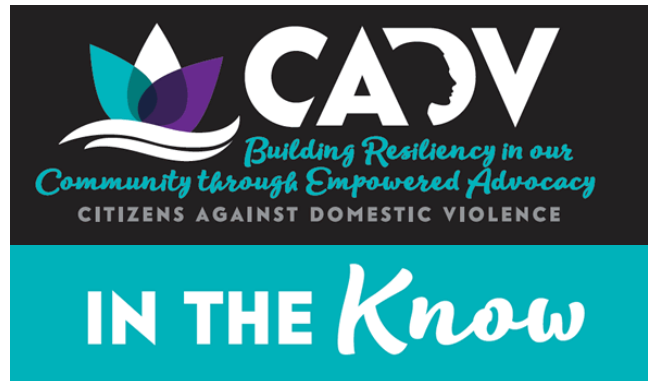


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What have we been up to?

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Collaborations within the community become incredibly important in serving victims of violence.

Partnerships with law enforcement, schools, churches, and local businesses along with other non-profit organizations help us to wrap around victims in meaningful ways.



Over the past several months we have provided numerous awareness activities and educational opportunities regarding domestic and sexual violence. We have also partnered with key community stakeholders to look at developing prevention strategies in the tri-county area. It is impressive how forward thinking the Miller, Morgan and Camden County communities are and how they see the importance of collaboration!

These partnerships include volunteers! We have been blessed to have such caring people providing support for the victims we serve. From providing haircuts, mentoring, guidance for the organization, or sitting with a victim who has just been assaulted, they are truly amazing! Our organization along with other non-profits in the community, rely on the generosity of local citizens to give of their time and talents to help bring our missions alive!

As we celebrate National Volunteer Month in April – I want to extend a sincere **thank you** to all the volunteers past and present of CADV! You have made a difference in a victim's life!

Sheree Keely

Our Mission

Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV) strives to cultivate a culture of resiliency in which individuals experiencing abuse are empowered to thrive. Through advocacy services and community engagement we will pursue an end to violence in the lake area.



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Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Alley Cats is Sponsoring a Fundraiser for CADV
April 15, 2021
5-7pm
\$10 door and silent auction

April 18 – 24, 2021
Crime Victims' Rights Week – Online Raffle

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 13, 2021
CADV 20th Annual Brunch
Roaring 20s Theme!

Visit CADV-VOC.org for more information!

Headlines

GOOD NEWS FROM CADV

Chief Brian Kidwell

Chief Brian Kidwell joined the CADV Board of Directors in January 2021. He has been the Chief of Police in Eldon since 2017 and has a long history of law enforcement in Miller County. He has always wanted to be a policeman, he wanted to help victims through a difficult time in their lives.



Kidwell stated, "I want to speak for victims who weren't able to speak for themselves."

Brian is a family man; he's been married for 23 years to Christy (or as Brian refers to her; 'da boss') and they have three great children! He is a proud father and wants the best for his family!

When he is not protecting the community or supporting his immediate family, Brian enjoys golfing and fishing with his father! True to his values, Brian is spending as much time as he can with his father in his retirement years.

Brian decided to join the CADV Board of Directors because he wanted to help victims. Kidwell said, "Victims are not to be treated as lesser persons, they are people who, for some reason, are in an unfortunate position that most people do not understand or know anything about. They need help, empowerment and understanding not judgement."

CADV is blessed to have Chief Brian Kidwell on our Board of Directors, keeping the voice of the victim in the forefront as decisions are made for the organization!

April is Crime Victims' Rights month

CADV honors National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 18 – 24)!

The Lake Area Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) which includes local law enforcement from the tri-county area, county prosecuting attorney offices, Lake Regional Hospital, Kids Harbor, Lake of the Ozark Human Trafficking Coalition and CADV. This is a unique collaboration that wraps around victims of sexual assault during their time of crisis and we have experienced higher levels of successful prosecutions because of this collaborative team! Funds raised from the raffle will go toward training and necessary equipment for the organizations involved in the team. Raffle tickets go on sale April 5, you can visit SARTraffle21.givesmart.com to purchase tickets!

Grand prize: The Club at Porto Cima 2-night stay and golf package worth \$2500, second prize winner receives a \$50 gift card to Rusty Rooster.

The raffle close on April 23 at 5 pm.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week was first observed in 1981 as a time to honor victims of crime and recognize the effect victimization has on individuals, families, friends, and the community. Additionally, the intention was to promote laws, policies and programs that help survivors. We are honored to be a part of this movement and to support victims through education and advocacy. For more information, <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/national-crime-victims-rights-week>.

April is National Volunteer Month!

Volunteer Spotlight

Cheryl and her husband, Mike have three kids, two dogs and a cat! They also own 'On the Rise Bistro' in Osage Beach. Cheryl cherishes time with her family and growing her business.

She commented, "Having a safe place to go is crucial for someone in an abusive relationship to leave their home. CADV provides that and so much more. We surely have one of the best facilities in the state and we are fortunate to have it in our area."

The most rewarding part of volunteering for Cheryl is, "responding to hospital calls. The victims are often alone, without family or friends. It is a comfort to have someone at their side during this traumatic time in their life. Even the smallest gestures can make a difference and hopefully some of those small gestures lead to a positive change for them."



Rachel heard about the volunteer opportunity through a friend who works at CADV. When she heard the opportunity included responding to victims in the Emergency Department, she wanted to be a part of that! She stated, "This sounded like a good opportunity for me to make a small but worthwhile difference for my community."

Rachel is a connector, she loves to write and has authored two novels, "So Far from Free" and "The Mountain Dreamer". She comes from a family with strong values in giving back so volunteering for CADV became a natural fit.

Rachel stated, "I have a deep compassion for those who find themselves in a place of vulnerability. It is so important that people in difficult circumstances have some hope! They need to know they are not alone, and that there is help available. CADV offers that hope."

Rachel further commented, "Sometimes a victim of violence is in the Emergency Department due to experiencing one the most horrific experiences of their life. It is an honor to offer calm and steady support, so they know they are not alone. I can offer an open heart, a safe touch, or a listening ear. I always hope that I have been able to show compassion, even for a brief time, to those I serve."



Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community.

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011).

Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 5 boys and 1 in 3

We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting victims, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions. Prevention is possible when everyone gets involved.

The first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. It is time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all. For more information: <https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>

Staff Highlight

CADV STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Amy, Outreach Coordinator

What does that mean?

She oversees, our outreach program in the tri-county area; recruits and manages our volunteer program and oversees our hospital advocacy services!



And in her spare time, she likes to spend time with her family, shop locally and be outside! Amy said, the most rewarding part of her work at CADV is two-fold, "I love watching the clients grow emotionally and gain a sense of healthy independence. And I truly enjoy the ladies I work with – we share the same goals!"

She believes it's important for folks to know that domestic violence is more than physical abuse, "it can be verbal, emotional and sexual. There are several ways an abuser may try to gain control over their victim such as financial control, and social isolation. They use intentional coercive tactics to maintain control.

One common tactic that we hear a lot from our clients is how abusers blame them for the abuse. It's not only crazy making but it significantly effects their self-esteem." If you meet a victim of domestic violence, "the most affirming thing you can do for them, is listen, without judgement, and validate their experience." Amy explained.

Amy is excited to continue to develop partnerships in the tri-county area to support our clients. She wants you to know there are resources available! And she is always ready to talk with anyone interested in volunteering for the organization!

Special Events

MEMORIES FROM RECENT CADV EVENTS



CADV Staff enrichment activity!



CADV Staff getting vaccinated.



Community Foundation of the Lake Donations - thank you!!!!



Current Needs

PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR DONATIONS!

- Standard size pillows
- Comfortable clothes
- t-shirts; sweat pants – all sizes
- Cozy socks – all sizes
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning Supplies
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Children's Clothing
- Female Hygiene Items
- Gas Cards
- Grocery Store Cards
- Dish Soap
- Bath Towels

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Ways To Invest In CADV

Robin Kampmann Gunderson annually supports CADV's mission to end violence and restore hope for victims in the Lake area. Robin recently shared, "When we each contribute – be that time, talent or treasure – we move closer to the shared goal of ending domestic violence and sexual assault. I'm inspired by the impact the CADV team has achieved and their commitment to do still more across the summer community I have cherished for six decades."

Robin grew up in St. Charles and spent summers at her family home at The Lake of the Ozarks. She now resides in Massachusetts and continues to vacation at her childhood home. Robin is community-minded, often volunteering and contributing in her Cape Cod village. She also believes it is important to support the community of her second home. "Show me a non-profit organization that identifies emerging and urgent unmet needs, then makes it a priority to meet them, and I'll show you CADV!"

Join me in supporting this vital work in ways that work for you," Robin cheered. Proving that you can take the girl out of the Show Me state, but you cannot take the Show Me out of the girl. Building a safe, happy, and healthy home means everything!

There are lots of ways to give.

Although cash and checks are welcome, here are some other ways to donate to our mission:

- Name CADV as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or your IRA (or beneficiary of a bank account or an investment account)
- In-kind gifts of shares of stock
- In-kind gifts of other assets like real estate or personal property
- Required distributions from your IRA can be directed to CADV (special rules apply, but very easy to do)
- Leave a gift in your Will or Trust
- Gifts that provide you income (Charitable remainder trusts)

WIN/WIN – You have to pay taxes, so might as well invest in something you believe in at the same time!

Win Win!
Save with Uncle Sam & help fund the shelter expansion project!
70% TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE

CADV has a beautiful shelter in Camdenton, we provide emergency housing for victims and their family. When a victim is leaving an abusive relationship, it is common for the abuse to escalate. Our emergency housing service provides physical protection for the victim and their family at this high-risk time.

Unfortunately, we have had to turn victims away due to lack of space. A year ago, we developed an expansion plan, adding much needed women and children beds as well as a male suite for male victims. We received a grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Neighborhood Assistance Program to fund this project. **This grant provides 70% tax credits!**

If you have Missouri business income or stocks, you are eligible to purchase tax credits.

Jane Kelly, lake realtor, a recent donor to our expansion project said, "I like directing my tax dollars to programs I believe in! You are paying taxes no matter what, this way you get to determine what your hard-earned dollars go towards. This is something I strongly support and believe in!"

Consider contributing to this important project.
Our goal is to turn NO VICTIM away!

For more information regarding our 70% tax credits or estate giving, please call (573) 346-9630 and ask for the Executive Director.

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 Mike Heitman, State Farm Insurance

- St. Anthony's Church
- Hulett Chevrolet, Jason Hulett
- Karen Sandy
- Susan Miller
- Target
- Phyllis Marose
- Bear Market
- MSW Interactive Design, Sandy Waggett
- Deb and Mark Kessler
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- Facelift, Michelle Cook
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