

# Newsletter

#### abused Deaf women's advocacy services

## February 2012

### Message from the Director

Welcome 2012! Last year was a huge year full of transition ~ I arrived in time to celebrate ADWAS' 25 years of service in the community and the retirement of the Founder/Executive Director, Marilyn J. Smith after 25 years of her leadership.

Moving forward, 2012 looks to be another exciting year. We continue to have dedication from our board, staff, advocates and leaders in the community. The board and staff will be working together on creating a 3-year strategic plan making sure that the programs and services continue to be relevant and accessible to the community we serve. If you would like to provide input, you may contact me at Tiffany@adwas.org.





Pictured: Past Board President, Robert Roth, Tiffany S. Williams, and Colette Ogle, The ECF Grant Administrator

## **Playground Opening**

The end of the year brought the opening of our new playground area providing the children in our Transitional Housing Program a safe place to 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 (ECF) of Boeing Puget Sound provided the capstone gift that completed the fundraising effort.



#### Events to come, Save the Dates!

Details will be sent later but put these dates in your calendar now:

ADWAS STRENGTH AND COURAGE LUNCHEON, Bell Harbor ~ Friday, April 20th

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PLAY PERFORMANCE, Rainier Valley Cultural Center Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st, 7:00 PM

ADWAS HOPE AND JUSTICE AUCTION, Red Lion, 5th Avenue ~ Saturday, October 20th



#### Visit

Richard Ladner (ADWAS Advisor and Donor) brought his sisters, Jennifer Sonneborn and Suzanne Ladner Boesen, to show them ADWAS and the new playground. They are shown here in front of a childhood photo of their family displayed in the Children's Room.

If you would like to come by for a tour of ADWAS or the new playground, contact Carol Brown at Carol@adwas.org or (206) 726-1346.

## 2012 ADWAS Board Members

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