



# Newsletter

abused Deaf women's advocacy services

Summer 2012



## ADWAS in Times Square!

On May 14, 2012 a 15-second video presented in American Sign Language appeared on the CBS Super Screen at Times Square, where more than 300,000 pedestrians travel through daily. This may be the first video placement by a Deaf-run agency at Times Square – one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. The public service announcement was produced by Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services and underwritten by Convo Communications. ADWAS wants to thank Convo for making this momentous event possible. The ad runs once an hour through July 11, 2012.

## Luncheon

On April 20th, we returned to Bell Harbor for our annual lunch. This is the third year ADWAS has hosted a lunch. The results were spectacular. We doubled the amount we raised! In all, we raised over \$40,000 thanks to a \$10,000 challenge grant made by our dedicated board. Thank you to our guest speaker, Jenné Chalfant.

## Save the Date ~ Annual Auction

The annual auction is fast approaching! This year it will be hosted at the Red Lion 5th Avenue on Saturday, October 20th. If you have something to donate to the auction, are interested in hosting a table, or you want to attend, please contact Carol Brown at [carol@adwas.org](mailto:carol@adwas.org) or (206) 922-7088 VP or (206) 726-1346 voice.

## ADWAS Website

ADWAS has redesigned our website. Make sure to visit it today [www.adwas.org](http://www.adwas.org). New feature: online curriculum sales. Coming soon: online event registration. See the video of 5 of our sister organizations joining the movement to end abuse in the Deaf community. Thank you to: Deaf Abused Women's Network, Deaf Hope, DeafSAFE, Dove Advocacy Services for Abused Deaf Women and Children, and Minnesota Deaf DV/SV Program.





## **You GaveBIG!**

Thank you to donors who participated in The Seattle Foundations GiveBIG event on May 2nd of this year. Through your generosity we raised \$18,340 and an additional \$3,000 from the stretch pool. We are grateful!

## **Board Members**

We acknowledge and thank former board members: Rob Roth and Melissa Wood-Brewster.

We welcome our newest board members: Nani Baran, Karen Carlson, Edward Ingram, and Christina Peterson. Your service and time is so valuable to us. We can't do this work without you!

## **Praxis International Advocacy Learning Center**

After an intense application process, two ADWAS staff members were chosen to participate in an 18-month long training. Libby Stanley, Direct Services Coordinator, and Sadie Pile, Children's Advocate, travelled to Minnesota for their first training. The intent of the Advocacy Learning Center training is to reshape and revitalize advocacy programs with the short-term goal of improving our response to the women and survivors who turn to us for help and the long-term goal of ending violence against women.

## **Unforgettable Foundations**

THANK YOU...Horizons Foundation, Norcliffe Foundation, NW Children's Fund, OneFamily Foundation, and The Seattle Foundation for partnering with us and supporting the work we do to end violence in the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community.

## **DeafNation Award**

Congratulations to ADWAS Founder and former Executive Director, Marilyn J. Smith, who has won one of DeafNation's international awards for advocacy. She will be presented with this award at the end of July during the DeafNation World Expo in Las Vegas. Way to go, Marilyn!



## **Staff members**

Say hello to Marcella Alltop who will greet you at our front door when you arrive at the ADWAS offices. Farewell to Tamara Frijmersum and family who are moving at the end of July. We are happy to announce Rhonda Cochran will be our new National and local Hotline Coordinator.

## **Ballou High School Video - Coming Soon**

One of the services we provide here at ADWAS is Outreach and Education. Recently our Sexual Assault Prevention Educator, Napal Tesfai, worked with a group of Deaf students from Ballou Junior High School. After learning about bullying – what it looks like, how it can happen and what to do if it does - they created a script, filmed, and produced their own video about bullying. The video will be posted on our website soon. Take a look! [www.adwas.org](http://www.adwas.org)

## How Your Old Car Can Bring New Life!

Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate For Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate on-line at their website: [www.donateforcharity.com](http://www.donateforcharity.com).



### If you decide to donate your vehicle:

- It will be picked up free of charge
- It will be sold at auction or older vehicles can be sold for parts
- Proceeds will go to **Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services**
- You will receive a receipt entitling you to a tax deduction

## ADWAS is Not Just for Women

Although we mostly serve women and children, our services are not limited to only women. We also provide services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind men who have experienced domestic or sexual violence. If you would like more information please contact ADWAS at (206) 922-7088 or [adwas@adwas.org](mailto:adwas@adwas.org).

## Wish List

\*Frequent Flier miles

One of the easiest things you can donate is air miles.

Staff on occasion has last minute travel and no budget and miles make a great donation to our annual Hope and Justice Auction coming in October!

### Hotline Information

If you need to talk to someone or have a question, contact us by any of the following ways:

IM: ADWASHotline

Email: [ADWAS@ndvh.org](mailto:ADWAS@ndvh.org)

Video Phone Only for Deaf Callers:

(206) 518-9361 Hours 9:00AM - 5:00PM PST Mon-Fri

*(Hearing advocates at the National Domestic Violence*

*Hotline are on duty 24 hours*

*1-800-787-3224 TTY or*

*1-800-799-SAFE (7233) Voice*

### If you live in King County...

24-hour Local Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Crisis Line

TTY: 1-800-257-7035

24-hours - 7 days a week

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Remember to validate your email address by clicking the link in the confirmation email sent to you thereby completing the opt-in process.

