



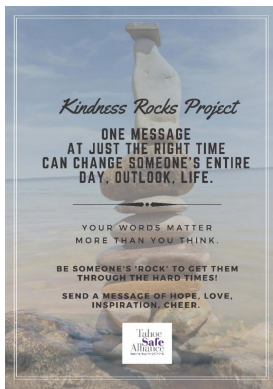
COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

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

Kindness Rocks Project Spreads Messages of Hope, Love, Inspiration & Cheer

Summer is here which means we are busy with outreach and tabling events as a way to connect with our community. Tahoe SAFE Alliance will be participating in four Truckee Thursday's this year and has launched a 'Kindness Rocks' project.

We are encouraging community members to spread messages of inspiration, hope, love and cheer to anyone who might need it. We believe that a message at just the right time can change someone's outlook on their and life. At Tahoe SAFE Alliance, we know all too well that everyone at some point in their life needs someone or something to be their rock to get them through the hard times.



Rocks will be collected and at the end of the project and placed in the garden at the shelter. To participate, please stop by our booth at Truckee Thursdays on August 9th and at Sierra Sotheby Realty in downtown Truckee on August 16th where we will be their featured non-profit! We are also looking for volunteers to staff the table. For more info email dawnh@tahoesafealliance.org

Tahoe SAFE Alliance Shelter Adds Pet-Friendly Space

Currently, only 2% of domestic violence

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Karlah Ramerizez-Tanori , Direct Services and Prevention Director

"I am thrilled to join Tahoe SAFE Alliance as the new Direct Services and Prevention Director. I bring extensive knowledge on grass roots community organizing and program development, specifically addressing gaps in services for rural communities. My most recent experience includes providing training and technical assistance regarding intersections of violence within Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee communities for the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. I am passionate about social change and look forward to contributing to Tahoe SAFE Alliance's vision of a violence free community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect."

Currently only 3% of domestic violence shelters in the U.S. accommodate pets, making it difficult for victims of family violence to leave an abusive situation. In many cases, victims who are fleeing a domestic violence relationship are forced to stay to protect their pets or must choose between their own safety or their pet's safety.

In 2016, Tahoe SAFE Alliance hosted it's first pet at the shelter and now, thanks to a \$3,500 grant from the Lahontan Community Foundation Fund held at Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation, the shelter received improvements to provide a more pet-friendly space for four-legged members of community member's family.

We would like to thank the Residential Program staff and recognize the in-kind donation from Westwood Construction for their part in the project. Staff spearheaded this project because they strongly believe that pets are a big part of our families and play an important role in our emotional and physical health. Having pets at the shelter will help lessen feelings of isolation and loneliness that survivors of all ages may experience.



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Luis Carrillo, Prevention Educator

"Hello, my name is Luis Carrillo and I've been a Truckee/Tahoe local since 2008 moving from Los Angeles CA. You know what they say, almost everybody that lives here isn't originally from here! I currently reside in the beautiful bustling town of Truckee CA with my girlfriend and 5-year-old daughter. I joined the Tahoe SAFE Alliance team because I am passionate about being involved in a wonderful organization that is making a positive impact in our community. I believe in the philosophy that violence is a learned behavior therefore it can be unlearned and prevented through education, advocacy, and having every one engaged in our cause."

Local Family Hosts Annual Dinner Cruise Fundraiser *Raises \$108,000 for Under-Funded Programming*

On June 7th local family Keith and Kristen O'Donnell hosted 60 guests on-board the Historic Tahoe Gal for an evening of awareness, education and fundraising. Guests were treated to an amazing dinner prepared by Personal Chef Yorkey amongst the spectacular back drop of a sun setting over the West Shore of Lake Tahoe.



Thanks to the generosity of three local families who put up a \$45,000 match, guests responded by donating more than \$108,000 to under funded programming for the year ended June 30th and to help with expenses related to the move of the Truckee office to a more safe office environment.

We would like to extend gratitude to Keith and Kristen O'Donnell, the match donors and all guests who attended, as well as Larry Boerner, for donating The Gal, Chef Scott Yorkey, Emcee Tim Kelly, our special guest who bravely told her story of survival and empowerment, and all of our staff who volunteered their time to support fundraising efforts.

Special Thanks!

Alibi Ale Works
BSM Consulting
Experimental Aircraft Association
Incline Village Rotary for choosing Tahoe SAFE Alliance to be a beneficiary of their 1st Annual Golf Tournament
Sierra Pacific Coffee and Twisted Tree
United for Action collaborative partners
Westwood Construction

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New Truckee Location:
12313 Soaring Way, Unit 1B
Truckee, CA 96161

Tahoe Chocolate & Wine Festival Turns 30! *Denim and Diamonds Theme Dresses Down Dressing Up!*

On Friday, November 2nd, the Tahoe Chocolate & Wine Festival will bring supporters together for a Denim and Diamonds celebration to honor survivors of violence and abuse. Guests will dine on decadent chocolate creations prepared by local chefs, sample boutique wine, and bid on tantalizing items in a silent and live auction. All proceeds support local survivors and programs. Tickets will go on sale September 5th.



Volunteer Opportunities

Summer Outreach

Summer outreach includes Truckee Thursday's and we need volunteers to staff the Kindness Rocks activity. Dates are August 9th and August 16th. To volunteer email dawnh@tahoesafealliance.org



Safe House Maintenance

We are looking for a few handy individuals to help clean and perform minor repairs to the shelter. Some of the work includes tightening faucets, replacing or fixing appliance lights, fixing a door latch, installing cable in bedrooms, tile repair or replacement and more. For more information email lizeth@tahoesafealliance.org.

Fall Crisis Intervention Training!

This Fall 2018 we are holding our Crisis Intervention Training at Sierra College Tahoe - Truckee Campus through their Community Education Program. This course will be 69-hours starting on September 11th, 2018 through October 31, 2018. Class days will be Tues, Wed, Thurs from 9am- 12:15pm. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in contributing to our Helpline Program to attend this training. If you are interested, please email Andrea Chapman andrea@tahoesafealliance.org for more information.

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