



# THE SAFEGUARDIAN

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**PROJECT SAFEGUARD  
WISH LIST**

- 2 window air conditioning units
- TV/DVD combo for trainings
- Bookshelves
- Office supplies/gift card
- Silent Auction items for the Valentine's Fling 2006
- Copy Paper

## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2005 has been another interesting year of anticipation and change for all of us at Project Safeguard. Most recently we anxiously awaited the vote on Referendum C. Referendum C proposed to reallocate Federal funds earmarked to support the work of non-profit agencies nationwide. The potential of this funding cut brought glaringly to light the need for non-profits like Project Safeguard to dramatically increase development of funding sources outside the government grant process. But with all that's happening in the world tugging at heart and purse strings of every American, this is no easy task.

Our efforts this year included the first annual Valentine's Fling, a really fun evening of live music, libation and romance; the Ladies Run of Colorado, another fun partnership with a local women's motorcycle club for their annual road trip into the Colorado high country; and the Hike for Justice, Project Safeguard's 7<sup>th</sup> annual event offering a chance to commune with nature in the historic red rocks of Roxborough State Park. Plans are already in the works to repeat all three of these events in 2006. We hope you, all your friends, relatives and co-workers can come and enjoy these events, as it is through community participation that we will be able to continue to provide

and improve our services to women and children in need.

One of the innovative new approaches recently added to our fundraising efforts is a partnership with several real estate and mortgage companies who make donations from transactions where clients mention their desire to support Project Safeguard.

A graduate student of the University of Denver selected Project Safeguard as the beneficiary of a fund-raising High Tea at the Brown Palace Hotel. This wonderful event was organized and carried out entirely by the DU student and her team.

Several new fundraising projects are planned to begin in 2006. You will be able to follow our progress and participate via our newly designed website, [www.projectsafeguard.org](http://www.projectsafeguard.org). Visit us often.

As a staff we suffered both loss and growth. Randy Saucedo, Fatality Review Coordinator, left the agency to pursue his interest in development of public policy. With Randy's departure, a bit of restructuring and extension of one grant, we were able to bring in one full time and two part-time employees to support our efforts to end domestic violence.

Board Member (and Board Secretary) Eileen Young, was recognized and

awarded the 2005 Minoru Yasui Volunteer Community Award – a well-deserved honor for one so dedicated and committed to her community. Outstanding!

The Board also participated in an all-day Annual Retreat in August. Nestlé USA donated the use of its training room, and Nestlé corporate trainer Laura Hahn facilitated the event. Several areas of focus were identified; the Board and its committees are well-poised to ensure that the momentum of 2005 will carry us into and through 2006.

We are looking forward to 2006. We pledge to continue assisting women and children who are affected by domestic violence, working with criminal justice systems to increase perpetrator accountability, raising individual awareness regarding the magnitude of domestic violence and enlisting community support in furthering our mission to end the violence.

Thanks to all our supporters. Whether you donate money, participate in our events or volunteer, we couldn't make a difference without your support.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Sherry Donovan—Board President  
Paula Hammond—Executive Director

## THE 7TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR JUSTICE

As the sun rose the morning of September 10th, it was clear that we were going to enjoy another beautiful day in Colorado—a perfect day for the 7th Annual Hike for Justice.

Held at Roxborough State Park in the foothills of Littleton, participants enjoyed the two mile hike as they took in the vibrance of the red rocks characteristic of Roxborough. Wildlife abounded, temperatures were ideal,

and this fundraiser, an annual tradition for Project Safeguard, again proved to be enjoyed by all.

Come join us in 2006!!

### One woman's story...

Kathleen called Project Safeguard wanting to make a donation of handmade shawls. When she came to our offices to deliver the shawls, we discovered a woman with an inspiring story of courage and conquer.

At the age of 27, Kathleen was told that she had a large brain tumor and would need to have it removed. She was told by the doctors that she was too disabled to function outside of the family. Following this surgery, Kathleen's husband began physically, sexually and emotionally abusing her. She remained isolated and abused for 20 years until she decided that she wanted to try to return to school.

It was one year after starting school that Kathleen contacted Project Safeguard for assistance in freeing herself from this abusive marriage. After a 28 year marriage, Kathleen was now free to be everything that she was meant to be. She has since earned a Bachelor's degree and is about to complete a Master's degree in Public History and Preservation and Photography from the University of Colorado at Denver.

Thank you, Kathleen, for your example of strength and inspiration for all of us!



## DONATE TO PROJECT SAFEGUARD WHEN BUYING, SELLING OR REFINANCING A HOME

Through the generous support of real estate professionals, you can now donate to Project Safeguard when you buy, sell or refinance a home!

When you list your home with



Let Project Safeguard help you with your real estate needs

Cathy Howrey of ReMax Alliance (303-841-2121), Cathy offers you a \$500 discount and an additional \$500 will be donated to Project Safeguard upon the sale of your home.

When you purchase a home through Help-U-Sell with Bill and Sherry Donovan (720-254-5241) you will receive \$500 and an additional \$500 will be donated to Project Safeguard.

But that's not all!! We want to provide all your necessary real estate services in order to

make your home buying/selling experience effortless!

Your home financing can be taken care of through Karen Rubesne at Great Southwest Mortgage, 303-708-1433 . Karen will donate 25% of the origination fee to Project Safeguard.

A big THANK YOU, Cathy, Bill, Sherry and Karen for your continued support of the services that Project Safeguard provides to the women in our community! Happy home shopping!!

## 2006 is fast approaching.....

Transitioning into the next calendar year can mean quite a bit in the world of non-profits, especially where funding is concerned.

As you have probably heard on the news lately funding for local non-profits is down substan-

tially. Unfortunately this is true for Project Safeguard as well.



As you consider your year-end charitable giving, won't you keep Project Safeguard in mind?

Partner with us to help women and their children begin to live a violence free life.

## AND, YES, THERE ARE ANGELS.....

Can you imagine our excitement? The PSG offices are bustling. The phone rings and a voice asks if we would be willing to accept a \$1000 donation! Just who is this person? How did they find out about Project Safeguard? And..... is this for real????

This phone call was very real on a winter day at the Denver offices of PSG. The caller was Pastor Dale Butler from Faith Venture Church in Commerce

City. Upon further inquiry, we learned that Pastor Dale is ministering a new church and that he believes strongly in being servants and givers in our communities. He spoke of knowing that his church could not provide all of the services needed in his community. This lead Faith Venture Church to give four \$1000 donations to organizations in his community during the first week that his church was meeting!!

**Thank you Faith Venture Church for your support and faith in the work that we do at Project Safeguard.**

If you would like to know more about Faith Venture Church, please contact Pastor Dale Butler at 720-203-1823.

# Valentine's Fling 2006

## February 10, 2006

Don't miss this event! In it's second year, the Valentine's Fling promises to be a spectacular evening out!

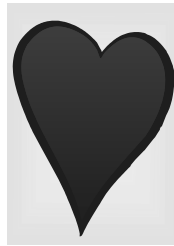
Join us at the **Hyatt Regency Tech Center** on Friday, February 10, 2006 from 7:00 - 11:00 for an evening with **Denise Plante of KOSI 101**,



dancing to **THE NACHO MEN**, Hors d'oeuvres prepared by the **Hyatt Regency Chefs**, **Cash bar**, and **Silent Auction**.

Make your Valentine's celebration even more special by staying the night at the beautiful **Hyatt Regency Tech Center**. Special room rates of \$69 are available to all Fling participants by calling 303-779-1234. Make your reservations early to be assured of a magical evening!

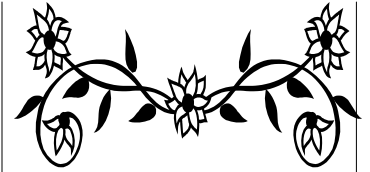
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Mark your calendars!

Valentine's Fling 2006, visit [www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp) and enter event code: **fling2006**. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance, \$45 at the door.

Sponsored by KOSI 101



## Domestic Violence FAQ's

- 1 in 3 women will experience domestic violence
- Businesses lose \$100 MILLION each year due to domestic violence
- 50% of batterers ABUSE THEIR CHILDREN
- 50 COLORADO WOMEN die at the hands of an intimate partner each year
- Domestic violence uses POWER AND CONTROL to create FEAR AND INTIMIDATION

## BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE FLING

There are many opportunities to support the domestic violence legal advocacy services provided by Project Safeguard. One way is to become a sponsor for the Valentine's Fling 2006. With affordable, tax deductible sponsorship levels available, everyone can play an important part in helping women who are experiencing domestic violence.

With sponsorship levels of \$500, \$350 and \$200, you can play an important role in

supporting Project Safeguard.

**\$500 PLATINUM SPONSORS** receive 6 Fling tickets, a personal introduction at the Fling, logo and name in the Fling Program and The Safeguardian, and an opportunity to hang a company banner at the Fling. **\$350 GOLD SPON-**

**SORS** receive 4 Fling tickets, a personal introduction at the Fling, logo and name in the Fling Program and the Safeguardian. **\$200 SILVER SPONSORS** receive 2 Fling tickets, a personal introduction at the Fling, logo and name in the Fling Program and the Safeguardian.

For more information on becoming a sponsor of the Valentine's Fling 2006, contact Sue Lang, Director of Development at 303-726-8261.



## SILENT AUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a way to support Project Safeguard and **gain exposure for your business?** Donating silent auction items is a perfect way to increase your visibility in our community.

Favorite auction items are collectables, sports memorabilia, jewelry, services, vaca-

tions, etc., just to name a few. If it caught your eye, it will catch the eye of a Project Safeguard supporter at our event!

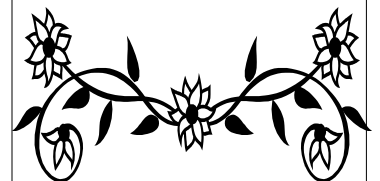
And don't forget about the tax benefits of donating to Project Safeguard! For more information or to make a donation,



A treasure for one is a donation to Project Safeguard!!

please contact Sue Lang, Director of Development at 303-726-8261.

Happy Shopping!



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## Working for Justice for Abused Women

### NEW FACES AT PROJECT SAFEGUARD

**2005 brought 3 fresh faces to the PSG team. We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce them.**

**Katix** joins us as a bilingual Counselor for our Denver Dept. of Human Services clients and advocates in the 2nd and 18th Judicial Districts. Katix is originally an Iowa farm girl, and graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa and later Indiana University. She has lived and studied in Spain, Morocco, Palestine and taught in Mexico. Katix is passionate about listening to and helping women trapped in violent relationships, and is a tenacious advocate for social change. She is also multilingual.

When not working, Katix enjoys seeing the world, photography, world dance music, auto mechanics, dirt bike riding and her cat Beatriz, who lately has been asking to come to work with her, as Bea is anxious to meet the other amazing women at Project Safeguard.

*Tia came on board as our 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Legal Advocate in March with a bachelor's degree from DU in psychology and sociology with an emphasis in criminology. She completed 4 years at Gateway Battered Women's Services as an intern and advocate, before bringing a great combination of education, experience and community familiarity to this office.*

*During her internship at Gateway, Tia became familiar with PSG and our mission. She felt that the social change work that only PSG does was ultimately what she wanted to do. She appreciates being a legal advocate because it presents opportunities to make a tremendous difference in individual's lives, as well as within the system. Off the clock, she values spending time with her family, reading romance and fantasy novels, watching TV, and exercising.*

Heidi joined us over the summer as a part-time Legal Advocate in our 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District office. She was previously in the grocery business. Far from the DV profession, Heidi dreamed of working in a human services field. She began volunteering as a victim's advocate for the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DA's office and her skills developed quickly. She finds that she is most fulfilled when helping people, knowing she makes a difference in the lives of women experiencing violent relationships. Heidi enjoys working within the justice system, and finds herself increasingly empowered as an advocate. She hopes to continue learning from her coworkers and others in the field to reach her full potential.

Outside of the professional realm, Heidi loves to paint, read non-fiction, takes pleasure in the outdoors, sew, play board games with friends, and enjoys every minute with her family.