A Message from Leadership

What a positive and productive year of transition 2014 was for the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence! In 2013 we truly listened to our Membership, and they now indicate that our new programming activities have added value to anti-domestic violence efforts across the state. As a result, our Coalition is growing and diversifying, becoming stronger and more impactful as we strive to improve survivors’ lives and community well-being around the state.

As we reflect on our 2014 accomplishments, there are a few we are especially proud to highlight. The addition of a Communications and Membership Director position significantly enhanced our communications and capacity building with members. We provided a wealth of new resources and information when we launched our user-friendly website and on demand, state-of-the-art Online Learning Center (OLC). Through our advocacy efforts we helped pass legislation to create new, dedicated funding and incentives for affordable housing development and to establish civil legal options for sexual assault survivors who have a child from the assault. We delivered the highest rated, best-attended Colorado Advocacy In Action Conference yet and rolled out a new Fall Regional Membership Meeting format, providing time and space for members to learn about innovative practices and to engage in rich discussions about the future of our movement. We also underwent a leadership transition when CCADV’s Board of Directors hired a new Executive Director, ending Ellen Stein Wallace’s tenure as Interim Executive Director.

CCADV has turned over a new leaf and is beginning to blossom, in part due to the stewardship of our dedicated Board members. It is an exciting time to lead our growing state Coalition into the future of our movement to end domestic violence. CCADV Staff and Board are looking forward to engaging in fresh ways to build relationships with Membership, connecting them to the expertise of their colleagues, and providing opportunities for expansion of their knowledge and skills for addressing domestic violence. In 2015 we begin a ‘brown bag’ discussion series, will add several courses to our OLC, develop a new directors’ orientation and mentorship program, and will host our 4th annual Colorado Advocacy In Action Conference.

We are also thrilled to explore a statewide domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and action campaign and ways to promote and support innovative models of housing and advocacy for survivors. Because the issue of domestic violence reached an unprecedented level in the public consciousness and dialogue last year, we believe we are at a pivotal point in the domestic violence movement and look forward to new opportunities.

Will you join us in our work to inspire Colorado to end domestic violence?

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