



# Newsletter

abused Deaf women's advocacy services

June 2011



## GiveBIG ~ Stretch your dollars

On June 23rd, The Seattle Foundation is organizing the biggest ever day of giving in King County. GiveBIG is a one-day, online charitable event designed to inspire people to give generously to non-profits like ADWAS. From 7:00 AM to midnight on June 23, The Seattle Foundation and GiveBIG sponsors and businesses in the community will match a share of every contribution made through The Seattle Foundation website.

Go to [www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/GiveBIG](http://www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/GiveBIG). We look forward to your support during this big event!

## ADWAS Gets a Playground

Thanks to the generosity of the many employees at Boeing, a recent gift of \$40,000 from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound has put us over the top! We now have sufficient funds to build the playground in the "backyard" off of the Children's Room. The children (and their moms) are thrilled to have a safe place to play!

Others who have helped make this possible are the Forest Foundation, Norman Archibald Foundation, Wilkins Foundation, D.V. & Ida McEachern Trust along with past auction individual Fund-a-Need donors. Construction begins this month!



## Strength and Courage Luncheon Highlights

Bell Harbor hosted ADWAS once again this year for the annual luncheon.

Over 100 people attended. The Lucky Seven Foundation provided incentive for donors by offering a dollar for dollar challenge grant for up to \$5,000 in support of our Children's Therapy Program. Special guests included Katie Anderson from the Gary S. and Denise M. Anderson Family Foundation Fund (thank you for the recent \$30,000 gift for operations); Linda and I. King Jordan, the first Deaf President of Gallaudet University serving from 1988 to 2006; and Marilyn J. Smith, Founder and former Executive Director of ADWAS. Thank you Rob Roth for emceeding the program; and thank you to Tiffany Williams, new Executive Director for sharing her vision of the future of ADWAS. Board Member Shannon Murello-Plyler shared some specific details about how domestic violence affected her life. To all of you who attended, THANK YOU!



Tiffany Williams, Executive Director and Katie Anderson

I. King and Linda Jordan

## **ADWAS Annual Auction Scheduled**

The ADWAS auction is scheduled for October 1, 2011 at the Hyatt Olive 8 in downtown Seattle. Save the date on your calendars!

If you would like to donate to the auction or volunteer for the event, please contact Karen Bosely at [Karenb@adwas.org](mailto:Karenb@adwas.org)



## **2011 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Volunteer Thanks**

The Reflection of Truth play was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came out!

A special thanks to Ingrid Tidblom, former ADWAS Community Education/Outreach Specialist, who ignited and led the SAAM 2011 Committee.

ADWAS would also like to thank our volunteers for their time at the event: Ingrid Tidblom, Nadya Zawaideh, Morgan Davis, Elise Wilkinson, Samantha Smith, Tenold Sundberg, and Marilyn J. Smith.

Thanks to the amazing crew that had a brief role in the play: Seven Star Women's Kung Fu - Ingrid Tidblom, Erin Giffin, Celia Jackson, Jennifer Keene, Claire Mouflard, Carolyn Pearson, Gillian Williams, Libby Stanley and Misty Flowers.

Last but not least, thanks to the ASL interpreters: JoAnna Ball, Sadie Pile and Jason Smith.

## **Recent Passing**

On May 5, 2011 the Deaf Community lost a great leader and a long time educator, Leila Petersen. She was a Deaf Education teacher and administrator in the Seattle School District for 27 years. She was active in the Deaf community as a representative for the NAD; Vice President of WSAD and Founder and President of the WAGUAA. Leila was also instrumental in committee work to establish ADWAS. She is survived by her husband, Larry Petersen; daughter, Julia Petersen and her family; and daughter, Laura Petersen and her family. Gifts in her memory support the Gallaudet University Museum Fund for the Class of 1959 or charity of choice.

## **Welcome New Staff**

ADWAS has 2 new staff members. Welcome to Kim Nungesser, our newest Transitional Housing Program Advocate, and Kellie McComas our Community Advocate.

## **Thank You to Our Starbucks Volunteers**

Thank you Marthalee Galeota for coordinating volunteers Sally Eckert, Imran Sheikh, Carlos Rustia. Thanks for bringing your creative spirits to ADWAS and helping us to create bookmarks for the retirement party.



## 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) 726-0093 or [adwas@adwas.org](mailto:adwas@adwas.org).

## ADWAS Board

Rob Roth has recently joined the ADWAS Board and has assumed leadership as the Board Chair. Other board members include: Melissa Wood Brewster, Liz Gibson, Paul Glaser, Kyle Houston, Shannon Murello-Plyler, Katie Roberts and Jojo Sullivan.

Thank you to Lindsay Klarman and Estie Provow for their board work. ADWAS says goodbye to Lindsay and Estie as they transition off the board. We thank them for their commitment to this community and this important work.

## Hotline Information

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

IM: ADWAS Hotline

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

Video Phone Only for Deaf Callers:

(206) 787-3224 Hours 9:00AM - 5:00PM PST

(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...

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