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From the Desk of your Friendly Neighborhood Executive Director



Here is a fun fact you might not know about me: I'm a birder. Somewhat of a beginner, but a birder nonetheless. I love how birds fly so effortlessly and how their songs soothe. Their vibrant colors and patterns are so amazing; and spotting a new one is a thrill!

I have bird feeders and a bath in my yard. I love creating a habitat in which they can thrive. Not too long ago, we bought a little teal birdhouse. I thought it would just be a cute decoration and nothing more. But then one day while gardening, we noticed

birds checking it out! Visiting several times for a “walk through”. Then a few days later, I noticed a small stick hanging out, and upon further inspection I realized a nest was in progress! At about the same time a new song perked up my ears and I spotted a tiny brown bird singing away in my Birch tree. It turns out a house wren has been setting up shop in the little teal birdhouse. I decided to learn more and was surprised to find that the male creates the nest with great care and then sings to attract a female to see if she likes it enough to start a family.



I haven't learned too much about birds yet, and didn't recall hearing about many males that exclusively builds the nest. This challenged my human norms. Even I still get caught in stereotypes that attribute “nesting” to a mother figure. One imagines planning, careful preparation, and filling a space with physical manifestations of love and hope. Why are these things not attributed to men?

I remember the moment my husband held our son for the first time. How he was instantly transformed. How you could almost sense his heart changing. It's like that phrase, “having a child is like your heart walking around outside your body.” Well, that is what happened. His heart moved entirely outside himself. We do men and boys such a great disservice by minimizing their capacity for love and all the things we see as loving. We deny them their full potential when we don't nurture their natural inclinations toward caring and compassion. We don't see them fully when we don't recognize their hopes and dreams for their own future and the future of their children.

As father's day approaches, let us take time to reflect on the loving actions of the men and boys in our lives. Let's celebrate this as their natural state and encourage their compassionate nature. We believe the world can be a safe place for all because we know that EVERYONE has the capacity for love and kindness.

From Us to You,



Dancing Away Domestic Violence



Our 2nd Annual Dancing Away Domestic Violence Event, held this past Saturday June 11, raised a total of \$5,000, which is over DOUBLE last year's total! We are so grateful for all those that sponsored our event, attended, and volunteered.



Dancing Away Domestic Violence Event is the vision realized of our long-standing board member, Marydale Donald. This event features Line Dancing, Zumba and a new addition this year: Cardio Drumming. When asked what's the driving force for this event? Marydale replied, "So many people, women and men are in need of these services Anew provides and this is where they can find a safe place as they find themselves again. My vision for this event is that it continues to grow, and that more people become aware of Anew and receive all the necessary services. This is a party with a purpose."

We will see you next year!



Governor Pritzker's Press Conference



On May 17th, Governor Pritzker and his team invited Domestic Violence Agency leaders to attend an official press conference to announce the increase funding of Illinois domestic violence services.

The recently passed state budget included funding for domestic violence services at just over **\$70 Million Dollars!** Our funding line has typically been around \$18.6 Million with little increases over many years.

This is a monumental accomplishment. This investment will help address the growing need for services seen throughout the state, amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Everyone here at Anew shouts a huge **THANK YOU** to all who made phone calls and sent emails asking our legislators to support increased funding for domestic violence services.

**Purple Dove Gala
Center for Advancing Domestic Peace**



On Saturday, May 14, Anew was honored at **Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Inc.**'s Purple Dove Gala, with the 2022 Purple Dove Community Partner Award.

The award reads:

Center for Advancing Peace recognizes Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse for 42 years of community service addressing domestic violence is nuanced and requires a comprehensive coordinated response that is family focused, working with the whole family without imposing any one solution, including intervening with the individual who has harmed with a goal to foster safe and thriving families and communities.

We are above and beyond honored to receive such recognition and appreciate the opportunity to have joined you at this year's Gala. The staff had a wonderful time!

Save the Date

KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE

Sneaker Ball



SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 7, 2022
5:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

OLYMPIA FIELDS COUNTRY CLUB
2800 Country Club Drive, Olympia Fields, IL
Tickets: \$75 per person

Grab your kicks and join us for a night of fun, live music, dancing, food, games, and silent auction! All proceeds benefit Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse and our mission to provide comprehensive, coordinated services to families in which domestic violence exists, without imposing any one solution.

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- Safe From the Start (SFS) Project Coordinator
- Bilingual Children's Counselor
- Partner Abuse Intervention Program (PAIP) Assistant
- PAIP Co-Facilitator
- Court Advocate
- Community Outreach Specialist

Part-Time

- Bilingual Hotline and Shelter Advocate

To learn more about what each job entails, visit
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Full time positions are 35-40 hours/week, and are eligible for medical, dental, vision, short-term disability, long-term disability, flexible spending account and our 403(b) Plan. In addition, this position is eligible to participate in our Aflac plans and receive paid time off (PTO) and 14 holidays per year.

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