A Message from Leadership

For the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV), 2016 was transformative. The Coalition worked diligently to build a social change campaign for launch in 2017: Stand Up Colorado! CCADV’s Housing Program was unveiled in April and has already impacted the primary barrier to survivor safety, stability, health and well-being in our state. We wrapped up two successful three-year projects in partnership with rural member programs across the state: the Coordinated Community Response Team and Latin@ Outreach Projects. CCADV’s membership expanded from 73 to 101, the most significant growth in years and an indicator of a healthy Coalition. Most importantly, we created an opportunity for our constituents to once again have a voice in leading the domestic violence movement in Colorado: CCADV’s Survivors Caucus.

In these times, you may feel uncertain about the anti-violence movement’s future and may wonder what we can do to further advance our cause in the face of such division and legitimization of misogyny, rape culture, racism and xenophobia. As compassionate communities who have advocated for years to end violence, it is important to remember that our collective values of respect, equity, inclusion, diversity, integrity, empowerment, and self-determination have not changed. Now is the time to reaffirm our values and grow even stronger as a Coalition.

As a movement rededicated to social justice, we lead with love and compassion, knowing when to lead and when to follow, never letting fear override our determination. The most marginalized among us need us to push forward in a way that acknowledges the inherent dignity and worth of all people, to the last individual! We look forward to challenging conversations, strategizing with you, and boldly growing the role of social change in our Coalition through our Stand Up Colorado campaign and Futures Leadership Circle. We hope you’ll “Stand Up” as a member or supporter in a way that is personally meaningful to you!
Breaking Down Barriers
We all need a safe place to call home, and CCADV is taking action to make a meaningful difference in addressing housing barriers that victims of DV face.

5. Individuals with lived homelessness and domestic violence experience were provided support to share their story as part of a newly developed Storytellers Network. Through sharing their personal experience with homelessness, Storytellers help Coloradans understand that losing a home can happen to anyone and inspire others to speak up and show compassion so we can become a community where we all have a safe place to call home.

1266 Visitors to CCADV’s new Housing webpage, launched in July 2016, for information, research, and resources related to domestic violence and housing and homelessness.

Advocating for Change
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Advancing Expertise
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