



# NON-PROFIT *Spotlight*

## A WOMAN'S PLACE

A Woman's Place is celebrating 45 years of advocacy. As the only domestic violence shelter in Weld County, A Woman's Place (AWP) is a critical lifeline for our community. The mission of AWP is **“To shelter and empower survivors of domestic abuse to become safe, secure and self-sufficient; and, through education and collaboration, to mobilize our community to prevent domestic violence.”**

Established in 1978, AWP began as a crisis phone line. The non-profit now operates an 8-bedroom safehouse providing emergency shelter. AWP's free and confidential services include a 24-hour crisis phone line, safety planning, legal advocacy, employment support, housing advocacy, counseling, and emergency financial assistance. During 2022, AWP staff answered 844 crisis phone calls and provided emergency services to 385 clients. In 2022, AWP provided 116 awareness presentations throughout Weld County on Domestic Violence and Teen Dating Violence.

AWP is a Better Business Bureau accredited charity and a United Way partner agency. AWP recently won several awards including the “2021 Platinum Seal of Transparency” from Guidestar, the 2022 Award for “Excellence in Providing Trauma-Informed Services” by the Northern Colorado Safehouse Consortium, and national recognition of excellence as the “2022 Purple Ribbon Award Winner”.

AWP is an inclusive organization assisting all victims of domestic violence and does not discriminate based on gender, culture, race, sexual identity or religious beliefs. Sixty percent of the staff at AWP are bilingual. During 2022, with the help of interpreters AWP provided safehouse services in 9 different languages.

## OUR MISSION

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The success of AWP is best measured by the survivors we serve. Here are some recent quotes (shared with permission):

- ***“Thank you for keeping us safe. Thank you for the school backpacks for my kids. Thank you for the help and for the counseling. Thank you for the inspiration and hope. You have saved our lives.”***
- ***“Never would have thought this place would change my life and help me in so many ways! And I truly appreciate everything you have done for me and my daughters.”***
- ***“I am so grateful for A Woman's Place. I will forever be grateful.”***

Abigale had been married for 12 years the night her husband got drunk and beat her. In the middle of the night, she escaped with her two young children. She didn't have her wallet and they left with only the clothes they were wearing. She called her sister who paid for a hotel for one night. Once the kids were asleep, she called AWP's crisis line and told them her story. The next morning, she and her kids moved into the safehouse. When they arrived, they were all still wearing their pajamas. They had none of their own belongings—no sippy cup, no diapers, no clothes. Abigale was grateful that the shelter had clothes for the kids to wear. She also appreciated that the advocates were able to provide food until payday at work (thankfully she still had a job!) Over the next three weeks, she slowly began to make progress. She bought clothes at a thrift store to wear to work, got the kids enrolled in a new daycare, started counseling, met with a lawyer about custody, and got an apartment of her own. With the help of A Woman's Place, she began to rebuild her life safe and free from abuse.

In honor of our 45-year anniversary, AWP is seeking 45 new monthly donors. Please consider becoming part of this life-changing work. Every dollar helps (the average monthly donation is \$26). Supporting AWP, helps empower survivors to rebuild their lives free from violence.

To learn more about A Woman's Place or donate online please visit

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