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Newsletter

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Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign for Youth Launches

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and this year, Advocates will be heading into East and West Grand Schools to promote our new youth campaign, Love Shouldn't Hurt.

1 in 3 adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of either physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner. Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse.

We hope to break the silence through prevention education and access to teen focused resources. Through our presentations we will be providing information about:

- what are red flags in a friendship or relationship
- what are green flags in a friendship or relationship

Students will also be informed about gcadvocates.org that has youth specific resources with local and national contacts.

West Grand Middle School: February 14th

West Grand High School: February 15th

East Grand Middle School: February 20th & 21st

Middle Park High School: February 28th & 29th

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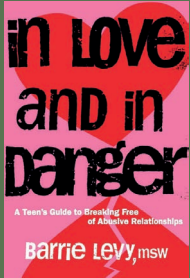
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Many thanks to the **Town of Granby** for supporting this project!

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Book Recommendation



Author Barrie Levy wrote this book with teens in mind. Inside, she provides practical information that teens can use to recognize if a relationship is abusive, suggestions of actions to take, and ideas of how to

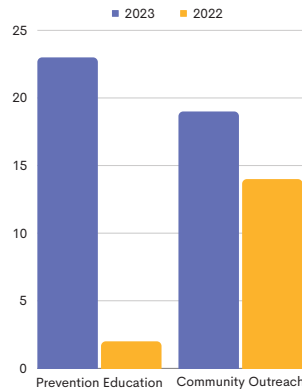
ask for help. Levy has used her background in social work to work towards ending violence by starting domestic violence and sexual assault programs and educating the public through her published books.

This book is also part of the Advocates' book library. Please reach out to info@gcadvocates.org if you would like to borrow a copy.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

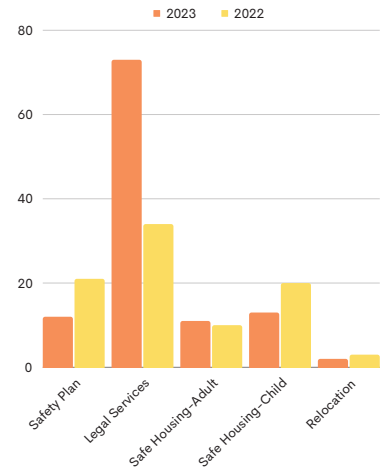
2023 was a busy year for the Advocates! We were fortunate to be fully staffed and maintain eleven volunteer advocates. This allowed us to expand our services to include case management to non-residential clients and prevention education to the middle schools. In 2023, we had 526 calls (48% increase from 2022) and had 103 new clients (12% increase from 2022).

Outreach Events



Client Services

This is just a few examples of the services we provide to clients



"Grand County Advocates have truly been a life saver for me throughout this past year. I found myself in a domestic violence situation that I never imagined possible. They helped me navigate through legal issues as well as providing safety in times of complete fear. They have been a safe place where I am able to listen to and share my experiences knowing that I am not alone."

Special Thank You to our Funders!

We have amazing support throughout the year from individual donations and also from grants from our local and state government. Their financial support helps us with our day to day operations, programs designated for client support, and our prevention programs. This quarter, we received grants from the following government programs:

14th Judicial District VALE Fund
ARPA Funds
Board of County Commissioners
Domestic Violence Program
Emergency Solutions Grant

Town of Fraser
Town of Grand Lake
Town of Granby
Town of Winter Park



Happenings

Find us at these upcoming events!



March 12: 6p-8p

Paint and Sip Fraser Fundraiser

No artistic abilities are needed as our talented instructor will guide you step by step in creating a painted masterpiece with Paint and Sip Fraser. Grab your friends and get ready to have a blast as we provide all the materials you need. All proceeds will go towards our work assisting clients and families who are survivors of intimate partner violence or sexual assault.

For more information or to get tickets, scan the QR Code to the left or go to:
<https://events.humanitix.com/paint-and-sip-event>

April 26: 11a-1p

Grand Beginnings Children's Fair at Sun Outdoors

Join us at the 22nd Children's Fair! This free community event has free dental, hearing, and vision screens for kids, along with games and activities for all ages!

June 8: 5:30p-9p

Taste of Spring at Headwater's Center

We will again be featuring food tastings from area restaurants, beer samples from Camber Brewing Co. along with wine tastings, and a silent auction. Entertainment will be from your favorite local musicians and live auctioneer John Clatworthy.

Tickets for this event are \$90 per person or \$1,000 for a sponsor table. More information will be available in the near future through our website gcadvocates.org. If you are interested in being a table sponsor, please reach out to ebarnard@gcadvocates.org



Save the Date

Advocates' Taste of Spring

Enjoy food, drinks, and live music while supporting our mission to end domestic and sexual violence in our community

SATURDAY

JUNE

8

AT 5:30 PM

LOCATED AT HEADWATERS
CENTER IN WINTER PARK

