

# THE SAFEGUARDIAN

## Board President Thanks Supporters

Dear Project Safeguard Supporters:

2004 has brought about some positive and exciting changes to Project Safeguard, and we would like to share them with you.

We are very pleased to announce that Paula Hammond has been named as our Executive Director. Paula brings to our organization her valuable experience serving as the Coordinator of the Aurora Police Department Victim Assistance Unit. Since joining our organization, Paula has done a remarkable

job in helping Project Safeguard through a very tight budget year, and with our dedicated staff, continues to provide quality services to victims of domestic violence.

We have also added Sue Lang as our Development Director. The fundraisers and events you will read about in this newsletter are a direct result of Sue's high level of energy and commitment, not only to Project Safeguard, but also to the goals of our organization, one of which is to eradicate domestic violence from our lives.

Many of you have provided support to us throughout the years by attending our annual dinner and may wonder why you have not received an invitation to this year's event. This year Project Safeguard decided to take a new approach to fundraising and getting our voice out into the community by planning several events and fundraisers throughout the year. While the dinner has always been an opportunity to visit with and enjoy the company of old friends, we are hopeful to bring you together with our new friends in new fun and

interesting activities. We hope to see you there!

Finally, if you are interested in serving on our Board of Directors, please contact any Board member or the Project Safeguard office. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. at the Nestle USA offices in the Tech Center. A special thank you to Nestle for providing us the use of their conference room—and chocolate! — for our meetings.

Chris Radeff  
Board President

## Development News

by Sue Lang, Director of Development

As Chris Radeff mentioned above, we have decided to "spread the wealth" in our fundraising efforts! Below is information about fundraisers already scheduled. Please stay tuned for information about additional fundraisers to add to your calendar!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **August 28th, 2004: 6th Annual Project Safeguard Hike for Justice**

This will be a great family-friendly event as we hike for pledges on the 2.2 mile Fountain Valley Loop Trail in Roxborough State Park! The Hike for Justice is one of our annual fundraisers and a great opportunity to support Project Safeguard. When you arrive at the park, you will be greeted by a group of enthusiastic staff and board members and a continental breakfast. After you've burned off a few calories, join the group for a great post-hike lunch! There will also be prizes awarded. For further details, see the enclosed Hike Packet. Feel free to copy the Packet as needed. If you would like more information, please let me know. Some corporate sponsorships are still available. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or have questions, please email me at fundraiser@projectsafeguard.org.

### RECENT EVENTS:

**July 10th:** Ladies Run of Colorado is a motorcycle ride from Denver to Fairplay and Project Safeguard will be receiving some of the proceeds from this ride. Thank you to all of the riders and organizers of this event!

**July 10th:** Team Louisville Cyclery will be donating all pledges from riding the Triple Bypass Bicycle Ride from Evergreen to Avon. Thank you Team Louisville Cyclery for all of your effort and your donation!

## Volunteers Program in Full Swing

by Judy Ericson, Volunteer Coordinator

Along with sunny summer skies, June has brought an influx of volunteer interns to Project Safeguard. Eight DU Law School students are currently working in the CourtWatch program. This program provides a great opportunity for law school students to observe activity in the courtroom and to have the chance to interact with judges, prosecutors and advocates. Valerie Jarstad, CourtWatch Coordinator, has been thrilled with the intelligent and enthusiastic support these interns have contributed to the courtroom. In addition to observing the proceedings in the courtrooms, the internes have been helpful in providing their skills in research and writing for the CourtWatch Report.

Additionally, PSG has been the recipient of a COVA intern for the past nine

months. Joe Koontz has been volunteering in both Denver and Arapahoe Counties and in all areas of Project Safeguard activities from advocacy and crisis lines to CourtWatch and administrative help. Joe is a Psychology major at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

The volunteer program is always interested in reliable, dedicated individuals who would like to share their time and talents with Project Safeguard in assisting victims of domestic abuse, whether it is in the CourtWatch program or in the protection order courts in Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield and Denver counties. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with Project Safeguard, please call Judy Ericson at 303-637-5124 or email her at volunteer@projectsafeguard.org.

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promoting justice for battered women!**

## The Project Safeguard Team: Transition and Expansion

by Amy Miller, Director of Client Services

Project Safeguard has experienced several exciting staff adjustments and additions during the first half of 2004. Kat Boyd, who joined our team in 2000 as the Legal Advocate in Arapahoe County Court, has returned to that position after two years as our Fatality Review Director. Kat holds a Bachelor degree in Social Work and wanted to return to direct client services. She is a skilled legal advocate and we are sure our clients in Aurora will benefit from her expertise.

Randy Saucedo, our Legal Advocate in Adams County and a recent graduate of UCD's Masters in Public Administration, seized the opportunity to put his education to the test by taking on the challenge of Fatality Review. Randy's 12 years of crime victim work includes experience as a law enforcement advocate with Jefferson and Adams Counties as well as the past two years in Ad-

ams County with PSG.

The opening in Adams County was a perfect opportunity for Randy's fellow graduate Kelly Anderson to hit the ground running as the new legal advocate there. Kelly brings experience as a Ripe Crisis Advocate to the position along with her education, empathy and enthusiasm for justice.

Project Safeguard has also made additions administratively. Sue Lang, who was a concert flautist for 25 years, recently accepted the position of Development Director. Planning and executing fundraisers is challenging work, but the energy Sue brings to the team seems endless. We look forward to letting you know about some really innovative and fun events in the near future.

With 12 years experience in law enforcement based victim services, Paula Hammond, who came to Project Safeguard in 2003 as the

Director of Client Services, was promoted to Executive Director. Paula holds a Masters in Abnormal Psychology, is a nationally certified crisis responder and, before joining PSG, was Victim Services Coordinator for the Aurora Police Department.

Coming full circle, these changes and promotions left an opening at the Director of Client Services position. This is where I come in. I am Amy Miller, and I have been the Legal Advocate in Arapahoe County since 2002. I hold a Masters in Social Work but the opportunity to coordinate all our client services seemed an interesting challenge and I look forward to ensuring the continuation of quality services from my new position.

While faces may have changed, I am confident that the high level of service our clients and community have come to depend upon will only improve.