



From the Desk of the CEO



"In a world where the headlines often weigh heavy, even the smallest celebrations can give us the strength to keep fighting for what matters most."

Today is a celebration here! One of our coworkers will welcome her first child in the coming weeks, and the office buzzes with excitement — decorations, laughter, and the anticipation of good times ahead. I'm grateful we are taking a moment to revel in this joy.

So much of the news I read daily is bleak. I see the values I hold dear diminished and even villainized. I read articles that make me worry about Anew's funding and fear for some of our clients. The humanity of the people I've dedicated my career to helping is being stripped away. The trauma is palpable. And because you subscribe to this newsletter, I imagine you feel some of this too.

It can feel difficult to know how to respond, or even to believe we can change what's happening. But this little event we're having today reminds me why we must keep going. No, it's not a protest or an op-ed. It's not something people outside our office would know about — until now. But it is an act of joy, and joy matters. These small moments give us the energy to show up for the hard work ahead — to attend a town hall, to join an advocacy day, to keep raising our voices.

So this week, I hope you'll laugh out loud a little too long. Hug someone you love a little tighter. These pockets of joy help sustain us, and we need you here — your voice, alongside ours — in the work to secure safety and peace for all.

In Peace,

Jennifer Gabrenya

Our Housing Programs Continue to Help Transform Lives



SANCTUARY'S DEDICATION

EST. 2001



Our official anniversary was July 21, 2025. As we continue to reflect over the last 45 years of providing wrap-around services to survivors of domestic violence, we plan to take several trips down memory lane as we approach our official celebration at the Keeping Dreams Alive Sneaker Ball on Friday, October 3.

Twenty-four years ago, we dedicated our Transitional Housing building--known to most as Sanctuary. Sanctuary is a 10-unit apartment building that supports women survivors and their children. Participants live independently while receiving services such as case management, financial literacy education, employment assistance, budgeting, parenting classes, housing advocacy, and counseling. Participants can live in Sanctuary for up to 24 months, rent and utility free. Our priority is to help survivors never to face homelessness again.

The continued generosity of our funders, individual donors, faith communities and other supporters, helps

ensure that our survivor-centered, confidential, and empowering services remain a lifeline for those escaping abuse and homelessness. Here's just a glimpse of what your support made possible:

Housing Programs

- 14 families received long-term support in our *Transitional Housing Program, The Sanctuary*.
- 16 families secured safe homes through *Rapid Rehousing*.

All housing participants had access to court advocacy, counseling, and personalized case management.

Financial Empowerment

Thanks to a grant enhancing our financial literacy program, participants accessed financial barrier funds and a matched savings initiative:

- 10 survivors joined the savings match program.
- 25 created financial plans.
- 16 achieved personal goals; 10 improved their credit scores.

Lives Transformed

In Transitional Housing:

- 8 participants increased their income.
- 2 enrolled in school or certification programs.
- 1 made the dean's list and earned her phlebotomy certification.

In Rapid Rehousing:

- 4 pursued education or certification.
- 1 purchased her first home after securing a home loan.

This is the power of your support, and we are so grateful to YOU!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!



KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE

Sneaker Ball

CELEBRATING

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025
AT GEORGIOS BANQUETS
8800 W 159TH ST, ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

IT'S TIME TO Lace Up

6 PM
CHECK-IN BEGINS

45

YEARS
OF HOPE IN ACTION

7:30 PM
PLATED DINNER SERVED

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$125 PER PERSON
Dinner, Open Bar, DJ, Dancing, Silent Auction, Raffles

\$150 PER PERSON STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH

[Purchase Tickets!](#)

Job Postings at Anew

Compensation and Benefits are listed clearly at the bottom of each job description. Take the guess out of applying-- Our salaries, wages, and benefits are transparent and up front! Please share with you network.

Positions Updated 5/14/2025

★ **Bilingual Crisis Intervention Advocate**

★ **Bilingual Partner Abuse Intervention Group Co-Facilitator - Part Time**

Anew offers full time benefits including 14 paid holidays; 20 days of Paid Time Off (PTO) annually; medical, dental, vision and life insurance; short-term and long-term disability; and the ability to contribute to our 403(b) plan with 3% company matching. This position is also eligible for Aflac benefits.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please email your cover letter and resume to careers@anewdv.org.

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