Mission Statement

Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services empowers Deaf and DeafBlind survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment to transform their lives, while striving to change the beliefs and behaviors that foster and perpetuate violence. We provide comprehensive services to individuals and families, community education, and advocacy on systems and policy issues.

Vision

ADWAS is striving towards a healthy community that is free of violence and oppression.

Core Values

Being Deaf-Centered: ADWAS acknowledges its unique and valuable position as an organization run by and for Deaf people. We center our work around a Deaf perspective, creating deep cultural and linguistic capacity for all members of Deaf communities. We recognize the intersectionalities of identities within the Deaf and DeafBlind communities and create fully accessible services.

Dedication: ADWAS is committed to excellence in all the work we do to end violence in the community. We are invested in working with survivors to recognize their own power while bringing our whole selves to the daily work and to the movement. Survivors’ experiences are paramount in shaping our daily work as reflected by our policies, practice, and programs.

Social Justice: ADWAS recognizes that the liberation of any people is tied to the liberation of all people. We acknowledge the multi-layered inequality driven by oppression and privilege – both systemically and socially. We further acknowledge that this results in divided communities and increased violence. We embrace the richness that comes from operating in solidarity with members of marginalized communities.

Confidentiality: ADWAS is committed to ensuring safety and self-determination. We understand the privilege that comes with access to highly sensitive information. With the information ADWAS holds in confidence, we respect people’s ability to make informed choices about the sharing of their own information.

Integrity: At ADWAS, we expect honesty from ourselves, our work, and each other with grace. We ensure congruency between our words and actions while we acknowledge both the intentions and the impacts of our actions.
Current Leadership

Staff
Libby Stanley – Executive Director
Lore Ameloot – Advocate
Morgan Breese – Therapist
Paula Clark – Program Director
Heather Daley – Hotline Advocate
Wilma Dennis – Advocate
Nancy Edney – Children’s Advocate
Megan Erasmus – Hotline Coordinator
Misty Flowers – Finance Director
Linda Goldman – Positive Parenting/Shelter Coordinator
Marie Goodman – Hotline Advocate
Emily Leary – Office Manager/HR
Luce LeBlanc – Program/Development Assistant
Olivia Mackey – Hotline Advocate
Kellie Martin – Hotline Advocate
Jeniffer Morales – Advocate
Dawn Ovesen – Facilities Maintenance Staff
Jory Pedersen – On-Site Support Staff
Ruan Poindexter – Hotline Advocate
Christopher Samp – Development Director
Kellie Shapard – Property Manager
AJ Williams – Children’s Advocate/Prevention
Dov Wills – Therapist
Jimel Wright – Outreach Coordinator

Board of Directors
Liz Gibson, Board Chair
Karen Carlson, Finance Chair
Richelle “Richie” Frantz
Cristina Peterson
Annette Quiroga
Dawn Rose
Reggie Scott

Advisory Group
Anne Baldwin
Richard Ladner
A.P. Hurd

Do you have leadership, accounting, or fundraising skills you would like to share with the community? Consider joining the board of ADWAS! For more information, contact adwas@adwas.org.
Dear Friends:

Changes can be great, easy, and quick; they can also be difficult, hard, and slow. Changes can be welcoming or unwelcoming. Facing change is also a journey within itself. Those who undertake such a journey experience growth in many ways. I can relate to this with transitioning into my role as Executive Director. I feel honored to continue as a part of the ADWAS team in a higher capacity. I am always learning many new things and am grateful to the support I have received during my journey.

ADWAS is undergoing a major change as well. The hotline service has been expanded to full time capacity, operating at 24/7. This experience is quite new for everyone involved, and 2017 has been a period of adjustment and structure refinement.

We here at ADWAS can visualize different opportunities of how we can continue to grow and evolve. We can see some expansion of services for survivors and their children. We can see sustained involvement with the community.

We are especially thankful for our generous donors, and the community support we have received throughout this change-filled year. Thank you to all who make this possible: the survivors, volunteers, staff and donors. We are forever grateful for your support.

Libby Stanley
Executive Director

Elizabeth Gibson
Board Chair
Patty Liang is the Executive Director of Deaf Spotlight in Seattle, WA. She oversees artistic and cultural programming to support the Deaf artists and their work. At the same time, through her efforts, she cultivates opportunities for the Deaf community to embrace and celebrate the arts. Patty pursued a BFA in Ceramics from the University of Washington, and a MA in Nonprofit Management for the Arts from New York University. She believes that everyone has the innate ability to create and can express their stories and thoughts through the arts.

Thank you, sponsors!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers!

We would like to recognize these wonderful volunteers who have contributed their time and support to ADWAS:

Marla Albitz  
Christina Carpenter  
Mikaela Francis  
Linda Goldman  
Google volunteers  
Rosie Koppelman  
Marie Massena

James Massena  
Joanna Normandy  
Chris Opie  
Samantha Porter  
Sonya Rawson  
Olivia Richardson  
Melissa Russell

Emma Stapp  
Beth Stratton  
Katie Sullivan  
Jacalyn Swanson  
Kurt Swanson  
Elaine Sweeney  
Brianna Voight

Elizabeth Woods  
Jonthan Woods  
Watson

Our volunteers are so important to us! If you would like to volunteer for future ADWAS events, please email: adwas@adwas.org.
ADWAS Community Partnerships

ADWAS Staff members engaged with communities close and far. Here are some examples below:

• Volunteered at the Seabeck Retreat for DeafBlind adults sponsored by the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind.

• Partnered with the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind’s DeafBlind program to receive and provide cross-training with ProTactile and Consent Boundaries.

• Continued partnerships with local agencies to provide and receive training included the Northwest Justice Project, Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence and the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

• Went to Youth Leadership Camp to provide a workshop about Consent and Healthy Relationships, given by AJ Williams. Also, staff had a process circle to talk about active listening and support for campers.

• Attended several conferences: National Deaf Black Advocates, Deaf Women of Color, Deaf Women United and Council de Manos to advertise ADWAS and the 24/7 National Hotline.

• Participated as panelists and guest speakers at the University of Washington and Washington School for the Deaf.

• Collaborated with the Seattle Public Library to show a film screening, “The Mask You Live In,” and a panel afterwards with leaders from the Deaf/DeafBlind communities.

• Participated in the CHILL Foundation program where youths learn how to snowboard and skateboard.

• Hosted a Sexual Assault Awareness Month Trivia Game Day for the community.

• Hosted a Trauma Informed Yoga class.

• Offered two weeks of summer camp for youths on site.

• Partnered with Solid Ground’s Cooking Matters to offer a 6 week cooking class.

• Hosted a Star parenting class for Deaf parents.

• Offered an annual Holiday program, “Adopt a Family,” where families we serve are “adopted for the holidays and community members buy needed items and gifts for the children.”
2017 Finances

2017 REVENUE: $1,395,764.00*

- Government Grants: 77%
- Grants & Contributions: 13%
- Fundraising Events: 4%
- Other: 7%

2017 EXPENSES: $1,493,068.00*

- Depreciation: 16%
- SA: 16%
- DV: 66%
- Fundraising: 8%
- Management: 3%
- Training: 2%

*Financial information provided here was derived from the audited financial statements and a copy of the full report is available upon request.

**ASSETS**
- Current Assets: $402,026.00
- Non-Current Assets: $314,055.00
- Property & Equipment: $4,936,921.00
- Total Assets: $5,653,002.00

**NET ASSETS**
- Unrestricted Net Asset: $2,860,962.00
- Temporarily Restricted: $223,737.00
- Permanently Restricted: $60,842.00
- Total Net Assets: $3,145,541.00

**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**
- Current Liabilities: $400,537.00
- Long-Term Liabilities: $2,106,924.00
- Total Liabilities: $2,507,461.00

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets**
- Total: $5,653,002.00
In Memory Of...
Niamh Donovan | Elizabeth Ekle | Pamela Janello |
Donna Mirkes | Connie Murello | Matt Starn

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| Naomi Schwartz | Marilyn J. Smith | Libby Stanley | Tiffany Williams

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If we have inadvertently left off or misspelled your name, please let the ADWAS office know so we can fix our mistake. Our apologies to you for any inconvenience this may have caused.
2016 Auction Donors


Gifts in Kind


Thanks!

ADWAS wants to thank each and every donor. Without your support, we would not be able to provide crucial support services to the survivors we serve.
Legacies

Many thanks to the donors who have already designated ADWAS in their wills:

Michelle DeMey & Derek Pharr
Allie Joiner & Estie Provow
Mark Hoshi
Rob Roth
Marilyn J. Smith & Karen Bosley
Kristy Walker

If you have already designated ADWAS in your will, please let us know. If you would like to have ADWAS added to your will, please e-mail: Development@adwas.org and we will help you with the details.

Leave A Legacy!

By making a legacy gift you are ensuring Deaf and DeafBlind survivors continue to receive critical services. In addition, to making an endowment gift, bequests and planned gifts to ADWAS are a wonderful way to leave a legacy.

While ADWAS needs annual operating support, deferred gifts guarantee ADWAS’ services are available for generations to come.

A charitable bequest is one of the most meaningful legacies you can provide for your favorite organizations and can be an effective way to make a significant contribution that might not otherwise be possible. When planning or revising your will, please consider making a bequest by:

• Specifying a percentage of your estate for ADWAS
• Naming a specific dollar amount to ADWAS
• Giving the residual or remainder of your estate to ADWAS
How To Give to ADWAS

There are many ways to give to ADWAS. If you would like to receive recognition in our newsletter and a thank-you note from ADWAS, please include your full name and address when donating.

1. Donate online through our secure online donation form: www.adwas.org/donate
2. By phone: (206) 922-7088 VP
3. By mail: 8623 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115
4. Workplace Giving Campaigns: consider a gift through your workplace payroll deduction program
   • For Federal Employees – Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #51954
   • For State Employees – Combined Fund Drive (CFD) #0316138
   • For King County Federal Employees – King County Employee Giving Campaign (KCEGP) #9615
5. Pledges: a gift paid over the year(s) and may be made to the General Programs at ADWAS.
6. Stock: securities may be more convenient to donate.
7. Bequests: A gift given through designation in your will.
8. Car donations through Donate for Charity, Inc.
9. You shop. Amazon Gives. AmazonSmile

For more information about how to give, please contact our Development Director at development@adwas.org.
Reach out to us!

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