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The year 2006 brought two important milestones to ADWAS: celebrating its 20th year and officially opening “A Place of Our Own” in late August. This new four-story facility is located in the beautiful Maple Leaf neighborhood in Seattle and houses the ADWAS staff offices, a community conference room, a classroom, youth and children’s rooms, nineteen fully-furnished transitional apartments and a library/community gathering room specifically for transitional residents.

By the end of December, all the apartments were occupied with the YWCA coming on board to assist us through 2009 as we take on the new role as landlord. This experience has been both challenging and gratifying. Our facility is a national model and one we hope will be replicated elsewhere.

Shortly after the move we learned that our application for transitional housing direct service funds through the Office of Violence Against Women under the U.S. Department of Justice was accepted and ADWAS was awarded $350,000 for three years. This allows us to offer a variety of services to families in residence so they are better able to prepare to transit to permanent housing down the road as well as heal from their domestic violence experience.

Community building is also a priority for ADWAS. During 2006 we hosted two leadership retreats in an effort to build community capacity in the Greater Puget Sound region, especially among young and emerging Deaf and Deaf-Blind leaders, thanks to funding from the Ford Foundation and the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C.

On a national level, ADWAS hosted the third Justice for Deaf Victims National Conference with nearly all our sister agencies represented. Three new communities joined during 2006: Wisconsin, New Mexico and the Tampa Bay area of Florida. With our capital campaign finished, we are now able to refocus our efforts to the ADWAS national replication project.

I believe the Christmas Story in this annual report best exemplifies all the work we do. I thank each and every one of you for all you have done to address the complex issue of violence against Deaf people and towards creating a more peaceful and just world for our community.
It is with a huge sense of accomplishment that we moved into the new building last fall. At the grand opening, I could hardly believe the day had arrived! As I looked around and thought of everyone who had participated in the capital campaign and building of “A Place of Our Own,” I marveled at what a small group of people can do.

Charity truly begins at home; if we in the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community can’t take care of our own, then who can? Seeing one of the new families that had just moved into one of the new apartments, I was struck by the truism of that saying. Knowing that this mother and her child could be confident in their communication and environmental needs being met allows them to start on the path to healing.

It is no small thing that each apartment is equipped with alert devices, that the staff are all fluent in American Sign Language, and that the residents are treated as residents and not as though they are living in a halfway house. After all, these women are grown and seeking a helping hand, not to be carried.

The Board is now starting to think about what happens next. After the hard work of the last 3 years, we are savoring the success and seeing how our roles should change with the new housing above us. Naturally, there is some thinking about securing the future of ADWAS and its new housing even further. The capital campaign built a foundation that ADWAS can build on for generations to come; to secure that with an endowment fund would be the best gift we could all leave for ADWAS and the Deaf and Deaf-Blind women and children we serve.

But… that’s a bit later. For now, let us all enjoy the success of the last 3 years and the beauty of the new housing and offices of ADWAS.
Ending violence in the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and hard of hearing community is a priority in the Seattle area. I know this because of the financial investment made by donors on a local, regional and national level to “A Place of Our Own.”

During the capital campaign we met generous people, corporations and businesses, many of whom were present on September 7th for our grand opening. Our excitement on opening day was highlighted by a $10,000 donation from HomeStreet Bank. A large contribution from Washington State Association of the Deaf capped off our campaign.

There have been heroes throughout the years and our sincere thanks go out to them for their efforts:

Richard Ladner and Elise Holliday led the steering committee.

Ellen Ferguson lent her expertise providing guidance and connections in the philanthropic community.

Peter Anderson of Jones Marketing stocked the kitchens with dishes and utensils.

Homestead Capital helped finance the project.

Volunteers from Washington State Association of Interior Designers donated their time to create interiors that make the new building feel like home.

Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority pledged $50,000 at a time when funders were unsure if we had the capacity to support a capital campaign.

Our Maple Leaf neighbors who endured the construction and welcomed us into the neighborhood.

Survivors who gave their names and appeared in newspapers and on the news when the media wanted to make the ADWAS story more personal.

As ADWAS grows, the Development Department takes on new tasks. One of the tasks involves supporting the board during the annual auction. Future plans include enhancing relationships with our donors and the addition of more annual events.

I would also like to thank the board for their leadership and the volunteers who offer so much to our community.
On December 25th, Amanda (not the client’s real name) and her small children came to the ADWAS Transitional Housing Program to rebuild their lives after enduring emotional and physical abuse. Amanda was incredibly brave.

Not knowing if someone would be there to meet her, not knowing how to get to ADWAS (much less how ADWAS could really help or what Transitional Housing meant) she packed up what she could and hoped for the best. Everything was completely new to them. They were walking into the unknown.

Exhausted after her long flight and trying to manage small children, Amanda wept with relief when she saw her advocate waiting at the airport to take their family to a new home.

When they finally arrived to their apartment Amanda wept again. But she was weeping for joy. A Christmas tree was there to greet them. There were presents under the tree and food in the cupboards and fridge. Hot chocolate and cookies were waiting on the table for them.

One of Amanda’s children asked, “Is the Christmas tree ours? Is this apartment ours?” Yes, it was. All of it was theirs. Thrilled, the children unpacked immediately and made their brand new beds with brand new sheets.

They opened their presents with glee, drank their hot chocolate, and ate their cookies. Finally they went to sleep in their very own beds on Christmas night after being homeless for the past year. Finally safe at home. Finally in a place of their own.
A Day with an Advocate and Client

It’s 8 am on Monday morning when the community advocate arrives at work and discovers Jana and her 2-year old daughter Hannah sitting anxiously in the waiting room. They proceed into the advocate’s office where Jana tells her story of 8-years of abuse including intimidation, physical threats, and verbal cruelty. At the hands of her abuser the violence escalated from verbal cruelty to kicking, pushing, and slapping, to even pulling her out of a moving vehicle in order to prevent her from leaving.

The community advocate asks Jana what she wants to do and provides her with a variety of options. Jana says she does not want to go back home and needs a safe place for both she and her daughter to stay. The advocate explains how to get a protection order, which is a civil court order that the victim must request from the court to protect her from her abuser. Since American Sign Language (ASL) is her native language, she needs the advocate to assist with translations of instructions and forms. Filling out the required paperwork takes all morning. A call to the courthouse is next in hopes of scheduling an ASL interpreter for an afternoon hearing.

If all goes as planned, after lunch, Jana and the advocate arrive at the courthouse where the ASL interpreter is waiting. She meets with the judge and explains the abuse and answers all the questions via the interpreter. The judge grants her request for a temporary protection order.

Jana and her advocate stop at the local police station near her house to show the protection order. The police accompany her to her house on a 30-minute standby providing police protection while she and her daughter collect personal belongings and important documents.

It is 5 pm by the time they return to the shelter. The advocate supplies her with blankets and food then schedules an appointment for the next morning to continue working on helping Jana stay safe and assisting her with the transition of moving out of her violent situation.

This is a typical day for ADWAS advocates serving Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Our advocates provide information and options, assist with development of a personal safety plan and deal with the medical and legal systems. Our advocates empower Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims to break down language and cultural barriers, teaching them about victim’s rights and the rights of Deaf people to have interpreters and fair access to all systems.

The ADWAS Advocacy Department consists of two Transitional Housing Advocates, two Community Advocates, one Mental Health Therapist, and one part-time Children’s Advocate for residents of the Transitional Housing. Program services are free of charge and available to Deaf, Deaf-Blind or hard of hearing victims and residents of King, Pierce and Snohomish County.
A Place of Our Own

Casey Huang and Lynn McBride, Mithun Architects

Each building that Mithun designs is intended to work with each individual client’s needs. The unique needs of the users of this facility helped focus the design direction and provided a background for design decision making.

The Mithun team was committed to ADWAS’s mission - the first facility in the country intended to help families in Deaf and Deaf-Blind communities provide safe housing for battered women and their children. Working closely with ADWAS, we were able to think creatively about the programmatic needs of such a complex and how the mission could help determine the design. It is part of Mithun’s mission to contribute our talents to improve the community we live in, and we were proud to be asked by ADWAS to be a part of their project.

The facility was specially designed to meet the access needs of Deaf and Deaf-Blind residents, staff and volunteers incorporating many special features including: open design, open sightlines, TTY systems, light systems to indicate ringing doorbells, telephones, and fire alarms; a specially designed security system; contrasting paint colors and textures needed for signed communication, and floor patterning in the carpeting to assist in way-finding. An exterior quiet garden was designed with fragrant plantings and a tiled “texture wall” that provide alternate sensory experiences for those without hearing or sight.

The design incorporates sustainable building practices that will help ADWAS save money on energy costs including having a compact building footprint and maximizing space efficiency, maximizing the use of natural daylight, using ultra-efficient insulation, using low flow plumbing fixtures, as well as having native and drought tolerant plantings.

Also important was how the building was integrated into the existing neighborhood fabric. Being the “newcomer” on the block, it was important to Mithun and ADWAS that the building helped reflect the character of the neighborhood. Artists were commissioned to design special pieces integrated into the building façade, the exterior trellis and gates, and the interior building signage.

The most memorable part of working on the project “A Place of Our Own” was working with the extraordinary people that make up ADWAS. It is such a wonderful organization, and the work they have done is remarkable. This project is really a milestone for ADWAS and a testament to their strong leadership and desire to be great stewards for the community. We were proud to be a part of the project and to have the pleasure of working with such outstanding people.
An ADWAS Timeline

1986 — Today ➤

In 21 years, ADWAS has gone from a financial base of $4,000 to over $1 million. ADWAS has grown from one staff person to eighteen. There are twelve board members. The majority are Deaf, and no interpreters are used unless a member is Deaf-Blind. Since services began, there have been over 1,000 cases. Over 22,000 people have received education and training. The ADWAS office is phone-accessible by TTY only. It is also accessible for hearing people who do not have a TTY by calling the WA State Telecommunications Relay Service.

2002 ➤

The Donor Development Coordinator becomes the staff person for the Capital Campaign.

2001 ➤

ADWAS hires its first Donor Development Coordinator to expand its capacity to secure donors from the hearing community with no affiliation to the Deaf community.

2000 ➤

ADWAS applies for and receives a grant from the national Doors of Hope Foundation to establish a national coalition of the 15 replicated organizations and ADWAS.

1996 ➤

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.

1996–2003 ➤

ADWAS provides victim services to 900 abused women and 20,000 people have benefitted from our training and education program.

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1990 ➤

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1988 ➤

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1985 ➤

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1986 ➤

Program expanded to provide training to Deaf-Blind victims of abuse with on-site services for Deaf-Blind parents learn and use positive relationships. By 1994, the Education and Training Institute is operational.

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### 1985

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.

### 1986

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

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 one-to-one therapy services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of abuse. ADWAS is the only agency of its kind in the United States.

### 1991

ADWAS develops an Education and Training Program and hires their first Education Coordinator. Initially, the educational focus was on the Deaf and Deaf-Blind communities. By 1994, the Education and Training Program expanded to provide training to professionals and consulting with individuals and organizations throughout the United States.

### 1994

ADWAS applies for and receives its first funding from United Way.

### 1995

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.

### 1998

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. Thirteen of these new programs are currently operational.

The Children’s Advocacy Program is developed and begins providing services to abused children and children of abused adults.

### 1999

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

### 2003

The Executive Director of ADWAS, Marilyn J. Smith, is selected as 1 of 17 individuals (out of 1,300 nominations) to receive the Ford Foundation’s prestigious “Leadership for a Changing World” award. ADWAS is awarded $100,000 (to be used for the housing project).

ADWAS is awarded a contract from the National Domestic Violence Hotline to manage the 24/7 Deaf Abused Hotline accessible via TTY to all 50 states.

### 2004

May 14: Marilyn Smith receives an honorary doctorate from Gallaudet University, in Washington D.C. at its graduation ceremony.

### 2005

August 30: Construction begins on “A Place of Our Own.”

March 28: Ceremonial groundbreaking at the property site - 88th and Roosevelt.

### 2006

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