



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

Greetings!

July 1st marked the beginning of our new Fiscal Year, and with it, an opportunity for us to reflect on our successes and impact in the community. Tahoe SAFE Alliance offers a plethora of services under key program areas so it's always a challenge to sum up exactly what we do and how we positively affect so many lives. So to help us do that, we collaborated with the talented editorial staff at [Reno News & Review](#).

The end result is a beautiful 8-page spread that brilliantly demonstrates how Tahoe SAFE Alliance works towards a future without domestic violence and sexual assault. In July, the supplement was inserted into [Reno News & Review](#), [North Lake Tahoe Bonanza](#), [Sierra Sun](#), and [Moonshine Ink](#). We believe it will be an effective outreach tool for years to come, helping us reach the community at large so that individuals can be better informed, engaged, and empowered to help us create a future without violence. [You can view the electronic version here.](#)

We want to acknowledge the courageous community members who shared their stories -- bared their souls -- so that we could demonstrate the positive work that we do. Part of the healing process is finding one's voice, so we hope that, in doing so, they continue to find peace and heal emotional wounds.

As a supporter of Tahoe SAFE Alliance, this [supplement](#) highlights our services and community impact, which wouldn't be possible without your help, support, and compassion. Thank you!

Warmly,
 Karen S. Carey
 Executive Director

Teens Want a Violence Free Future

The best way to eradicate violence is

to stop it before it can ever happen

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A donation of just \$25.00 helps fund Youth Empowerment Groups in local schools.

We are responsible stewards of your donations. Currently, .82 cents of every dollar supports direct programs.

Employee Spotlight



Paul Bancroft (seated far right) attended the CalCasa Conference last month, an annual leadership conference on sexual assault. The conference was a place to have

transformative conversations and to allow leaders and other

to stop it before it can ever happen. That is the goal of Tahoe SAFE Alliance's Prevention and Education programs, held at almost every school in the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee region.

The focus on Prevention is to teach children what healthy relationships look like and to recognize early signs of violence. Tahoe SAFE Alliance believes this is one of the most effective ways to prevent unhealthy behavior in their peers, families, and themselves.

"We can stop violence at the base of the problem" said Ariana Urena, a member of Teen Peace Project, a club at Truckee High School facilitated by Tahoe SAFE Alliance. "People just having awareness makes a difference," she says. "Parents need to tell their kids how to prevent it, and how to not be the person who commits the act."

Tahoe SAFE Alliance is so thankful for Ariana and other youth in Teen Peace Project who continue to inspire the community to join the cause and work toward a violence-free culture.



Transitional Housing Program Celebrates 6 years Providing Safe Shelter

"Thanks to many generous donors Tahoe SAFE Alliance raised funds to start the community's first Transitional Housing Program six years ago. Launched in July of 2011, this program provides

community members with a safe environment, programs and services that promote self-sufficiency and independence. Transitional housing, sometimes called second-stage housing, is designed as a bridge to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.



Since July of 2011, Tahoe SAFE Alliance has provided housing to twenty six adults and forty two children within the North Lake Tahoe area. These community members demonstrate dedication in getting ahead and a willingness to gain greater self-sufficiency. Through increased knowledge and confidence they have been able to obtain full time employment which allows them the ability to save money and achieve their financial goals. By participating in this program community members and their children continue to receive supportive services such as domestic violence education, case management, legal advocacy, counseling, court accompaniment and access to support groups. Community members are grateful to have a safe place to live and call "my home".

As an advocate working in the Transitional Housing program, I have the opportunity to work with strong, determined community members that will overcome any obstacle set in their path. The individuals that enter the program are chosen for their personal strength and determination."

~ Liz Soto, Residential Program Manager

Staff, Board, and Volunteers Collaborate to Build Agency Capacity

Last summer, Tahoe SAFE Alliance began working with Nevada

transformative conversations and to allow leaders and other attendees to dig deep and use a social justice lens in the movement to end sexual violence. Paul had an opportunity to share his thoughts on what he learned and could bring back to his community to make a bigger impact. The result is a blog titled, [Making the Connections Between Climate Change and Relationship and Sexual Violence.](#) Talk about digging deep! [Read the blog here.](#)

Paul is our Client Services and Prevention Program Director; he recently celebrated 8 years serving the Tahoe SAFE Alliance community. Paul serves on the Board of Directors at California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

Community Spotlight



US Ski Team Champion and Tahoe local, [Marco Sullivan](#), is pedaling to raise money for Tahoe SAFE Alliance.

Sullivan reached a milestone in the 2016 season, starting in his 105th World Cup downhill in Kvitfjell, Norway -- an American Downhill record. He announced his retirement shortly after.

*"Just because I stopped ski racing doesn't mean I'm done wearing spandex. This fall I'll be riding my bike in Levi's GranFondo in support of at-risk youth. Through Levi's GranFondo, riders can raise money for an organization in their own community. I've chosen to ride for **Tahoe SAFE Alliance.**"*

Marco is raising \$2,000. The ride takes place October 1 in Santa Rosa, CA.

[You can sponsor his ride here.](#)

Tahoe Chocolate & Wine Festival *A Modern Renaissance*

TICKETS ON SALE 9/6 at
www.tahoechocolatefestival.org

California and Nevada Resources

[Adventure Risk Challenge \(A.R.C.\)](#)

[American Red Cross](#)

[Family Resource Center- Truckee](#)

[North Tahoe Family Resource Center](#)

Volunteers to be certified as a nonprofit Service Enterprise. The Service Enterprise Initiative was developed in response to a need by non-profits to better leverage volunteers to increase capacity and better meet their missions. Points of Light, a national service organization, in partnership with Deloitte and Touche developed a model to better integrate volunteers and create or improve processes that provide for effective recruiting, management, funding, support, and retention.



In the fall of 2015, Tahoe SAFE Alliance assembled a committee of staff, board, and volunteers who are meeting monthly to work through the '10 characteristics to consistent and critical practices of a nonprofit Service Enterprise.' This past spring they began working on an action plan and the agency will be applying for certification from Nevada Volunteers and Points of Light by the end of the summer.

The agency is already seeing the benefits of its hard work pay off. Last month, several volunteers assisted with projects that addressed the agency's pressing administrative needs. Projects included creating a continuing education resource guide for volunteers, updating our 'children's trivia game' used at outreach events, and creation of a poster on sex trafficking that we are distributing in the community.

Thank you to everyone working on SEI certification and for all of you that give and help where you can. It makes a difference!

Summer/Fall Outreach Activities

Summer is outreach and awareness season for Tahoe SAFE Alliance! We could really use help in staffing our information booth at local events. This is a great opportunity to engage neighbors and visitors in our mission and the value of supporting our organization. Contact [Jessica](#) for event details.



Thurs, Aug 18th: Truckee Thursdays
Shift: 4-6:30pm
Sat, Aug 27th: Peaks & Paws
Shifts: 10:15am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm

Volunteer Opportunities

Calling all crafters, sewers, jugglers, stilt walkers, musicians, poets, fortune tellers or tarot card readers, and Renaissance Faire enthusiasts! The Tahoe Chocolate & Wine Festival will be a modern take on Renaissance and the Committee is looking for individuals to help with decorations (pre-event) and entertainment. Please contact [Jessica](#) or [Dawn](#) if you want to hear more!



Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) is a 69-hour training starting September 7th at Sierra College in Truckee. The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday night with three Saturday

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[Project MANA](#)

[Sierra Mental Wellness Group](#)

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[Violence Against Women Online Resources](#)

[Tahoe Truckee Future Without Drug Dependence](#)

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meet every Tuesday and Thursday night with three Saturday sessions until October 27. [Click here](#) for the class schedule. You can register for the class on the Sierra College website: www.sccommed.org or by phone at 530-550-2225. Contact [Jessica](#) with any questions!

Helpline Crisis Counselors

Children's Program Assistant

Fundraising Committee Members

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