

PEACEWATCH

Center for Domestic Peace Newsletter • Fall 2017

Dear Supporters,

We've reached a major milestone! Our 40th anniversary is here! In the last four decades, we have transformed the lives of so many women, men, children, families in partnership with our community. The work of C4DP is an inspiration in our community and beyond. But today we want to thank you, our community of supporters, who are OUR inspiration.

Leading up to this milestone year, we have expanded and beautified our emergency shelter facility. We went from a 16-bed shelter, which helped some 250 women and children a year, to a 30-bed, newly upgraded and ADA compliant shelter, adding almost 50% more bed space. At the heart and soul of these upgrades was an overwhelming level of community support that made this dream a reality. Our shelter is truly "a house that love built." Thanks to the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, Marin Rotary Clubs, Bothin Foundation, Peter E. Haas Jr. Family Fund, Marin Community Foundation, an additional 51 individual and community donors, and a state capital loan grant, our newly refurbished shelter has never looked better. (*Complete list of donors on back page*)

In C4DP's long history of operation, and as evident by the recent shelter campaign, House That Love Built, we continue to be blessed in so many ways with your generosity.

As you read this edition of PeaceWatch, we ask you to be mindful of the level of community effort that has been necessary to create C4DP's successes. There is no greater truth from our point of view than it takes a village to end violence. For all the ways you have been that village, we are grateful.

Please join us on October 21, 2017 at the Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael, as we gather together over great food, live music, and dancing to celebrate these past 40 years of transforming lives!

Visit www.40thjourney.org for tickets and information.

We thank you, wish you peace, and hope to see you on October 21!

Natasha Singh *Kim Tsuchimoto*

Natasha Singh and Kim Tsuchimoto
Co-Chair Co-Chair



A View from Up on the Balcony

Little did the founding mothers know when they incorporated in 1977 under the name Marin Abused Women's Services (MAWS) that their vision would become the basis for a thriving, life-saving organization. In the words of our champion founder, Honorable Judge Kay Tsenin, "We wanted a place where women could be safe, get the help they needed, and maybe gain the skills necessary to support a living wage."

Over time, we grew this vision, and this vision grew us. Not willing to be idle or satisfied with addressing only the immediate needs of domestic violence victims, MAWS' Board of Directors pioneered ongoing strategic planning processes to generate long-term frameworks for transformational social change. The experience we gained working with more than 210,000 women, children, and men over the past 40 years has deepened our analyses of why violence against women exists and how violence is used by men and women in heterosexual, LGBTQ, and teen/young adult relationships.

During our four decades of ever-expanding and deepening work, we have been at the forefront of developing several groundbreaking programs in the country: transitional housing, teen dating violence prevention training, an intervention program for men who are violent, sector liaisons as part of a comprehensive community response network to domestic violence, and, most recently, intervention and support services for teens and children exposed to domestic violence (a program called *In This Together*).

Our strength and success is attributed, in part, to our core commitment to staying true to our organizational "north star" – being survivor-defined. The experiences of individuals impacted by domestic violence continue to guide us to the next evolutionary step towards fulfilling our organization's purpose. The recent growth and expansion of *In This Together*, for example, can be traced back to what survivors told us they needed: support for healing their relationships with their children, and support for their young teens to learn new ways to build healthy and safe relationships.

In 2010, we changed our name to Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP) because we wanted our name to reflect our vision of transforming our world into a place where domestic peace is possible – and where all relationships and families are healthy and violence-free. As our new services have developed over the past few years, we have witnessed, and are witnessing, a deep healing of families that will forever alter their futures. Kate Kain, Deputy Executive Director, who has been leading the development of these services, said it best: "Our *In This Together* group therapy program for children and their non-abusing parent has moved the needle from families being traumatized by fear and hurt from violence to a place of renewal, trust, and joy. To see the transformation of these children and their parents as they free themselves from the abuser-controlled family system is nothing short of breathtaking."

Our dedication to moving the needle forward these past 40 years has fueled and deepened our capacity and commitment to transforming lives, one individual, one family, and one community at a time. In reflecting on our four-decade long journey of saving lives, we remember all those who have been impacted by domestic violence, whose experiences continue to teach us how to grow a world where relationships based on domestic peace are the new norm. And we thank and celebrate each and every person who has been a part of this journey with us.

Donna Garske
Executive Director

**"It is easier to build strong children than
to repair broken men"**

—Frederick Douglass

CELEBRATING
40
—YEARS—
TRANSFORMING
LIVES

FORTY YEARS.



In 1976, the Marin chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) conducted an investigation of domestic violence in Marin, bringing to light that the police departments had NO records of such in Marin. In response, NOW incorporated Marin Abused Women's Services in 1977 as a tax-exempt 501(c)3 non-profit, and began a 24-hour hotline that received 268 calls the first year.

DECADES OF
TRANSFORMING
LIVES.

TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

1977-1986

1977 Short-term emergency housing was coordinated through private homes and the Marin Housing Center. In 1977 MAWS opened the doors of its first shelter for abused women and their children. One year later, MAWS purchased a facility with a grant from H.U.D.

1980 MAWS secured office space in central San Rafael. By 1983, MAWS personnel totaled 10 full-time and five part-time positions.

- Began one of the nation's first Men's Programs to re-educate men to stop their violent behavior and activated a men's hotline to deter men from engaging in violence.



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1983 Purchased a 10-unit complex to establish one of the nation's first transitional housing complexes for battered women and their children.

1985 Received funding from the California Office of Criminal Justice to develop a curriculum called "Relationship Abuse Prevention Program" and to create a video, "When Love Hurts." Both were one of the first in the nation to address the prevention of dating abuse for high school students.

- MAWS' programs and services received national television and radio coverage. MAWS' Men's Program was highlighted in a BBC documentary.

1987-1997

1987 Began to work with the national domestic violence organizations to draft legislation to protect the rights of abused women and their children.

1992 Transforming Communities: Creating Safety and Justice for Women and Girls was founded. This model program works with the community to end domestic violence through new prevention programs.



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES
Creating Safety, Justice & Equality

1994 Received \$100,000 worth of pro bono services to create an educational video "Beyond Awareness to Action: Ending Abuse."

- MAWS coauthored AB226 which established statewide standards for batterer intervention programs and helped pass the Federal Violence Against Women Act in 1994.

1996 Received the Special Achievement Innovations Award sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the California Department of Health Services.

1997 The Community Oriented Policing Services Project (COPS) was created in partnership with the Marin County Sheriff's Department to implement a more coordinated criminal justice response to batterers.

- Received the 1997 National Marshall Award for Excellence in Violence Prevention.
- California Department of Health Services selected MAWS to establish Transforming Communities Technical Assistance Training (TC-TAT), a statewide technical assistance and training network to foster community prevention.

1998-2007

1998 MAWS employed more than 25 people and the organization’s operating budget approached \$1.9 million. Annually more than 5,000 women, children, and men were served by MAWS, and thousands more through community work.

1999 Through the Office on Violence Against Women, secured funding from The Grants to Encourage Arrest Program, to initiate the Women’s Community Advocacy Project (WCAP), which included a funded partnership with the District Attorney’s Office.

2000-2001 Purchased and renovated the 16,000 sq. ft. A Street location. After moving into it in January 2002, the location was officially named the Center for Safety, Justice and Equality. Space is rented to other like-minded organizations.

2001 Launched WomanKind, a 52-week educational program certified by Marin County Probation for women to learn to stop their violence.

2000-2003 The Healthy and Equal Relating curriculum was developed, test-piloted and launched. 78% of the teen participants did something new to address verbal and/or physical abuse as a result of the information provided.

2002 TC-TAT expanded nationally with federal funding.

2003 After a ten-year collaboration with decommissioned Hamilton Air Force Base, MAWS established 10 units of transitional housing which doubled our housing capacity.

- Gained national attention as the recipient of the Mary Byron Foundation’s Celebrating Solutions Award, honored for the ManKind Program and its work addressing the root cause of domestic violence.

2005 Cofounded and co-chaired bringing the Respect for All Collaborative (RAC) to Marin County Middle Schools. This collaboration of nonprofits works with anti-bullying and violence prevention strategies and programs.

- Formed Athletes as Allies, with the National Football League Players Association Regional Director, to train high school coaches and athletes in our Healthy and Equal Relating curriculum.
- In a two-year span, TC-TAT provided training and support to more than 1,000 faith leaders and prevention advocates statewide, conducted trainings and technical assistance to 14 domestic violence state coalitions, and reached more than 200 people in 8 trainings statewide through the Preventing Violence Against Women with Disabilities project.
- ManKind statistics show that 77% of our graduates on probation do not get re-arrested for domestic violence 4 years after graduation. These are some of the best statistics in the country for Batterer’s Intervention Programs.

2007 MAWS directly supported more than 130,000 women and 28,000 men through their programs, with a budget of \$3.2 million and staffed by 45 employees.

2008-2017

2008 After MAWS’ 30th Anniversary celebration, the organization furthered its goal to increase community engagement to end domestic violence, now and forever.

2009 MAWS received a three-year Recovery Act grant for Second Step to increase economic empowerment for transitional housing participants.



2010 MAWS adopted a new name, Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP), to better reflect the depth and breadth of the organization as a whole.



- Spearheaded formation of the 19-member Bay Area Domestic Violence Shelter Collaboration to have a larger regional impact. The Collaboration went on to implement several innovative projects, and C4DP remained the backbone organization. In 2015, the Collaboration received the Revolutionary Advocate Award from the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

2011 Founded Marin Youth Services. C4DP and its partner Huckleberry Youth Programs (HYP) received three years of funding from the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to develop comprehensive, age-appropriate direct intervention and prevention services for youth and young adults (ages 13-24) impacted by dating/domestic violence. Marin Youth Services includes a youth hotline, as well as high school and college youth advisory committees that produce prevention campaigns to end dating abuse.



2012 C4DP launched a Facebook app and outreach campaign, “DV. It’s Not OK,” to promote healthy relationships and engage the community in committing to the Individual Peace Agreement pledge.

2013 C4DP and the District Attorney’s Office celebrated 15 years of living up to the promise of a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to Domestic Violence, in partnership with government, criminal justice system, and institutional partners. The CCR produced more than 40 changes and additions in policies and responses to domestic violence in Marin County.

- Completed the first phase of the shelter rehabilitation and upgrade project, making it a welcoming, ADA-compliant home with 20 beds.

2014 Received Marin Democratic Party’s Alex Forman Peace Award. While the award is usually given to honorees outspoken against foreign wars, C4DP was selected because peace among nations requires starting with the environment surrounding children and families.

- Launched the Children and Youth Division. C4DP was one of 9 to receive funding from OVW to develop services for children exposed to domestic violence. C4DP created “In This Together,” a group therapy program that served 154 women and children in the program’s first year.

2015 Received the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership’s Heart of Marin Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership.

- Started the final phase of the shelter upgrade project. With a generous gift from Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, and from many community donors, C4DP converted office space into 10 additional beds and built an office studio for staff. In 2017, the emergency shelter grew to 30 beds, increasing bed space by almost 50% over 5 years.

2016 expanded the numbers reached annually through training and outreach by 31% to more than 14,000 individuals in Marin.

2017 C4DP has responded to the needs of more than 181,000 individuals affected by domestic violence, as well as more than 29,000 men who have been violent. The budget has grown to \$3.4 million, with 45 employees and more than 100 volunteers working to create domestic peace in Marin and beyond. TC-TAT has trained more than 5,000 people and 260 organizations nationwide.

24-HOUR HOTLINES

English	415.924.6616
Spanish	415.924.3456
ManKind	415.924.1070
Marin Youth Services	415.526.2557
M-F, 9 AM-5 PM	TEXT LINE



C4DP is deeply grateful for the support of the donors listed below who contributed to the House that Love Built Phase 2 Campaign. With generous startup support from the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael and five Rotary Clubs in Marin, the expanded shelter project is now complete, providing a total of 30 beds, almost 50% more than we started with! We couldn't have done it without you!

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40th Anniversary Celebration

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www.40thjourney.org

415-526-2543

Individual tickets \$140 / Young Adult tickets \$100

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