



## 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!

Summer is fast approaching and with it many opportunities to get outside and enjoy all the bounty that is available to us in our beautiful Lake Tahoe and Truckee community.

Tahoe SAFE Alliance was busy this past school year educating youth on healthy relationships, positive communication, empathy, and setting and respecting boundaries. This school year our Prevention Program facilitated 14 girls and boys Youth Empowerment groups with 129 students. We also facilitated 3 school-year long Leadership Groups with 53 male and female teens. **Of course this wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers and financial supporters. Thank you!**

During the summer our Prevention Program team will be providing presentations to camp counselors, businesses, and retooling school presentations for next year. Our Children's Program team will take youth on summer outings designed to build positive coping mechanisms and self esteem. And we will be participating in a number of community events and fairs which afford us the opportunity to engage with community members and spread the word about our services. **These activities all require volunteer support so if you are interested contact [Jessica@tahoesafealliance.org](mailto:Jessica@tahoesafealliance.org).**

Whatever plans you and your family have for the summer we hope its a good one. **Thank you for being our Ally and helping us to keep Tahoe SAFE.**

Warmly,  
Karen S. Carey  
Executive Director

## Two Local Families Host Dinner Cruise in Support of Tahoe SAFE Alliance

On June 2nd local families, Jason & Melissa Green and David & June Joseph, held a

fundraiser on the historic Tahoe Col raising more

### June 2016

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### Your \$25.00 donation at work!

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



"It was very fortunate to have started working at

fundraiser on the historic Tahoe Gal raising more than \$60,000 for under funded programming. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the 55 guests who came out in support of Tahoe SAFE Alliance. Guests took the NO MORE pledge, had a fantastic dinner catered by North Tahoe Catering, and participated in a mini-TED Talk by Captain Rob Leftwich of Truckee PD. He underscored the important role Tahoe SAFE Alliance plays in creating safe schools, families, and communities.



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"I was so pleased by the amount of support for Tahoe SAFE Alliance. The energy on the boat was incredible and inspiring," said Melissa Green, Board President of Tahoe SAFE Alliance. "As a mother of two young kids, I am grateful we have Tahoe SAFE Alliance to help guide families to raise their children to be non-violent men and women."

This is the fifth year that the Tahoe Gal Proprietor, Larry Boerner, has donated 'the Gal' to help Tahoe SAFE Alliance raise money. Larry said, "Tahoe SAFE Alliance provides a critical service and our community would look much different if they were not around. Every year they raise much needed money on the boat and it humbles me that the Gal plays an important role in this. Tahoe SAFE Alliance is a wonderful organization and I look forward to this event every year."

## Pet Therapy Helps Children With Coping Skills

"My name is Judy and I recently volunteered in the Children's Program with Pet Therapy. I'd like to say that I loved working with Tahoe SAFE Alliance. The team leaders were very involved, professional, enthusiastic, and engaging. Some of the kids were tentative at first but the dogs brought them out.

Working with Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe, the dogs used in therapy created a warm, loving, and safe environment for the kids. That made even the most reticent child feel more confident. By the end of the first session everyone was laughing and participating.

Pets are a great way to help children build coping skills, engage with others, and learn to have positive and safe physical contact. I have a daughter that had special needs growing up, and when she bonded with our dog it brought about a remarkable transformation. I believe Pet Therapy can do the same for children at Tahoe SAFE Alliance that are affected by violence."



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## Tahoe SAFE Alliance Welcomes First Pet to Safe

*I was very fortunate to have started working at Tahoe SAFE Alliance 12 years ago. Every day is a learning experience, and often challenges, heart aches and mixed emotions while working with amazing survivors. I see it as a calling! This job picked me, and if in the process I have been able to save one life and return one voice to the voiceless, then my journey is fulfilled."*

Viana Zucchet has served our community as a Bilingual Advocate for twelve years! She received the Employee of The Year Award at the North Tahoe Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Dinner in April.

Thank you Viana for all you do!

## Volunteer Spotlight



*"I am on the board of Tahoe SAFE Alliance because I believe in the organization, support their mission and greatly admire the hard work and dedication of the staff.*

*I have personally witnessed the horrible effects that domestic violence and sexual assault have on individuals. Having the resources provided by Tahoe SAFE Alliance here in our local communities is a huge gift, one that should never be taken for granted."*

Dianne Miller received a Volunteer of The Year Award at the North Tahoe Chamber Community Awards Dinner in April. She was honored for 12 years of exceptional service. Thank you Dianne for all you do!

## Community Spotlight



Transformations Salon is located in Tahoe Vista and owned by Kimberly Smith. We would like to appreciate her generosity and support for our Residential Program! Kimberly donated haircuts and color for the residents in our Safe House for Mother's Day. Kimberly has been supporting our programs and fundraisers for years with gift certificates for her salon's services. Thank you Kimberly for being an amazing local business owner supporting our mission!

# House

This lovely yellow lab is lucky to be the first pet occupant of our Safe House. Doesn't he look comfortable and happy? Pets are an important part of our families. We love them and they love us back unconditionally. They go every where with us....on hikes, to the beach, and on family vacations. So when an individual who is experiencing violence and abuse by a partner wants to get out of the situation, and they can't take their pet with them, often they decide to stay.



Statistics by the nonprofit [Urban Resource Institute](#) report that nearly 48% of domestic violence victims put off leaving because of fear for their pets safety. Currently it is estimated that only 5% of domestic violence shelters across the country accept pets.

Tahoe SAFE Alliance is pleased to be able to offer co-habitation for this community member and her lab. We hope that other domestic violence agency's will open their shelters to pets in order to help more victims find safety.

## Summer 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.

- Friday, June 3rd: The Great Skate
- Thurs, June 23rd: Truckee Thursdays
- Thurs, July 21st: Truckee Thursdays
- Sat, July 23rd: Northern Nevada Pride Fest
- Thurs, Aug 18th: Truckee Thursdays
- Sat, Aug 27th: Peaks & Paws



## Volunteer Opportunities

- [Office Assistance needed in the Incline Village office!](#)
- [Fundraising Committee Members Needed!](#)
- [Helpline Crisis Counselors](#)
- [Children's Program Assistance](#)



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Tahoe Chocolate & Wine Festival

November 5, 2016

6-10:00 pm

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe

### California and Nevada Resources

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

[American Red Cross](#)

[Family Resource Center- Truckee](#)

[North Tahoe Family Resource Center](#)

[Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation](#)  
[Project MANA](#)

[Sierra Mental Wellness Group](#)

[Sierra Senior Services](#)

[Victim Witness](#)

[Tahoe Family Solutions](#)

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