



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

Letter from Executive Director

As we move into 2019, we have many accomplishments to be proud of from last year. Growth was a big theme this past year at Tahoe SAFE Alliance. We became a staff of 26 passionate, bright and committed individuals. Our budget broke the \$2M mark and we had our most successful year to date fundraising. And because of our solid financial situation, we decided to commit half of our year-end appeal donations to the victims of the Camp Fire. I am proud to say will be presenting a check to the North Valley Community Foundation for \$10,000.00! We feel that it was the least we could do help support our friends and neighbors in Paradise who are devastated by the fire.

We are pleased to report Truckee staff moved into a larger, safer office (and now we are only 2 blocks from Red Truck!). In addition, we are grateful to have received another Resident Grant from the Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation which allows us to continue providing critical services to people in Nevada. We are blessed to be able to call the D.W. Reynolds Non-Profit Center "home". On the California side, we continue to be supported by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation and the Community Collaborative of Truckee Tahoe in strengthening our collaboration and integrated services with some of our key partners in California.

I am excited for what is to come in 2019. We have some big projects in the works like expanding our legal services thanks to a new grant from the California Office of Emergency Services, and deeper mission integration with some of our key partners. We look forward to another year working with our volunteers and supporters towards fostering violence-free communities and providing meaningful trauma-informed services to those who need them. These integrated services and the impact on community members lives are highlighted in our newly released Annual Report. [You can download it here!](#)

Thank you, dear reader, for your support and believing that every person has the right to live a life free of violence and abuse.

Paul Bancroft, M.A.
Executive Director

Join Teens, Community for Flash Mob February 14th

February 2019

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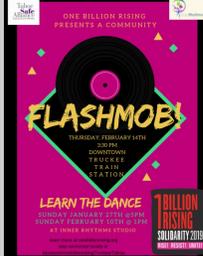
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Thank you to all of the local businesses and individuals that adopted families in our programs this past holiday.

These families were blessed with kindness and love from the community - which embodies the spirit of Christmas. Thank you to Ace Mountain Hardware Truckee, Arnie Lopez family, Patagonia Reno, Severson Family, and Truckee Police Department volunteers.

You are invited to rise, dance and show your support for the 1 Billion women, teens and girls around the world who are raped and beaten in their lifetime. Our Teen Peace Project is participating in One Billion Rising and showing solidarity for the global movement by holding a Flash Mob in downtown Truckee on Thursday, February 14th at 4:00 pm.



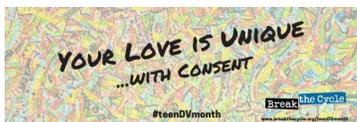
This will be the seventh year of One Billion Rising; for all seven years Tahoe SAFE Alliance and our community has risen, danced and raised awareness about the injustices of violence against women and individuals. We encourage everyone of all ages to come out and get involved. We will be busting a move from Debbie Allen's Choreography "Break The Chain". You can find music, video and Break The Chain sheet music [here](#).

Teen Peace Project is also collaborating with local dance studio InnerRhythms Dance to help those that want to learn the basic moves of the simple yet powerful dance. Here's the schedule: Sunday, January 27 at 5:00 pm and Sunday February 10 at 1:00 pm. The dance studio is located at 12047 Donner Pass Road, Ste B6 in Truckee.

To stay informed check out the local One Billion Rising Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/onebilliontruckeeatahoe/>

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month which was officially recognized by congress and dedicated under President Barack Obama in 2010. In his Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month Proclamation



President Obama called on all Americans "to stand against dating violence when we see it." At a time when an estimated 1 in 10 teens will experience dating violence we all must take this opportunity to amplify our efforts and shine a spotlight on this important issue.

Tahoe SAFE Alliance is facilitating a number of youth activities during February including showing solidarity for One Billion Rising through a Flash Mob on February 14th in downtown Truckee. Furthermore, the week of Feb 4th - 8th the agency's youth led Teen Peace Project will be partnering with the Truckee High School wellness center to conduct a DIY stress ball event. Every day during lunch students can come into the wellness center and create their own stress ball. We will be talking about how releasing tension from our life can help create positive and healthy connections with our friends, peers and relationships.

This year's Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month theme is "Your Love is Unique...with Consent." Teen DV 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 the differences in relationships, young love, and boundaries. Members expressed that, *your first loves sets you up for the rest of your life, and it's how you learn to define relationships.*

In support of the theme, Tahoe SAFE Alliance staff will be wearing orange on February 12th, which is "Wear Orange 4 Love Day." We encourage you to do the same and post a selfie of yourself with #orange4love #teendvmonth #keoptahoesafe.

There are many great websites designed for teens and parents on the subject. We recommend [loveisrespect](#) and [breakthecycle.org](#).

Ski Tahoe Fundraiser Benefits Child Survivors of Abuse and Families in North Lake Tahoe and Truckee

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Elsie Paniagua, Front Desk Crisis Assistant and Helpline Coordinator

Hello, my name is Elsie and I was born and raised in Tahoe. I am currently working to go back and finish school. My Major is Sociology because I have high hopes and dreams to give back to my community. I love and am very passionate about my community. Since I have been working at Tahoe Safe Alliance I have gained a lot of knowledge that I have incorporated into my job position but also in my personal life. I am excited to keep learning and continuing to be part of this agency and continuing to serve our community.



Monse Torres, Bilingual Family Advocate

I have been a Tahoe local for 21 years. I love swimming in the lake, and love adventuring into the many hiking trails. I have been working with non-profit agencies for the past three years where I have learned to appreciate the dedication that is given to our community. I'm so grateful to be working with Tahoe SAFE Alliance, an agency I have admired for years. I'm so glad to be part of a dedicated team making a positive impact on our community. During my short months of working with the agency, I feel like I have been impacted in positive ways, seeing many things I wasn't aware of before. I enjoy participating in the growth and knowledge of our community and volunteer with other local organizations. I look forward to the many accomplishments I will achieve working with Tahoe SAFE Alliance.

SAVE THE DATE

Tahoe SAFE Alliance is a proud recipient of a Vail Resorts EpicPromise Grant. The grant includes in-kind support from Vail and Northstar for programs and services that provide safety and promote healing to child survivors of abuse and their families. The grant includes donated lift tickets to support the agency's annual Ski Tahoe fundraiser. One hundred percent of all proceeds support local programs. Tickets are priced at \$129 and can be used at any domestic Vail-operated ski resort including Heavenly, Kirkwood and Northstar, Vail, Breckenridge, and Park City. Tickets can be purchased at tahoesafealliance.org. The tickets have no blackout dates or restrictions and are valid for the 2018-2019 ski season.



**10th Annual Father Daughter
Dance
Saturday April 27, 2019**

Check us out on:



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Tahoe SAFE Alliance Expands Legal Program

We are excited to report that Tahoe SAFE Alliance was awarded its fourth grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). Previously, we held three grants from CalOES for domestic violence, sexual violence, and child abuse. Our new grant is focused on holistic legal services for survivors.



This funding will allow Tahoe SAFE Alliance to greatly expand its legal services by offering referrals for conflict resolution, court and document preparation, and legal representation. Additionally, the funding will support further legal training for our advocates and consultation with an immigration specialist. We are finalizing the details of the award but are excited to be able to offer these enhanced legal services. Contact Kristy Oriol, Grants Compliance Coordinator, with any questions at kristy@tahoesafealliance.org or at 775.298.0181.

Volunteer Opportunities

One Billion Rising Support

If dancing isn't your style, but you still want to be a part of the movement we have plenty of volunteer opportunities. These include:



- record the dance
- take pictures during the flash mob
- hang flyers before the event
- pass out flyers at the event
- provide information about Tahoe SAFE Alliance at our table during the event

Contact Kassi@tahoesafealliance.org for more information and to sign up for a volunteer role.

Father Daughter Dance

We have a number of ways to support this community favorite event! From event planning to marketing and promotions to event set-up and support we have something for everyone! Contact dawn@tahoesafealliance.org for more information or to get involved today.

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