



Note from the Executive Director, Tiffany S. Williams

Happy New Year! I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you and for your amazing support and belief in ADWAS. As we look forward into the new year, I think about the some of the highlights from 2013:

- We hosted our first men's retreat as part of the Engaging Men Project
- Completed 2 week long summer camps – one for Deaf children and one for the children who live in our housing
- The parenting program hosted a nutrition and cooking class in partnership with Cooking Matters through Solid Ground
- First Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event – a nationwide march to stop rape and gender violence
- ADWAS had a bike team participate in the Cycle the WAVE (Women Against Violence Everywhere)

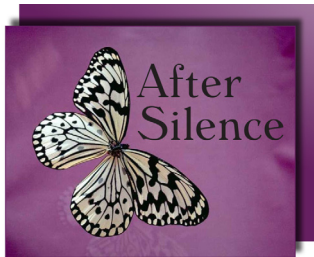
We've also had some staff changes. We would like to thank Kay Amos and Napal Tesfai for their years of commitment working at ADWAS. Both have chosen other job and school endeavors at this time. We wish good luck to both of them!

Thank YOU to all of the volunteers and donors to our agency. **You are so important to us and instrumental in addressing violence in our community.**

Spread the Love Event ~ February 22nd 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Free admission and fun for all ages!

Healthy Communities Family Fun Day! Play games and enjoy activities hosted by local Deaf organizations. And don't miss out on the chocolate! It's being held at the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club located at 4916 S. Angeline Street. If you would like to request a DeafBlind interpreter, please let Anna know by January 21st. Her contact information is: anna@adwas.org. Interpreters will be available throughout the event to provide communication support between Deaf and hearing attendees.



After Silence ~ A confidential support group for Deaf sexual assault survivors

Have you ever had sex that was forced or out of fear or pressure? Maybe you've had sex with someone and you're not sure if it was consensual or not. At the end of January, a support group will be starting. You are not required to share your experience. The group will meet in a confidential location. If you want to discuss whether this group is for you, please contact Dov at dov@adwas.org or (206) 512-8528. Dov and Tiffany Cassner will be facilitating the group.

Turning a New Leaf ~ A support group for Deaf survivors of domestic violence

Here's a chance to talk about legal rights, healthy relationships, and a way to gain friendships. There is no deadline to RSVP for this group. Refreshments will be provided. If you need childcare or a DeafBlind interpreter, please let us know. Contact frannie@adwas.org, (206) 212-1243 or dov@adwas.org, (206) 512-8528 to RSVP for the group.



AUCTION ... Save the Date

As you plan your new year, make sure to put the auction date in your calendars – November 1st, 2014.

Did you know January is:

*Stalking Awareness Month – visit www.victimsofcrime.org

*Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month – visit www.notforsalecampaign.org

If these are things you don't know much about, now's a great time to learn more about these issues.

Newsletter

National Deaf Hotline Information

If you need help, contact us by any of the following ways:

IM: DeafHotline

Email: Deafhelp@thehotline.org

Video Phone: 1-855-812-1001

(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
(206) 812-1001
24-hours - 7 days a week

REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT
by signing up to receive the latest news via email. To do so contact Carol Brown at Carol@adwas.org or visit our website www.adwas.org to opt-in.

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



Office Hours

Monday through Thursday:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed 12-1 for lunch)

Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (closed 12-1 for lunch)



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.

- 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