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Weld County's only domestic violence shelter celebrates a 45-year milestone and seeks new monthly donors

Greeley, Colo. – A Woman's Place, Weld County's only domestic violence shelter, has achieved a new milestone. This year the organization is celebrating 45 years of empowering survivors in Weld County after starting services in 1978 as a crisis phone line.

In honor of this anniversary, A Woman's Place is seeking 45 new monthly donors to support the organization's mission of empowering survivors and helping them achieve self-sufficiency. In 2022, 385 individuals received safe shelter and advocacy services.

"Over the past ten years, the number of crisis phone calls we receive each year has more than doubled," said Executive Director Diane Heldt. "As the only domestic violence shelter in Weld County, A Woman's Place is a critical lifeline for our community. It is because of the continued support from our donors that A Woman's Place can continue helping survivors rebuild their lives free from violence."

A Woman's Place offers an eight-bedroom safehouse that provides emergency shelter to survivors of domestic violence. Additional services include a 24-hour crisis phone line, safety planning, counseling, legal, housing, employment advocacy, and community outreach.

In 2022, A Woman's Place was awarded the national <u>Purple Ribbon Award for Excellence</u>. The Purple Ribbon Award is an honor "presented only to the best of the best who are making a substantial positive impact on the lives of domestic violence survivors through education, raising awareness, and helping end domestic abuse in a rural area."

A Woman's Place will also host their 4th annual Cornhole Tournament fundraiser on June 11 at Just Us Sisters Event Center, 702 5th Street in Greeley. Team registration is \$60 and available at www.awpdv.org/cornhole-tournament-fundraiser.

"We are grateful for the continued support of so many local business partners and families who have supported A Woman's Place over the past 45 years," Heldt said. "Your support is essential and greatly appreciated."

To support the 45th-anniversary campaign and become a monthly donor, visit www.awpdv.org/donate.

About a Woman's Place

Founded in 1978, our mission is to shelter and help empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe, secure, and self-reliant, and to mobilize our community through education and collaboration to prevent domestic violence. A Woman's Place is an inclusive organization and does not discriminate based on gender, culture, race, sexual identity, or religious beliefs.

More information is available at <u>www.awpdv.org</u>