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# Newsletter

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## January is Stalking Awareness Month

2024 will be the 20th Annual Stalking Awareness Month. This national awareness event was created to shed light on stalking and develop a response team for these crimes.

Did you know that stalking wasn't considered a crime until 1990 when California passed the nation's first law?

In Colorado, the stalking definition is when someone makes a credible threat of harm directly or indirectly (through another person) by repeatedly following, approaching, contacting, communicating with, or watching a person. Stalking is an extraordinary risk crime and is a felony charge.

One of the most known stalking cases in Colorado happened in 2010 when Vonnie Flores, from Leadville, was killed hours after her stalker was arrested for violating a protection order against her. In 2012, Vonnie's Law was passed with the goal to intervene before stalking becomes escalated. With Vonnie's Law, someone who is charged with stalking cannot be released on bond until appearing in front of a judge, possibly delaying their release by a day or two and hopefully prevent other deaths like Vonnie's.

## Hello!

Our staff, board, and volunteers are passionate about the work we do and the people we help. We are so grateful for the support from our community and know we couldn't do this work without you!

Here are a few ways we are thankful this year:

*"I'm thankful for the DV Support Group. It really helped me in my situation and now I get to return the favor for more people."*

*"I appreciate the little notes of encouragement we receive from supporters. It makes my day when I see that our work is being seen in the community."*

*"I'm thankful for the parents and teachers who welcome us into the schools. And for the youth's participation and willingness to learn about healthy relationships and how to help a friend."*

Karen Crabb, LSW  
Executive Director



## Book Corner

Being kind to others can be hard sometimes. Follow a little boy's journey in "I'm (Almost) Always Kind" written by Anna Milbourne and Illustrated by



Asa Gilland. Through some trial and error (and learning that stepping into someone else's shoes doesn't mean you ACTUALLY step into their shoes), he discovers what kindness really means.

This book is a great read for those little preschool readers!



Mark your calendars for Colorado Gives Day and Grand County Gives on Tuesday, December 5th! While the official "day" is a month away, you can start donating now. Visit our Colorado Gives page where you can set up your one time payment or an ongoing monthly payment:

<https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/AVFC>

## Call for Volunteers!

This holiday season, Grand County Advocates is partnering with Mountain Family Center to provide a gift wrapping station at their North Pole Gift Room at the Inn at Silvercreek from December 14-22. It's expected that up to 500 Grand County children will be receiving gifts through this program!

We are looking for both donations of gift wrap, boxes, ribbon, bows, and gift tags and volunteers to help wrap gifts when the North Pole is open.

If you're interested in this opportunity, please email [info@gcadvocates.org](mailto:info@gcadvocates.org). OR click this link [North Pole](#) to sign up for a gift wrapping shift and write "wrapping station preferred" in the comments section.



# Happenings

Find us at these upcoming events!

November 4: 1pm-6pm Fall Mountain Mixer in Fraser

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-mountain-mixer-tickets-733811368557?aff=erelexpmlt>



November 9: 5:30pm-9pm Ladies' Night at Country Ace Hardware in Granby

Click the link for more information and to purchase tickets:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1017520032853004/?acontext=%7B%22event\\_action\\_history%22%3A\[.\]%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/1017520032853004/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[.]%7D)



December 1: 4pm-8pm Festival of Trees at Grand Park Rec Center in Fraser

December 14-22: Gift Wrapping Station at Mountain Family Center's North Pole at Inn at Silvercreek in Granby

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