

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.

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DEAR FRIENDS OF ADWAS . . .

This past year, media and American Culture has focused a lot of attention on the archetype of superheroes; their strength, super powers, and their ability to save the world. That's all good and we need that kind of imagery in our society to remind us that there is more "good" in the world than "evil."

Today, we would like to take the time to applaud some of our other "superheroes." Deaf and Deaf-Blind survivors whom everyday, with amazing inner strength, leave an abusive situation with potentially no other place to go. They may leave a job and stay at a friend's house for a while. They may go to court and testify against their abuser. They may decide to take the next step to get into therapy. These acts may seem simple when viewing them as a bystander yet we witness what kind of internal strength it takes to make change.

We are in ame of their power. YOU have helped provide resources to our community so that everyday a new superhero feels supported enough to soar!

We are proud to present our 2012 annual report and within the document you will be able to identify some superheroes throughout.

Warm regards,

Tiffany 5. Williams

ADWAS Executive Director



Elizabeth Gibson

Liz Gibson ADWAS Board Chair



INTERVIEWS WITH SOME OF ADWAS' EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES . .





WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES?

My hopes are to become a stronger woman as a result of counseling. I want to learn from the past but not let it control me.

SALLY F.

(Name has been changed to protect confidentiality)

WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT ADWAS?

ADWAS has helped me understand abuse, and that I was a victim... It was hard for me to understand and accept that. ADWAS has helped me realize I don't deserve to be a victim, but rather I should empower myself with the support of counseling.

WOULD YOU CARE TO SHARE YOUR JOURNEY?

I am not quite ready for this yet. But I have been able to talk more freely with close friends.

SALLY F. (continued . . .)

IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SUPERHERO, WHO IS IT?

Elastigirl from the Incredibles movie.

She raises a family and doesn't let men get in her way of saving the world. Besides, her flexibility is a good inspiration for a yoga session.

IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPERPOWER,

WHAT WOULD IT BE?

J would love to

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takes me.



WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN YOUR LIFE SINCE BEING INVOLVED WITH ADWAS?

I have been focusing more on developing my own sense of identity.
Also, I used to have nightmares and frequent flashbacks, but these have lessened as I have been able to tackle the negative emotions instead of letting them overcome me.



HELEN S.

(Name has been changed to protect confidentiality)

WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT ADWAS?

Most importantly, people should continue to support ADWAS - particularly in support of the children.

HOW DID YOU FIND ADWAS?

I was living out of state.

I found out about ADWAS from some people who told me about the national hotline. I understood from them that there were options in Texas and California but decided to move to the ADWAS

Transitional Housing Apartments.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN YOUR LIFE SINCE BEING INVOLVED WITH ADWAS?

When I first moved here I felt depressed a lot.
There were lots of changes I had to deal with –
leaving my 2 older children behind, feeling angry with
my then husband for how our relationship turned out
and grieving the loss of my mother.

While here at ADWAS, I have finalized my divorce and I have taken Positive Parenting Classes, cooking classes and classes that help me understand about domestic violence and how it affects me and my children.

IF YOU HAVE A
FAVORITE SUPERHERO,
WHO IS IT?

Betty Boop
isn't necessarily someone
most people think of as the
standard superhero but she is
my superhero. She has a great
ability to be strong and
to "speak out."

HELEN S. (continued . . .)



IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

My super power would involve a very strong perfumed aroma that would repel evil.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES?

I will be moving out of the transitional housing very shortly. My hopes for my children are that they go to college. Maybe they will become interpreters!



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JUANITA A.

(Name has been changed to protect confidentiality)



WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN YOUR LIFE SINCE BEING INVOLVED WITH ADWAS?

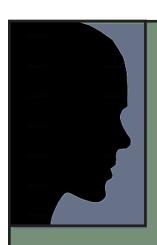
Therapy has provided me with an understanding of myself and how I interact with others. I have also learned to establish and keep my own boundaries.

In the past, it was difficult for me to separate my feelings from others' often taking things personally when it had nothing to do with me. It was always "my fault." Not any more.

WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT ADWAS?

From my perspective, therapy is the key to getting out of a domestic violence situation.





JUANITA A. (continued . . .)

IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SUPERHERO, WHO IS IT?

Superman.

I really like the relationship between Lois Lane and Clark Kent. Superman has great powers, yet he chose to protect others instead of using his powers for destruction. He had the capacity to do good or evil but he chose to champion for the good of the people.

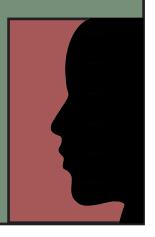
IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

To fly – just for that reason and purpose only.
To fly for the pure feeling of freedom.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW YOU ARE FINISHED WITH YOUR PERSONAL WORK?

It is a lifelong process and at certain times in our lives, our personal work demands more attention.

It's my time now.



PROGRAMS & 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
- Empower survivors to develop a safety plan
- Empower survivors to 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

Men's Engagement Project

A project to engage Deaf, Deaf-Blind and hard of hearing men as allies in ending violence against women through fostering and creating opportunities for men to have safe and effective dialogues with one another.

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.

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 and workshops on:

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



COUNSELING PROGRAM

The Counseling Program offers victims of domestic violence and 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- -Develops relationships in the community
- -Creates special events during Sexual Assault Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness months
- -Prevention education in schools regarding relevant issues such as bullying, internet safety, dating violence and focus on healthy relationships
- -Provides education and training to service providers, ally organizations and community members

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.

ADWAS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION . . .

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 Current Assets
 \$226,737

 Mon-Current Assets
 \$822,824

 Property & Equipment
 \$2,298,684

 Total Assets
 \$3,348,245

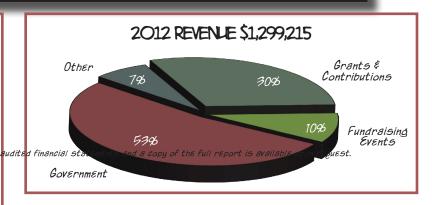
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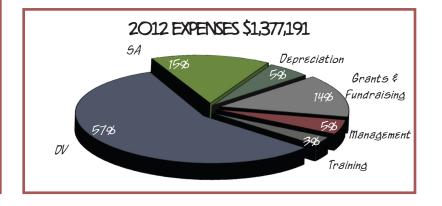
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Long-Term Liabilities \$747,655
Total Liabilities \$932,393

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets \$2,195,020
Temporarily Restricted \$161,770
Permanently Restricted \$59,062
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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

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