings of this endowment to help the continuing mission of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services. ADWAS is committed to empowering Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, and stalking, and to eliminating violence. We provide victim/survivor services, community education, prevention information, and training for professionals. ADWAS promotes equitable and fair treatment for Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims, and works to change attitudes, beliefs, behaviors, and social institutions, which foster and perpetuate violence.















## Legacy Donors

In addition to making an endowment gift, bequests/planned gifts to ADWAS are another wonderful way to leave a legacy.

While ADWAS needs annual operating support, deferred gifts guarantee ADWAS' services are available for generations to come.

A charitable bequest is one of the most meaningful legacies you can provide for your favorite organization and can be an effective way to make a significant contribution that might not otherwise be possible. When planning or revising your will, you may want to consider making a bequest by:

- specifying a percentage of your estate for ADWAS
- naming a specific dollar amount to ADWAS
- · giving the residual/remainder of your estate to ADWAS

Allie Joiner & Estie Provow, Mark & Kristy Hoshi, Rob Roth, Marilyn J. Smith & Karen Bosley, and Derek Pharr & Michelle DeMey have designated ADWAS in their wills. If you would like to have ADWAS added to your will and would like us to add you to this list, please email Carol Brown at carol@adwas.org for further details.

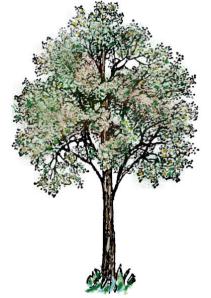
If we have not included your name on this list accept our apologies. Please contact Carol to make sure you are recognized for your thoughtful generosity!

"The great ruse of life is

to spend it for

something that will

outlast it."



~William James



# 2011 Staff



Our ADWAS Staff salutes the 2011 transition team for a year well done. We look forward to reporting to you on our 2012 success in the coming year!

## Contact and Resources

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NEW Office Hours: 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday (closed 12pm-1pm)

National Domestic Violence Hotline Deaf Advocates on duty 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday PST

Videophone: 206-518-9361

Instant Messenger: ADWASHotline

E-mail: ADWAS@ndvh.org 24 hours | 7 days a week 1-800-787-3224 TTY

Local Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Crisis Line 24 hours | 7 days a week 1-206-257-7035

