



From the Desk of the CEO

Fall is in the air, which is a season I love. But my excitement for this weather is outdone by the heaviness of our time. Each day a new statement, threat or declaration that goes against our belief that everyone deserves peace and safety.

I happened upon this poem that was inspired by the Uvalde massacre, and it feels appropriate for today. When I don't have words, I turn to photography or poetry. These lines are what I will be holding onto and aspiring for:

May we not just grieve, but give:

May we not just ache, but act;

In Peace,

Jennifer Gabrenya

Everything hurts,
Our hearts shadowed and strange,
Minds made muddied and mute.
We carry tragedy, terrifying and true.
And yet none of it is new;
We knew it as home,
As horror,
As heritage.
Even our children
Cannot be children,
Cannot be.
Everything hurts.
It's a hard time to be alive,
And even harder to stay that way.
We're burdened to live out these days,
While at the same time, blessed to outlive them.
This alarm is how we know
We must be altered —
That we must differ or die,
That we must triumph or try.
Thus while hate cannot be terminated,
It can be transformed
Into a love that lets us live.
May we not just grieve, but give:
May we not just ache, but act;
May our signed right to bear arms
Never blind our sight from shared harm;
May we choose our children over chaos.
May another innocent never be lost.

Hymn For The Hurting by Amanda Gorman



Maybe everything hurts,
Our hearts shadowed & strange.
But only when everything hurts
May everything change.

Community Education and Prevention Program Ready for the New School Year!



Hello! My name is Susan Soda, and I am the Community Education Program Manager at Anew. With the new school year starting, I'm so excited to share with you all of the new programs and events that the Community Education Team has coming up!

This summer we've been hard at work creating new curriculums to provide each grade level with an appropriate age lesson pertaining to emotional regulation, establishing boundaries, maintaining healthy friendships and relationships and more! The intention is that each lesson will build off one another. As students get older, they will receive a presentation from Anew each year, building upon the information they received the previous year. The hope is to build rapport with the students as they grow and provide them with new brand-new content every time we see them.

Listed below are the presentation names with their corresponding grade level:

PreK-2nd Grade – Hands Are Not For Hitting

3rd Grade – Words Are Not For Hurting

4th Grade – Managing Big Emotions & Problem Solving

5th Grade – Setting Boundaries

6th Grade – Healthy Relationships

7th Grade – Digital Boundaries

8th Grade – Bystander Intervention

High School – Teen Dating Violence

Last year Anew provided presentations to 9 schools in the area. This year, we have a goal to double that number! We will be hosting a virtual School Contact Meeting on September 10th to meet with all of the schools in the area to introduce the Community Education team, review the curriculum updates, and discuss how the schools can schedule these FREE presentations! Any school personnel interested in scheduling at their school can visit our website and fill out a Speaker Request Form at anewdv.org/speakers/

In addition to school presentations, the Community Education team is hard at work in the community. The team is currently partnering with Kingdom Church in Park Forest to provide monthly lessons about healthy relationships, digital boundaries, and bystander intervention. We're also gearing up for October, which will include presenting at the Illinois Library Association Conference, collaborating with Governor State University for their Domestic Violence Awareness initiatives, and providing our own trainings throughout the community. On top of that, the team stays busy providing FOUR Domestic Violence trainings per year, and monthly professional training for staff, all while balancing being out in the community at various networking and outreach events.

If you see anyone from the Community Education Team, make sure to congratulate them on all their hard work and dedication this summer and wish them well as they prepare for fall. We can't wait to see what this school year has in store for us!

Keeping Dreams Alive Sneaker Ball!

WE HAVE EXTENDED OUR DEADLINE FOR TICKETS!

There has been such a demand for tickets that we have extended our deadline to **Monday, September 15, 2025**. After Monday, tickets will be \$150 per person and \$1,500 for a table of ten. So don't delay.

We want **YOU** to join us as we celebrate 45 years of providing wrap-around services to survivors of domestic violence and their families! Click the link below and secure your ticket today.

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Sneaker Ball

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YEARS
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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

7:30 PM
PLATED DINNER SERVED

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\$150 PER PERSON STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH

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

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