CAAFA Annual Report

2010

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Our Mission

Empowering individuals, families and communities affected by domestic abuse.

Our Values

- We are dedicated to serving individuals towards living a life free of domestic abuse.
- We are committed to protecting and supporting those affected by domestic abuse.
- We are dedicated to educating our community about the dynamics of domestic abuse.
- We are united in maximizing community resources through the development of collaborations.

Who We Are

The Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFA) is a non-profit agency that has been committed to creating communities free of domestic abuse since 1998. CAAFA's mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities affected by domestic abuse. CAAFA is the only organization providing services for people affected by domestic abuse in Northern Pinal and Eastern Maricopa Counties.

CAAFA's overriding objective is to empower women to lead violence free, self-sufficient lives and to foster emotional well being using a strengths-based advocacy and a culturally sensitive, therapeutic intervention approach. The clients we serve are an ethnically diverse mix of women and children affected by domestic abuse that come from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Domestic abuse is an important issue facing our community today. Nationally, one in three women will become a victim of abuse in her lifetime and domestic abuse is the leading cause of injury for women ages 15-44. Domestic abuse has devastating effects on victims. CAAFA believes that a comprehensive response to domestic abuse through education, empowerment advocacy, appropriate interventions, and community collaboration is necessary to bring an end to domestic abuse.

CAAFA addresses domestic abuse using three innovative approaches – prevention, intervention, and community collaboration.

Prevention:

To meet the goal of ensuring our community has an understanding of the dramatic effects domestic abuse has on children, CAAFA has implemented its Youth Violence Prevention Program. Components of the program include abuse prevention training, parent/school/community presentations, educational classroom presentations, psycho-

educational groups, bullying prevention workshops, youth healthy relationship programs, and therapeutic arts-based activity programs.

Intervention:

Direct services offered to individuals and families affected by domestic abuse include a toll free crisis line, free counseling, domestic abuse support groups, shelter services in our 16 bed safe home, advocacy, case management, legal advocacy, children's services, and domestic abuse education.

Community Collaboration:

CAAFA has developed the CAAFA Safe Home Network, a network of over 125 community partners that actively work together to address domestic abuse in our rural community. Partners represent 16 community entities including law enforcement, behavioral health providers, social service agencies, educators, business owners, media groups, domestic abuse survivors, and others.

General Direct Services Information:

- Shelter capacity: 16 Individuals
- Provided 5,101 bed nights at our shelter, of those 3,367 were beds for children
- Average length of shelter stay: 57 Nights
  Maximum length of stay: No Limit as long as program participant is fully engaged in program
- Provided support group services to over 322 women
- Answered 982 phone calls on our 24-hour crisis line
- Provided counseling sessions to over 233 women and legal advocacy services to 123 women
- Provided domestic abuse and teen dating violence prevention presentations to over 1,800 youth in local junior and senior high schools
- Provided therapeutic children's services to 93 children

Services offered:

- General Advocacy /Case Management
- Legal Advocacy
- Emergency food
- Emergency shelter (hotel stays for emergencies)
- Domestic violence shelter (16 person capacity)
- Public Community Educational Presentations
- Teen Prevention Education
- Crisis hotline
- Support groups
- One on one counseling
- Transportation services (for program participants)
- Community Collaboration Services

Accomplishments

GENERAL

- Non-Profit of the Year Award, Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Rebecca Rios, Ruby Award
- Chief Monahan, Courage of Conviction
- CPR/First Aid Training
- New Direct Services Coordinator, Advocate & Director of Prevention & Community Outreach
- Facebook Page Created
- Volunteer Luau
- National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Fundraisers:

- Big Band
- Birdies for Charity
- CAAFA 5K
- Softball Tournament
- Montesa Fashion Show & Luncheon
- NCT

DIRECT SERVICES

- REAP – Financial planning
- Walk-In Closet organized by Soroptimist
- Safe Home Repairs & Inspection
- Peace Garden enhanced
- Resume Writing
- University of Arizona Extension – Parenting classes
- Gabriel's Angels – Pet therapy
- Provided 289 clients with resource & referral
- Provided 75 women with shelter
- Provided 115 children with shelter
- Provided 5101 bed nights
- Provided 123 clients with legal advocacy
- Provided 322 clients with empowerment
- Provided 41 kids with back to school supplies

OUTREACH

- Monthly section in the Apache Junction Independent
- Our Saviors Lutheran Church Tea Party
- Adelante Juntos Luncheon
- Radio Show
- Provided presentations to 870 adults
- DV Awareness Month

Presentations:

- Montesa
- Weavers Needle Mobile Home Park
- Road Haven
- Apache Junction Victim Services
- Apache Junction Police Department
- Seville Ladies Golf Club
- Phoenix College Social Work Class
- Palma Del Sol East Ladies Luncheon
- First Things First Program
- Summer Institute
- Triple R
- San Tan Chamber of Commerce
- Department of Corrections
- La Siesta RV Park

Community Events/Informational Booths:

- Canyon Arts Festival
- The Center opening
- Lost Dutchman Marathon
- Lost Dutchman Days
- Pinal County Sheriff's Safety Fair
- CAC
- Grand Canyon Coders Annual Seminar
- Resource Roundup
- CARE Event
- Summer Fest
- PCSO Victim Services
- Wellness Expo
- Halloween Festival
- PolarFest

Regular Meetings:

- Battered Immigrant Task Force
- Pinal County DV Coalition
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review
- Apache Junction Drug Prevention Coalition
- Florence Chamber of Commerce
- San Tan Chamber of Commerce
- Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce
- Apache Junction Soroptimist
- CARE Network
- RSHN
- Quarterly Community Justice Meeting
- Quarterly Shelter Director Meeting

CSHN:

- Feb. Dr. Neil Websdale
- April Linda King
- July Bill Hart
- Sept. Community Conversation

PREVENTION

- Served 1808 youth
- United Way Site Visit
- Desert School Site Visit
- 6 Six Week Curricula

Presentations:

- Apache Junction Boys & Girls Club
- Apache Trail High School

Groups:

- STEP – Florence Unified School District
- Apache Junction Boys & Girls Club
- Queen Creek Boys & Girls Club
- Mountain Shadows
- 4 Peaks Elementary
- Summit – Florence Unified School District

Financial Position

CAAFA's overall financial position for 2010 remains strong. With no debt, our fund balance exceeds two months reserves for operation. Also our ability to pay our current obligations from current assets is high with more than five times the requirement. We met our goal of a balance budget for the year which was quite an accomplishment given the cutbacks in our contracts throughout the year. This was due to cutting our expenses, developing new relationships for donated items to increase in-kind contributions, and aggressive outreach to encourage more giving from citizens and support groups in the community. We believe that we are still going to endure more cutbacks in our contracts and the economy will be slow in turning around until 2012. We are planning on another year of a balanced budget. We are hopeful that with continued emphasis on outreach for new partnerships and name recognition that contributions will continue to rise. We will also be applying for new grants and contracts in an effort to maintain our current programs and the increased requests for services.

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**Open Position, Prevention and Community Outreach Coordinator

Heather Dumas, Legal Advocate

Katy Hastings, Direct Service Coordinator

Kim Bolin, Victim Advocate