



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

we hear you, we believe you  
**WE ARE HERE**



## If you need us ... we are here

### Letter from CEO and Board President

We are reminded every day of the many reasons why individuals do not seek our services, even though they may be living in an abusive relationship or have been sexually assaulted. This is the reason we are focusing on the following message:

**We Hear You, We Believe You, We Are Here.**

It is also the reason we have doubled down on our outreach efforts, working to ensure we have informational posters and shoe cards positioned in as many places as possible to increase the likelihood that someone who needs us can find out how to reach us. We seek opportunities to engage in conversation with individuals about the services we offer and are flexible in how we make those services available, to ensure we create a level of confidence and trust should they ever need us or want to refer a friend or family member.

During the first six months of our recently completed fiscal year (July–December) our crisis line received 2,014 calls, of which 1,447 (72%) were domestic abuse related. During the last six months of our fiscal year (January–June) the number of calls to our crisis line increased to 2,150 with 1,651 calls (77%) related to domestic abuse. This tells us that we are getting the word out that **We Are Here.**

The number of calls to our crisis line also indicates how many individuals in our community need our services—services which are only possible thanks to our generous and supportive community. With your help we can serve more clients as we continue to spread the important message to victims and survivors:

**We Hear You, We Believe You, We Are Here.**



Beatrice Black



Cherie Buckner-Webb

With deepest gratitude,

Handwritten signature of Beatrice Black in black ink.

Beatrice Black  
Chief Executive Director

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Cherie Buckner-Webb  
Board President

# we are here

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# our vision:

To foster a community where individuals thrive in safe, healthy relationships.

# our mission:

Safety, Healing and Freedom from domestic abuse and sexual assault.

## Core Values

*Empowerment—Fostering potential*

*Respect—Recognizing and honoring the dignity of all*

*Integrity—Consistent in word and deed*

## 2,278 People who made a difference

### Book of Gifts

Our Book of Gifts this year is filled with 2,278 special individuals who gave us their time, talents and treasures. It's the book that provides limitless opportunities. The WCA clients, staff and board are so grateful to all of them.

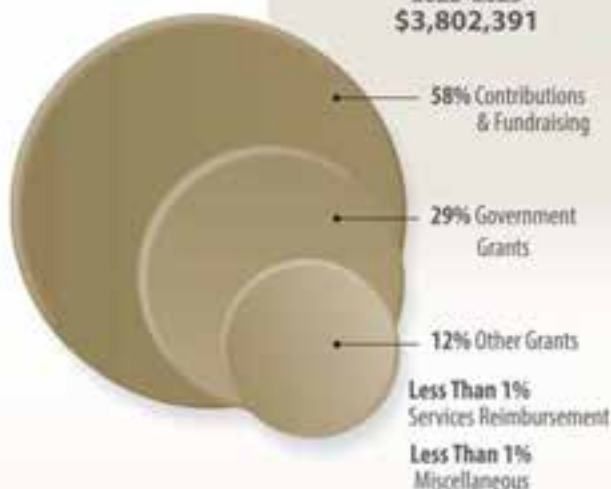
Please visit our website for more information, including the Book of Gifts.



## Financials

### Total Income

2022-2023  
\$3,802,391



### Total Expenses

2022-2023  
\$4,122,774



## hearing you, is believing you



The only thing I knew of the WCA was that years ago, I frequented the Bagel Bakery located in its basement, and there was a beautiful sculpture in front of the building with a stained glass butterfly. Was I in for an awakening!

Later that same week, I stood on the stairs at the WCA building feeling like an impostor because I wasn't in the relationship any longer and still didn't realize that what I'd experienced during my 18-year marriage was, in fact, domestic violence.

As I sat in my counselor's office, we talked about my life during my marriage and what I had been dealing with since I escaped. I asked her, "What's wrong with me? Why couldn't he love me?" My counselor was very blunt as she looked me straight in the eye and said, "I'm going to tell you something that you won't want to hear. HE NEVER LOVED YOU. It wasn't about love for him. For him, it was all about power and control." It was like someone had been

a fly on the wall in my home and done research on my life for the last 20 years. Everything she showed me resonated profoundly with me. I'd lived all of it. I was given more help with my safety plan during that initial appointment; I was assigned a case manager, a therapist, a financial planner, and an attorney for legal counseling.

As I met regularly with my therapist, it came up that while I loved being an elementary school teacher, I wasn't bringing home a big enough salary to support Willow and me and pay child support to my ex-husband, who had physical custody of our older daughter. I told her I could make more money with a Master's Degree in Education but couldn't afford school.

I was told that the WCA worked with a national organization founded by Warren Buffett's sister, Doris. Her program, WISP (Women's Independence Scholarship Program, Inc.), was designed to help women who had escaped abusive relationships gain financial freedom through education.

The skills I learned while earning my Master's Degree in Reading Literacy earned me a handsome salary increase and a teaching position at a highly regarded charter school in the Treasure Valley. Eventually, I weaned off the services I received from WISP and became a confident, independent woman and mom. My life has changed dramatically in the six years since I made that first phone call to the Boise Police Department in 2016.

I'm grateful every day to the WCA and the countless individuals and organizations who work within the Treasure Valley and nationally to provide support and services to people whose lives are derailed and disrupted by the insidiousness of domestic violence. The WCA is a special place, and the people dedicated to its mission are a blessing!

**We listen to your story; we provide the tools that best fit so anyone can build their new journey. At the WCA, We Hear You.**

**we hear you**

## Hotline

The WCA's 24-hour hotline is the crucial first step for people seeking safety. It is a lifeline to many victims and those concerned about someone they love. The hotline is staffed by Client Advocates—specially trained staff members on the other end of the phone, someone with empathy, compassion, and knowledge of various community resources. Client advocates can help with safety planning, resource referrals, and other immediate needs for community members experiencing trauma and needing triage services.

**4,164 hotline calls were answered; 74% were domestic violence-related**

## Court Advocacy

Thanks to a long-standing partnership with the Ada County Court system, WCA staff members walk petitioners seeking civil protection orders through the process before they have a hearing in court. Staff and trained volunteers explain court processes and discuss options, resources and client concerns. Court Advocates offer emotional and physical support in and out of the courtroom. Having a compassionate, knowledgeable advocate lets victims know they are not alone.

**2,219 civil protection orders were filed in Ada County and 84% (or 1,872) of those filed were provided assistance through WCA Court Advocacy**



## Safety Planning

Clients can complete a personalized safety plan with trained WCA staff. Safety planning is similar to having a disaster-preparedness plan in place. Just as families prepare for what to do in an emergency, safety planning prepares victims should they encounter a violent incident and helps them create a safe plan for leaving. Each safety plan is a personalized, practical plan that can help victims avoid dangerous situations and know the safest way to respond when they are in danger.

**1,671 full hearings attended by WCA Court Advocates**

**496 safety planning appointments held**

## we understand your truth

It is interesting attempting to concisely and confidently record the monumental work a human can do when beginning to heal the wounds left by trauma that has been disregarded.

As a clinician, I so humbly walk alongside our clients. This narrative is my attempt to illustrate a snapshot of our clients' incredible resilience.

Chase, a 45-year-old man, connected to the WCA by calling the national domestic violence hotline one night. While fleeing to his bedroom at his home in a panic and locking the door, he frantically called the National Domestic Violence Hotline, pleading for help. At this time, he was directly connected to the WCA, the first time he asked for help in 15 years.

Chase and I met for his first therapy intake. He was breathing quickly and shallowly as he entered the room, stating, "I am shaky. How do we do this?" We took time to breathe and hold space for his bravery in entering the WCA.

This young man began attending weekly counseling from this point on. He had not shared the physical, verbal, and psychological abuse he had endured in his marriage. He doubted himself, fearing that he could not live without his wife, but firmly believed that he didn't deserve any form of the alternative—that he didn't deserve happiness. Chase had been so isolated in his relationship, constantly cycling through his wife's abusive actions, that he felt unseen, unheard.

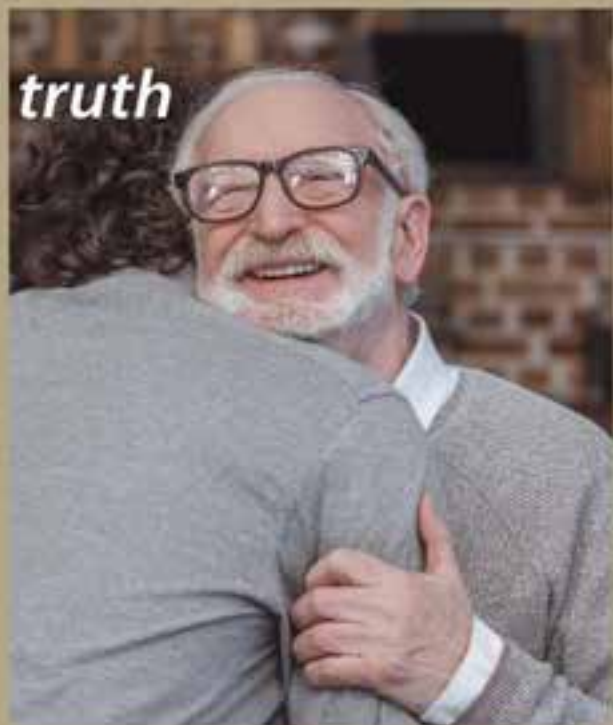
By roughly our fourth session, Chase began to reflect, "I feel like you believe me, which makes me feel like I believe me too." Marking the time of a paradigm shift for Chase. He began to believe that he may not deserve the abuse he had endured. With this momentum, he dove fearlessly into therapy, revealing childhood trauma and identifying current abusive cycles. He began to navigate a territory he had not yet known—the beginnings of empowerment.

This empowerment manifested in many ways; setting boundaries with others, prioritizing self-care (breath work, movement, food), practicing self-compassion, creating a safety plan, asking for help, filing for divorce, and obtaining safe housing. One day Chase came to the session as usual; prepared, reflective, and insightful. But during this session, he had a different intention; he was there to say, "I no longer need therapy. I feel happy. I can do this for me now." Chase left that session, thoughtfully closing a chapter, entirely focused on exploring healing and living for his happiness, which he now genuinely knows he deserves.

Our clinical support and staff support teams are trained to assist our clients who have experienced domestic abuse or sexual assault. At the WCA, We Believe You.

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## Counseling

Individual counseling is available to people of all genders, identities and abilities. In individual counseling, survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse are empowered to collaborate with their assigned clinician to identify goals based on their experiences and hopes. These goals may include increasing healthy support systems, building adaptive coping skills, beginning to process their traumas, learning about setting healthy boundaries or identifying red flags in new relationships. Counseling clients meet on a weekly or biweekly basis one on one with their clinician to process their experiences and move towards healing.

**WCA facilitated  
2,187 sessions of  
adult counseling  
and 354 child  
counseling  
sessions**

## Intervention Approaches

Within individual counseling sessions, clinicians work with clients to individualize the space to meet the client's needs. Clients and clinicians work together throughout the intake process to form counseling goals and build rapport. Clinicians then identify appropriate interventions and therapeutic modalities to best support clients' progress toward their goals. Clinicians at the WCA are trained in a variety of therapeutic modalities:

- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)
- Play therapy
- Art Therapy
- Dance-Movement Therapy
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
- Motivational Interviewing

## Support Groups



Support groups allow people to share personal experiences, feelings, and coping strategies and support one another. The WCA provides two weekly support groups to adult female-identified community members who have experienced sexual assault and/or domestic violence. These groups are free of charge and facilitated by WCA clinicians. They can join in as often as they like, take a break and return as needed. The group is there each week to provide a safe, accepting and supportive environment.

**Circle of Support:** a group for survivors of sexual assault. Held in collaboration with FACES of Hope at the Boise downtown public library.

**RAP:** a group for survivors of domestic violence. Held at the downtown WCA location.

## Case Management

Case management is a process of assessment, planning, collaborating, evaluating and advocacy to help meet an individual's needs. Together, the client and the case manager create a case plan that supports the client's goals by linking the client with the resources and referrals needed to help meet objectives and overcome barriers.

**1,042 sessions of  
case management  
were provided**

**WCA Case Managers address barriers in the following areas:**

Housing  
Financial Resources  
Employment  
Education

Medical/Dental/ Vision  
Mental Health  
Physical Health  
Legal

Children's resources  
Transportation  
Basic Needs

## welcoming and responsive

The WCA shelter has children-centric areas, welcoming all ages, abilities and families to have a safe place to heal. We have some kids for seven months, and others for seven days. Yet, each day, Youth Advocates are creating safe, consistent and realistically supportive environments for every family.

One little boy named Matt, came into WCA childcare nervous and very attached to each WCA Youth Advocate. He was clingy, refused to nap and didn't engage with other kids. During quiet time, Matt would cry out, no matter who was by his side. He fought about picking up after himself, sitting with his arms crossed and refusing to pick up anything.

Working with his mom, Sara, our Youth Advocates learned that independence was a significant value for the family. Sara had three kids under eight and was doing everything she could to support her family; she just needed some extra support when it came to Matt. Each day our Youth Advocates worked with Matt to find positive solutions to his trauma-based behaviors. He wasn't defiant or bad, Matt had experienced significant trauma and was in need of some tools and a safe space to be a kid.

WCA Youth Advocates learned about Matt's favorite interests: dinosaurs and Paw Patrol. He began to play independently with toys they knew were some of his favorites. The giant dinosaurs would be lined up, ready for a roaring battle with each other. Matt became comfortable playing alone, not waiting and looking for the next thing to happen around him. Matt would get excited and occasionally show a staff member the dinosaur of choice that day with a mighty roar.

Matt gained the ability to self-regulate his body and emotions during reading time, finding safe space and comfort just listening and enjoying a story. Slowly, the staff introduced how to pick up toys, one at a time—creating a small game out of it. He became excited to bring toys out to play with other kids as well as help lead them in putting the toys away. These small things built up his toolbox. Matt knew the day's routine, what to expect and how each staff member would react. He felt safe.

By the end of his time at the WCA, Matt not only had an empowered sense of self, he also showed new kids how to do everything. Matt had pride boasting from his chest as he put away other kids' toys when they were trying to self-regulate and feel safe. He would comfort other children and show them the dinosaurs or toys he found comforting.

Those actions and feelings transferred out into his time with his mom and siblings. Mom said it was easier to cook, clean and do things for the family, as Matt could play independently during those times. Mom expressed gratitude for the quiet time routine, as she started to do the same for bedtime and saw a drastic difference in her children going to bed without fighting it. With less fighting over picking up toys, the family was able to bond with reading, dinner and outside time. All these life skills: cleaning, independent play, self-regulation, etc. are crucial for families to thrive, especially when leaving a situation like domestic abuse.

Our WCA Youth Advocates build routines in childcare that build tools for kids and families to feel safe and more like themselves. At the WCA, We Are Here.

*Simple life skills, such as cleaning, independent play, and self-regulation are crucial for families to thrive, especially when leaving a situation like domestic violence, when many things in these kids' lives are unpredictable.*

**We help build routines that become foundations to build on, offering stability for  
for WCA kids and families to feel safe. At the WCA, We Are Here.**





## Shelter

The emergency shelter and transitional housing campus are at the heart of WCA's efforts to provide safety. They offer a safe place for up to 30 single female-identifying clients or 30 mothers and their children at any given time. Clients can also access wraparound services, including individual counseling, case management, licensed child care, life skills, financial empowerment classes and support groups.

**9,053 safe bed nights were provided; shelter wait-list averaged 33 individuals/families each month**

## Youth Services

At the shelter, families can use licensed child care throughout the week. Through this care, children and youth can build predictability and safety through routines, social and emotional learning, and healthy relationships with staff through modeling behavior and activities. Parents can receive milestone development testing, behavior plans, and support throughout their stay. Family Nights are weekly activities that provide a space for all ages and families to build community through fun activities that bring joy to all.



## Financial Empowerment

Many survivors report they would have left the abusive relationship earlier but did not have the financial means to do so securely. At the WCA, our Financial Empowerment Program strives to encourage survivors through education and support. Our four-part series utilizes trauma-informed principles to manage money, credit, debt,

and savings. Participants who complete all four parts are eligible to receive one-on-one financial coaching and develop individualized financial goals and further explore and heal from their financial trauma. Clients develop a healthier financial self-care routine and learn ways to get out of paycheck-to-paycheck living. Financial Empowerment seeks to help clients deconstruct unhealthy beliefs and attitudes toward money to build a better relationship with their finances so they can begin to create pathways to the future goals they set for themselves.

**Of the WCA clients completing the financial abuse survey during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, 74% had a partner making financial decisions without their input**

## Prevention

The vision of the WCA is "To foster a community where individuals thrive in safe, healthy relationships." Our Prevention Program is essential to making this vision a reality. Violence prevention aims to change the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that contribute to intimate partner and relationship violence. Educating youth and young adults about healthy and safe familial, platonic, and romantic relationships is central to our prevention work.

Our Prevention team works with numerous schools, youth-serving organizations, and community partners to make information accessible to youth in spaces where they are. Through small group facilitation and classroom presentations, our prevention staff had 3,048 engagements with Treasure Valley youth. We also work to guide and provide recommendations for adults supporting youth in various capacities, whether they are parents, teachers, coaches, or mentors.

Peer-to-peer engagement is another strategy that increases our ability to reach youth throughout the Treasure Valley. The WCA Youth REP Program is a year-long commitment to volunteering and advancing the organization's vision. In the '22-'23 school year, 12 high school students met regularly to plan events, curate social media content, design awareness activities and contribute 812 volunteer hours to the WCA.

# Hope Society

WCA's Hope Society members are multi-year donors who believe passionately in our work. They understand the importance of sustainable funding, which enables the WCA to continue serving all who need our services as we strive for a community where everyone thrives in safe, healthy relationships. These community members have made a significant commitment and provide the invaluable gifts of safety, healing and freedom to the people we serve daily.

## Hero \$25,000+

Hansberger Foundation  
John Hale and Mari Zanot  
Lori and Duane Stueckle

## Freedom \$10,000+

Anonymous  
AJ & Susie Balukoff  
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Erica Hill and W. Darrow Fiedler  
Nancy and Charley Jones  
Lee and Tori Roberts  
Geeg and NorRae Spohn

## Healing \$5,000+

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Mary Hanson  
Robert and Anne Hay

## Safety \$2,000+

John and Luci McDonald  
Russ and Janet Buschert  
MeriDee Copeland  
The Griffin Girls  
Atty Holzhauser and Jason Boss  
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Pam Lemley  
Mike and Lori Mers  
Laura and Mike Miller  
Orion Integration Group  
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Marjorie and Peter Reedy  
Denise Savoy  
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James and Patti Stevenson

## Hope \$1,000+

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Ronda Conger  
Camille Cooper  
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Andy and Shannon Erstad  
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Teresa and Stephen Fitz  
Jessica Flynn  
Kate Fowler  
Tim and Annie Garrigan  
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## Endowment Fund

The Endowment fund was established to provide funds in perpetuity for the operation of the WCA. The annual funds distribution is based on recommendations made by our investment committee, which take into consideration anticipated rates of return on our money to ensure conservation of the principle. Your gift contributes to create a sustainable funding source for operations with only the Endowment's interest earnings being used to support the vital work we do. The principle will remain intact and continue to grow.

*On June 30, 2023, ending balance of \$2,107,477. 68 is thanks in part to:*

### **Founder's Circle:**

*Gifts made during our  
Centennial Celebration year 2011*

Russ and Janet Buschert  
Kaye and Larry Knight  
Luci and John McDonald  
SueB Fund  
"Dolly" Waring Sylvies  
Kathy Troutner

### **Current Fiscal Year Donors:**

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Jan Packwood  
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Kathleen and Scott Weber



The bronze statue of a mother and her children in front of the WCA symbolizes the Safety, Healing and Freedom the WCA offers.

## Heritage Society - Planned Giving

Our Heritage society recognizes those who make a provision for the WCA as part of their estate planning. Unless specified by the donor, planned gifts are placed in our Endowment fund which has allowed WCA to receive constant support for operations independent of donor and grantor requirements.

Last fiscal year, this amounted to \$79,412 in operational supports. Donors who Join the WCA's Heritage Society have found that a planned gift, creatively structured to provide tax advantages, can provide an ideal opportunity to support an organization they love at a higher level than they thought possible.

### **Heritage Society:**

Anonymous  
Athena Wiessler-Hughes  
Bea and Jeff Black  
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Rebecca Hurd

**Estimated value of these planned  
gifts is \$2,016,875.00**

## Corporate Pillars

Becoming a Corporate Pillar with the WCA is a pledge to support survivors and break the cycle of abuse. Our pillars provide the foundation that supports the WCA's daily work and our growth. When you join us, your annual contribution supports free services for survivors and asserts your commitment to ensuring safety, healing and freedom in your community and workplace.

“Our corporate pillars are an inspiring group of companies that support our mission and raise awareness of our services; showing employees that their health and happiness matters.”

Sydney LaCoursiere  
Corporate Relations Coordinator

### Hero \$25,000+

Concrete Construction Supply

Concrete Placing Company

J.P. Morgan Chase & Company

### Freedom \$10,000+

Albertsons

Berkeley Building Co.

Blue Cross of Idaho

BRS Architects

c308 Marketing, Inc.

Chad Case Visuals

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Citi

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Lamar Advertising

Lotus Communications Corp.

Norco Inc.

North by Northwest Productions

Saint Alphonsus Health System

Schroeder Creative

St. Luke's Health System

The Riverside Hotel

The Village at Meridian

Two Men and a Truck

Wafid Bank

### Healing \$5,000+

Amplified Production Group, LLC

Anvil Fence Company

Idaho Power

Mai Thai

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Umpqua Bank

U.S. Bank

Western Trophy & Engraving

### Safety \$2,000+

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Red Sky

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### Safety \$1,000+

Auction Frogs

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Washington Trust Bank

*Our current Corporate Pillars contributed nearly \$300,000 in monetary and in-kind support in the last fiscal year.*

## Corporate and Foundation Granting Agencies

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## ***The Sherlock Scholarship Fund***

The Susan P. Sherlock Fund provides scholarships for clients seeking educational advancement, on-the-job training, and/or trade/vocational schooling. This scholarship opportunity, which may total up to \$5,000 per award, assists survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence by helping alleviate financial barriers so they may reach their future career goals. Eligible applicants include current and former WCA clients and their children. Clients may be referred to the scholarship program through their WCA Case Manager or the WCA Financial Empowerment Educator.

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## ***WISP***

WISP provides scholarships to women who are survivors of intimate partner abuse. The program is designed to help survivors regain independence and self-sufficiency through education and employment. Full or part-time students with financial need are eligible. The primary goal of WISP is to help women who have been separated from their abusive partners for at least one year. Five WCA clients were WISP recipients during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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## ***Federal and State Grants***

### ***Boise City/Ada County Housing Authority***

Office on Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Program

### ***City of Boise***

American Rescue Plan Act Mental Health  
Community Development Block Grant  
Community Development Block Grant CARES

### ***Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase ARPA-R***

### ***Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance***

Domestic Violence Bridge  
Family Violence Prevention Services Act  
Family Violence Prevention Services Act - American Rescue Plan Act  
Family Violence Prevention Services Act TVMH  
State Domestic Violence  
Victims of Crime Act

### ***Idaho State Police***

Sexual Assault Services Formula Program  
STOP Violence Against Women



## Volunteer Impact

Here at the WCA, it's obvious how volunteers have an immense impact throughout our community. Over the years, volunteers have had rewarding opportunities to help support our mission with direct client-facing services, helping behind the scenes with donations and drives and during significant community events. This is how our vision can be shared and sustained throughout our communities with the help of our core and multiple active volunteers.

### Sponsorship Programs

*75 individuals, families, organizations, or companies supported 170 individuals in 54 families*



*Volunteer hours: 9,384  
Number of Volunteers: 400*

### Back To School Program

*42 individuals, families, organizations, or companies supported 37 families*



## Ambassador Program

The WCA Ambassador Program exists to create a network of passionate community members to help spread information about the WCA's vital services to more members in our community.



*The WCA Ambassador Program has doubled in size during the 22/23 FY, growing from 35 to 72 members.*

Our Ambassadors put together quarterly Shelter Packs with fun activities for our residents to enjoy.

## Outreach Program



Our outreach efforts work to increase awareness and understanding of domestic abuse and sexual assault. In addition, we strive to connect individuals who need our services with our hotline: 208.343.4025

### *We have a strong presence!*

Our outreach program reached over 11,000 individuals during the fiscal year through our tabling initiatives, enabling us to connect with the community and meaningfully share our mission and vision.

### *Interpersonal violence screening tool*

This year the WCA and the OGA Women's Health Clinics leadership worked together to create a screening tool for interpersonal violence. This tool is now available to patients at OGA to help identify those who may benefit from our domestic abuse and sexual assault services. If any boxes are checked on the survey, OGA will refer the individual to the WCA hotline, where we can provide life-changing support. We hope partnerships like this will help more survivors find safety, healing, and freedom from domestic abuse and sexual assault.

## Joyce Stein

The Joyce Stein Memorial Award is given in memory of Boisean Joyce Ann Stein (1937-1979), a long-time friend and supporter of the WCA. Joyce was instrumental in helping establish our Crisis Center for women and children victimized by domestic and sexual violence. The award honors a Treasure Valley resident who has positively impacted the growth and advancement of women.



Celebrating the award's 44th year, Senator Melissa Wintrow was honored as the 2022 Joyce Stein Memorial Award Winner in recognition of her dedication and positive impact on the community. Senator Wintrow has devoted more than 25 years of service to providing leadership, including as Idaho State Senator of District 19 and in the Idaho House of Representatives for six years. Her legislation has focused on the criminal legal system. It includes reforming Idaho's system for processing, tracking, and preserving sexual assault evidence while passing five major pieces of legislation in these efforts. Among other positions, Senator Wintrow has worked as a lifelong educator and served as a Woman's Center Director at Boise State, where she created an advocacy program to support victims of sexual violence and developed university policies and protocols to better serve students who had been victims of violence.



## Who was SueB?

A vivacious, intelligent woman who is missed dearly every day. February 9, 1955 – April 4, 2008

Susan Elaine Brubaker Newby died in 2008 during a mysterious horseback riding incident. After her death, family and friends realized that SueB—her nickname—was likely in an abusive marriage. SueB's sister, Marj, and friends, Leslie and Teresa, turned to the WCA to honor SueB's life and increase awareness about domestic violence. Their hope: "to help other successful, smart, beautiful women like SueB leave these relationships before it's too late."

On Sunday, October 2, we held the 13th annual SueB 5K race in memory of SueB. Sue's family and friends have always been passionate about raising awareness and encouraging discussions about domestic abuse.



Race fees support our Endowment Fund to ensure the WCA can maintain our services and serve our clients for many years. This endowment aims to provide funds in perpetuity for the operation of all WCA programs in order to provide safety, healing and freedom from domestic abuse and sexual assault.

**A parting thought** ☞ *Don't wait until your sister, daughter or mother is a victim of domestic abuse or sexual assault. Step forward now and make an investment in the WCA to raise awareness about domestic violence.* ☞☞

*Sue's sister Marj Sente*

**We realize the importance of our  
voice when we are silenced.**

Malala Yousafzai

**we stand together**



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