



From the Desk of the CEO

When I was in middle school, a fight broke out at my family home. I don't remember why. I don't know where I was when it started, but I know there was a knife, a broom handle, and screaming. I ran across the street to call the police. I don't remember if I did this on my own or if someone told me to. I told my neighbor what was happening and asked her to call the police. She handed me the phone, saying she couldn't do that to my mom. So, I called the police and told them about my parents fighting, the knife, and the broom handle.

No one was arrested. No one was harmed. **I was not harmed.**

This memory of mine was unlocked when I looked up the most recent domestic violence related murder in our area after I was asked to write about domestic homicide. This led me to the following case:

"According to prosecutors, McCain's **9-year-old son** told police he was in his room playing video games when he heard gunshots. Police said he ran out to the living room where **he found his mother with a gunshot wound to the head**, and Franklin allegedly standing over her body.

Prosecutors said **the boy called 911**. Officers were unable to get into the house at first because the door was locked, and McCain's son couldn't open it. When they forced their way inside, police said they found McCain fatally shot in the living room and Brown fatally shot in a bedroom.

McCain's **children were not harmed**, but were taken to local hospital for treatment as a precaution." [\[SOURCE\]](#)

Chilling details of Park Forest double murder revealed in court, man charged held in custody

By ABC7 Chicago Digital Team 
Thursday, January 2, 2025



Coleman Franklin will remain in custody after his 1st court appearance for allegedly fatally shooting Sabrina McCain and Lillian Brown in Park Forest.

"*The children were not harmed.*" This is a part of news reporting that I find infuriating.

A 9-year-old who hears gunshots in his house **IS HARMED**. A 9-year-old who finds his mother shot in the head and bleeding **IS HARMED**. A 9-year-old who calls 911 to report the shooting of his mother **IS HARMED**. A 9-year-old who is so shaken he can't manage to unlock the door for officers **IS HARMED**. A 9-year-old who sees his mother die **IS HARMED**.

Minimizing the impact of domestic violence on children is a societal failing. Not only did a person lose their life, but children also lost their mother, their safety, and their hope. This is why Anew exists. Only when our society can fully grasp the deeply devastating generational impact of this trauma can we begin to dedicate ourselves to creating a more peaceful world—one where children don't have to watch their mothers die.

Please join us in educating those around you and leaning on those whose

influence can help raise awareness. No more children need to be in the situation of calling the police to address domestic violence in their homes. Together, we can break the cycle and end violence in our shared communities.

In peace,

Jennifer

National Human Trafficking and Stalking Awareness Month

January is National Stalking and Human Trafficking Awareness month. It is an important time for all of us to think about how we view both the practice of human trafficking and stalking and the intersection -- with domestic violence. Typically, our image of human trafficking and stalking look like is informed by what we see in movies or TV shows, fictional tales and dramas of young women being stalked or kidnapped by complete strangers. However, this image is at best overly gratuitous and at worst harmful to real victims of both stalking and human trafficking.



Did you know?

Forced labor in the private economy generates an estimated \$150 billion in illegal profits per year.

3.8 million adults are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation and 1.0 million children are trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation.

Sources: International Labour Organization, Safe Horizon

Victims of trafficking are more likely to be trafficked by their relatives, friends, or yes, even their intimate partners. It should come as no surprise that the dynamics of power and control are present between traffickers and their victims. Romantic interest is in and of itself a tool that traffickers use to manipulate their victims into both labor and sex trafficking. The cycle of violence is a powerful tool that many traffickers use to keep their victims under their control. According to the Polaris Project, an organization dedicated to eliminating trafficking, 39% of victims of sex trafficking were trafficked by an intimate partner.

Similarly, victims of stalking are stalked by someone they know, this includes current or former intimate partners who make up 40% of stalkers according to the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center. In the context of domestic violence, victims stalked by violent partners report having to make more attempts to separate than victims who were not stalked. Within the intersection of both stalking and domestic violence, intimate partner stalking offenders are also much more likely to physically assault and verbally degrade their partners than non-stalking offenders.



Did you know?

Stalking increases the risk of intimate partner homicide by three times.

31% of women stalked by an intimate partner were also sexually assaulted.

81% of women stalked by a current or former husband or cohabitating partner were also



physically assaulted by that partner.

Source: Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center

As we work to end domestic violence, we must keep in mind the intersections of other issues that can also impact our clients and people in the community. Prominent among these issues are both stalking and trafficking. If you are looking to learn more about trafficking and the effects that it can have on communities, please visit the Polaris Project at polarisproject.org. Also, we at the Community Education Program here at Anew are looking to host a training specifically about both stalking and human trafficking in the future.

Bo Hauptly
Community Education Advocate at Anew

DONATIONS NEEDED



Anew is in need of several items to restock our pantry supplies after the winter holidays.

Please consider donating the following items.

All hygiene products must be full sized, new and unused.

Food donations must not be expired.

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Soap
- Hand soap
- Lotion
- Cleaning Supplies
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5,6 and pull ups)
- Laundry Detergent & Softener
- Female sanitary pads (thin & long)
- Deodorant (male and female)

- Cereals
- Canned Soups
- Pasta (Spaghetti)
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Fruit
- Dry/Canned beans
- Rice
- Juice



Happy New Year, Anew supporters. After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we found that our pantry has been cleared out!

Please consider donating the listed items to help us refill our pantries for clients.

Donations can be dropped off at 18139 Harwood Ave, in Homewood, IL 60430, Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Thank you!

February Sneak Peek:

LOVE DOESN'T HURT

DID YOU KNOW...
**1 IN 3 TEENS HAVE
EXPERIENCED ABUSE
BY A DATING PARTNER.**

**TEENS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 17 CAN
ACCESS CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SERVICES WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.**

NEXT MONTH:

**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.
Contact CommEd@anewdv.org to set up a Teen Dating
Violence presentation for your classroom or group
(ages 13-18), or to receive information regarding
healthy relationships!**

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 1/14/2025

★ **[Accountant](#)**

★ **[Bilingual Crisis Intervention Advocate](#)**

★ **[Bilingual Partner Abuse Intervention Group Co-Facilitator - Part Time](#)**

★ **[Community Education Program Manager](#)**

★ **[Court Program Manager](#)**

★ **[Human Resources & Operations Manager](#)**

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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May this year bring unlimited happiness and
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Sincerely,



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