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## From the Desk of the CEO

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One of the many reasons I love working at Anew is that we don't just support survivors of domestic violence — we also work to prevent violence before it happens.

Through our Community Education and Prevention programs, we teach children, families, and community members about domestic violence, family violence, and teen dating violence. By building awareness and skills early, we help break the cycle of abuse for future generations. This year, you will hear more from the CEP team through our monthly newsletter in their "Community Education Corner". Make sure to stay tuned!

The **Partner Abuse Intervention Program (PAIP)** is another critical prevention effort that Anew has offered for more than 35 years.

PAIP serves adults who have used violence or abusive behaviors in their intimate relationships. While many participants are referred through the court system, our belief is simple and steadfast: **change is possible**. Research shows that when people who cause harm participate in effective intervention programs, violence decreases and families are safer.

Through this 27-week, Illinois Department of Human Services–approved program, participants are held accountable while learning to:

- recognize harmful behaviors
- understand the impact of their actions
- develop healthier, nonviolent ways of relating to others

The goals of PAIP are to:

- protect the safety and rights of survivors and their children
- hold those who have caused harm accountable
- prevent future violence through education and behavior change

Recently, the Chicago Sun-Times wrote an article on the importance of a PAIP program, interviewing Jennifer Rosenkranz from the Michael Reese Health Trust. We are so grateful to have the continued support of Jennifer and the Michael Reese Health Trust of our Partner Abuse Intervention Program. [Read the full article here.](#)



Pictured above: PAIP Assistant Jazman Alvarez, and PAIP Program Manager Ruben Gonzalez.

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Ending the cycle of abuse is not easy work, but every day I'm inspired by the growth and responsibility I see in participants who choose to do better. Their stories remind me that prevention matters — and that change is truly possible.

If you know someone who could benefit from PAIP, please contact our office at **(708) 964-2205**.

Sincerely,



Kristine Scott  
CEO

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## Community Education Corner: FEBRUARY - TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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As we observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, consider having a conversation with your teens by asking: What is a healthy relationship? Not just romantic relationships -- all of them!

Work with your teen by clicking the image below to take the quiz together. Answer a few questions to learn more about what signs of a healthy relationship might be most important to you and your teen.

### A friend came to you and apologized after an argument, how would you handle it?

Let them know that you appreciate their apology but say you're still processing the argument and you're not ready to talk about it

Let them know anything that is still bothering you

They offer to give you space and encourage you to reach out when you're ready

Tell them it doesn't matter and you're just happy to be friends

Tell them you are glad that you were able to discuss this issue and that everything has been shared

Recognize that you also contributed to the problem and talk about what you could have done differently

Are you interested in booking a speaker?

For your school, workplace, church, family or organizational event and more, we are available to work with you! Click below to sign up for a Community Education Speaker, available to schedule year-round. Limited availability in October, due to Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

[Speaker Request Form](#)

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## Volunteer Appreciation

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# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Last week, Anew hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Anew is so very grateful for those that take the time to support the efforts of Anew and its mission to serve those impacted by domestic violence. We look forward to another year ahead, working together!

## 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 2/11/2026

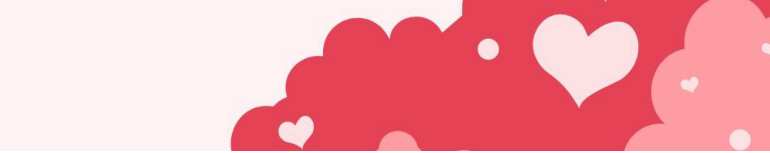
- ★ **Bilingual Case Manager**
- ★ **Bilingual Partner Abuse Intervention Group Co-Facilitator**
- ★ **Director of Counseling**

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](mailto:careers@anewdv.org).

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- HAPPY -  
*Valentine's  
Day*  
FEBRUARY 14TH  
Today we celebrate safe love.



This Valentine's Day, we honor self-love, healing, and the courage it takes to choose safety.

Real love feels supportive, patient, and free of fear.  
You deserve love that lifts you up, every single day.

Sending strength and compassion to survivors and those still finding their way.

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