



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Our mission is to end the incidence and trauma of domestic/intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and child abuse in North Lake Tahoe and Truckee

On October 16th, I wrote a blog in response to #metoo that dominated my social media feed. ([Read the original blog post here.](#)) I felt that as a male Executive Director of a domestic and sexual violence organization, and the first male Executive Director in the organization's 32-year history, it was a teachable moment. And it turns out it was and continues to be.

In the three months since that initial post by Alyssa Milano, #metoo has exploded with support as sexual assault and harassment survivors continue to speak up about their personal experiences. The #metoo movement has prompted other platforms like social, gender and racial justice to provide a safe place where individuals (and industry's) can be heard and supported without judgement, bias, or fear of backlash. The #itstime speech by Oprah Winfrey at the Golden Globes on January 7th empowered so many.

As North Lake Tahoe and Truckee's domestic and sexual violence prevention organization, we feel that national attention of #metoo, #itstime and other platforms have signified an important shift in our social conscious. The topics of sexual assault, harassment, inequality, and violence are no longer issues and topics that will be swept under the rug. #Metoo has brought these and other topics to the mainstream, and often to our dinner tables, and we want to know how you feel about that. We want to make sure that your voice is heard and that you're feeling supported. We would love the opportunity to provide a safe space where our community can come together to have meaningful dialogue and to lend support to others. If this is something that is important to you, and if you would like to participate at some level, please email safe@tahoesafealliance.org.

Thank you for your support.

With respect,
Paul Bancroft, MA
Executive Director

The Significance of the Time Person of the Year

February 2018

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



We are so happy for our advocate CoCo who is the winner of [The Auto and Tire Doctor Holiday Car Giveaway!](#) Just mere days before Christmas they came and surprised him in front of his peers. He was nominated by his manager for being a bright light and positive male role model for women and children living in the Safe House. Well deserved indeed. To read the article

in Sierra Sun [click here](#)

Educator



On Wednesday, December 6, Time Magazine announced the Time Person, or in this case persons, of the Year 2017. "The Silence Breakers" include activist Tarana Burke, who began #MeToo campaign ten

years ago, Taylor Swift, Ashley Judd, Rose McGowan, Megyn Kelly, Terry Crews and all the other individuals that spoke about their experiences with sexual violence. The women and men behind the #MeToo campaign created dialog around the injustice of sexual violence and harassment. As an employee at Tahoe SAFE Alliance I work end to end sexual violence not only in my work, but also in every aspect of my life. However, throughout my time as an activist, it has become apparent that not all share my passion to end the power imbalance that contributes to violence in our society.

When Alyssa Milano began this discussion in early October, there was an explosion of not only support, but courage, from other survivors to speak up. This created a conversation that carried the topic of sexual harassment and assault to our dinner tables. A topic that is traditionally pushed under the rug during a gathering is now dominating the conversation. This is what our country needs to fuel our fight to eventually end sexual violence. This is not just an issue for those who have survived sexual assault or harassment, this is an issue that involves each and every one of us. We need to bring these topics of injustice into our conversations when our friends, family, or someone in our community asks, "How do you feel about all these allegations coming forward now?" or "What is your experience with sexual harassment?" This is our opportunity to be upstanding citizens, to continue the conversation and talk about the repercussions of allowing sexual harassment to go unnoticed.

To read the full blog post [click here.](#)

One Billion Rising Flash Mob and V-Day Promote Gender Equality and Justice in North Lake Tahoe and Truckee

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of The Vagina Monologues, Youth at Truckee High School are participating in a number of outreach activities in North Lake Tahoe and Truckee.



For the 4th year-in-a-row, youth in Teen Peace Project will be participating in a One Billion Rising Flash mob for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. These youth are part of a leadership club facilitated by Tahoe SAFE Alliance. The One Billion Rising campaign started based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped in her lifetime. These youth will rise for justice on Wednesday February 14th at 4:00 pm in downtown Truckee. If you want to RISE join the movement; <https://www.facebook.com/events/166991864075266/>

In addition, on Friday February 16th, the Teen Peace Project, in conjunction with Tahoe SAFE Alliance, will hold a special performance of The Vagina Monologues.



The monologues are episodic accounts of different women's experiences with gender violence, assault, harassment.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



This holiday we were overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation for such a caring community. Beauty for Butterflies, Liberty Utilities, Truckee Police Department, Mountain Hardware, Tahoe Forest Hospital District, Squaw Valley Chapel, RockWood Tree Service, Ruffles and Ruffnecks, Dina Marshal and Jay Margulies, and Arnie Lopez adopted families in the Residential Program and donated beautiful gifts. We are so thankful for those who have helped make the 2017 holiday season a little bit brighter.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Father Daughter Dance
NEW DATE: Saturday, April 28, 2018!



Golf For Survivors!
Monday, July 16th!

Check us out on:



consent, and other experiences. This will be a special evening of gender empowerment and justice!



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Charles Isherwood of The New York Times called The Vagina Monologues "probably the most important piece of political theater of the last decade." In 1998, Enslar and others, including Willa Shalit, a producer of the Westside Theatre production, launched V-Day, a global non-profit movement that has raised over \$100 million for groups working to end violence against women and girls through benefits of The Vagina Monologues.

For more information about the play and to purchase tickets [click here](#).

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

2018 Theme: *Healthy Me, Healthy We!*

(Originally posted at breakthecycle.org)

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month has always been driven by young people, and this year was no different. The activists in Let's Be Real, Break the Cycle's youth movement, wanted a theme that spoke to the importance of realizing how amazing each



person is as an individual. In abusive relationships, you are often told that you are not good enough, prevented from spending your time or energy on things that matter to you, and made to feel like you are unworthy of love.

The members of Let's Be Real want the 2018 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month theme to remind each and every one of you that you are good enough, you deserve to spend your time and energy as you wish, and you are ALWAYS worthy of a love that builds you up - especially love from yourself. When we take time to cultivate healthy love for ourselves, we can bring those positive attributes and healthy love to all of our relationships, including those with our family and friends.

Find Your Self Love Slogan. Great Exercise For Any Age! Positive affirmations help you focus in on the things you love about yourself.

Use our video quiz to jumpstart your self-love journey and find an affirmation that speaks to you. Then, take time each morning to look in the mirror and repeat the phrase to yourself.



What's Your Self-Love Slogan?

Volunteer Opportunities

A call to male volunteers! The Community Education and Prevention Program is currently seeking positive male mentors to co-facilitate Youth Empowerment Boys Groups this school year! The commitment is approximately 2 hours per week, and the option to volunteer at a school most convenient for you is an option! See attached job description for more information. Completion of the agency's Crisis Intervention Training is a prerequisite. Commitment to the whole group is preferred, but willingness to participate in one or two sessions as a guest facilitator or speaker is also an option. Make a difference in the lives of the youth in our community! [Download the job description!](#)

Interested in Volunteering? [Contact Dawn Harris by sending her an email here!](#)