



From the Desk of the CEO

March is Women's History Month—a time to honor the contributions of women to our history, culture, and society. This month, I want to recognize and celebrate the women of Anew.

Every day, our Advocates, Counselors, Educators, Administrative staff, and Partner Abuse Intervention team members work to make a difference in the lives of those who have been harmed, those who have caused harm, and those working to prevent violence in the first place.

What many people may not realize is that several of our staff members have been with Anew for decades. Their longevity speaks volumes about their commitment to this mission and to the survivors and participants we serve. I have the privilege of seeing firsthand the compassion, empathy, and dedication these women bring to their work—and the real impact it has on the lives of so many.

Because of their dedication—and the support of donors like you—survivors and families are finding safety, healing, and a path forward.

Today, I honor the women of Anew:

Housing Advocates for Transitional Housing
Housing Advocates for Rapid Rehousing
Court Advocates
Family and Children's Counselors
Crisis Intervention Advocates
Partner Abuse Intervention Co-Facilitators
Administrative Staff Members
Executive Leadership Team

Your dedication, expertise, and heart make our mission possible.



With deep gratitude,

Kristine Scott
CEO

Donor/Supporter Survey

Thank you for your support of Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse! We are interested in your feedback as our valued supporters. This will give us important information to help with future engagement and outreach.

Feel free to remain anonymous or provide your information at the end of the survey.



[Complete Survey](#)

Community Education Corner:

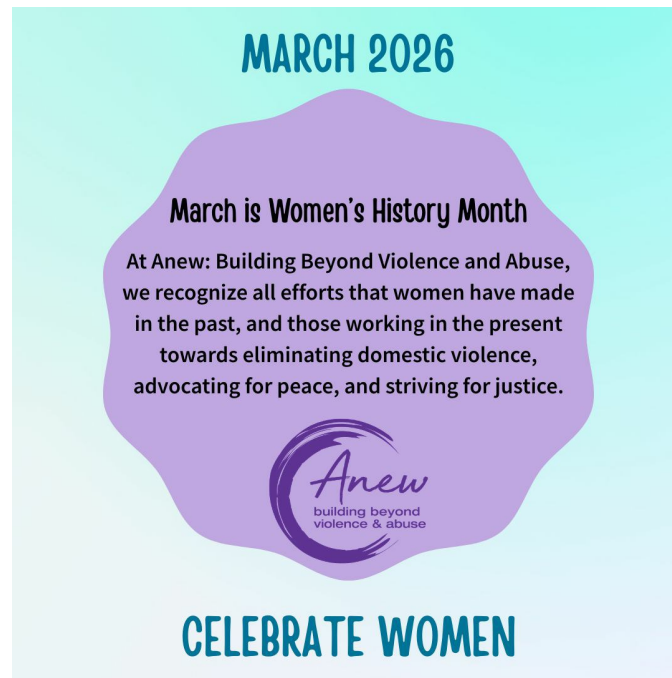
MARCH - Women's History Month

Every year, people around the world celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th to recognize the strides that women have made throughout history to make our countries, municipalities, and communities more just and equitable for all. At Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse, this is especially important for us as we look to honor survivors who have had to take a difficult path towards safety and healing for themselves and their families.

We would also like to recognize the efforts of all the women who work for and with our agency and others that continue to work in the field of domestic violence to make our communities safer. Advocates, volunteers, donors and community partners all have an important role in supporting survivors and challenging systems that allow abuse to continue.

As we celebrate International Women's Day, we invite our community to stand with survivors. Whether by learning more about the realities of domestic violence, supporting local agencies through donations or volunteering, or simply speaking out against abusive behaviors, we all can have a role to play in creating a future where all people can live their lives free from violence.

by Bo Hauptly
Community Education Advocate



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](#)



May 2026

40-Hour Training Schedule

Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse offers Domestic Violence 40-Hour Training. This training provides 40 hours of in-person domestic violence related training in compliance with the Illinois Domestic Violence Act. Counseling and Social Work CEUs are available.

Time	Mon 5/18	Tues 5/19	Wed 5/20	Thur 5/21	Fri 5/22	Tues 5/26	Wed 5/27
9am-12pm	Foundations of DV	9am-1p Counseling	9a-1p Child & TDV	Abuser Intervention	Medical Advocacy & SA	Cultural Humility	Professional Conduct & Wrap Up
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
1pm-4pm	DV Dynamics and Historical Concepts	2p-4:30 LGBTQIA+ Issues	2p-4:30p Substance Use and DV Issues	Legal Issues & Police Response	Crisis Intervention	Survivors of Complex Issues	

This format complies with the Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional Board, Inc.'s training requirements for the CDVP or CPAIP certification.

Contact Susan Soda with any questions at susan.s@anewdv.org

Our next 40-hour Domestic Violence Training is approaching. This training will be in-person only!

This training is recommended for anyone looking to further their knowledge about domestic violence or for those looking to become a Certified Domestic Violence Professional (CDVP) or a Certified Partner Abuse Intervention Professional (CPAIP).

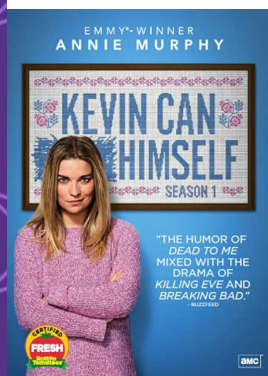
Interested in learning more? Visit our website at anewdv.org/training/ to view the upcoming dates and register today. Still have some questions? Reach out to the Community Education Program Manager, Susan, at susan.s@anewdv.org.

Space is limited, so make sure to secure your spot soon. We hope to see you there!

40-Hour Training Sign-Up

Domestic Violence Portrayed In Media

When the Laugh Track Fades: The Abuse You Don't See
by Rachel Forsyth, Development Director



Last month, I started watching *Kevin Can F*** Himself*, a show that had been out for a while but was new to me. The title alone pulled me in. What did Kevin possibly do to deserve that title? That question carried me through two seasons and sixteen episodes as I uncovered the answer.

The show is brilliantly constructed. Whenever Kevin is on screen, the lighting is bright, the colors are saturated, and the camera angles mimic a classic multi-cam sitcom. There's even a laugh track. In that world, Kevin is portrayed as a lovable, goofy, slightly dimwitted husband getting into harmless antics with his buddies.

His loyal circle—his father, his neighbor and best friend, and his best friend's sister—laugh along with him. The banter is quick, the jokes are constant, and Kevin's wife, Allison, is often the punchline. On the surface, she appears to take it in stride, even tossing a few jokes back.

But when Kevin leaves the room, the sitcom disappears.

The lighting dims. The colors fade. The laugh track is gone. What remains is Allison's reality.



Kevin's saturated sitcom world...



vs. Allison's muted drama.

Outside of Kevin's glow, Allison is deeply unhappy. She is stuck in a loop of cooking, cleaning, and serving a husband who is neither grateful nor reciprocal. "Man-child" feels like too gentle a term. On their tenth anniversary, instead of an intimate dinner that Allison wished for, Kevin throws his annual "Anniversa-rager"—a party designed to avoid being alone with his wife. Even moments that should center their relationship are redirected to serve Kevin's need for attention.

Allison dreams of something different. Since the beginning of her marriage, she has quietly saved money for a down payment on a new home—an escape from their small town and the life that has confined her. She spends afternoons looking at real estate listings, imagining a future that feels hopeful. When she finally shares her dream with Kevin, asking him to support the move, he reluctantly agrees. For the first time in a long time, Allison allows herself to feel optimism.

That hope is quickly shattered. [\[Click to Continue Reading.\]](#)

Donation Needs



DONATIONS NEEDED

Anew is in need of several items to restock our pantry supplies for our clients in need.

Please consider donating any of the following items. Anything will help!

Hygiene products must be full sized, new and unused.

Food donations must not be expired.

 <https://a.co/f1hGUuf>

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9a-4p at 18139 Harwood Ave in Homewood, IL 60430. Call 708-794-2140 to schedule drop off.

Our agency is in need of several items to restock our pantry. [Click here](#) to see our current list of needs.

Donations purchased from our Amazon wishlist will be sent directly to us. If you are dropping off donations to our office, the hours are Monday-Friday, 9am to 4pm, at 18137 Harwood Ave in Homewood, IL.

If you are interested in coordinating a donation drive at your school, place of work, or individually, please reach out to Development Coordinator Rachel Forsyth at rachel.f@anewdv.org.

Amazon Wishlist



Anew is now a charitable partner with Walmart!

Choose Anew as your preferred "Round Up" Charity-- and everytime you shop with Walmart online or on your app, your round up will come directly to us.

[Make us your preferred charity by clicking here.](#)

Share with your friends-- rounding up is an easy way to contribute to our mission to help those impacted by domestic violence. Change will add up quickly with your help!

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 3/10/2026

★ **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.

Please consider supporting Anew with a one-time gift or becoming a monthly donor! Gifts of a minimum of \$10 a month will help stabilize our budget and provide lasting support. Click the button below to donate today!

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