

Coaching Boys into Men

Community Involvement Drives The Prevention Project's Newest Program

For decades, AWP's The Prevention Project educators have been working in Bucks County to break the cycle of domestic violence, and their newest program expands those efforts to further enlist boys and men in the important work of ensuring safe and healthy relationships for all. Read on to see how you can be a part of the innovative Coaching Boys into Men program!

Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) is an evidence-based program that recognizes the unique and influential roles that athletic coaches play in the lives of young men. CBIM provides coaches of middle and high school age sports teams with training to promote respectful behavior to their players and prevent relationship abuse, harassment, and sexual assault.

Over the course of a season, CBIM coaches and players engage in weekly discussions that address themes such as personal responsibility, respectful behavior, and relationship abuse, as well as promoting teamwork, integrity, fair play, and respect. This is all done with the support of AWP's education staff.

Coaches play an influential role in the lives of young men and positively influence how they think and behave on and off the field. During talks with the team, practice sessions, game days, or in casual conversations, coaches have numerous opportunities to teach that violence has no place in relationships. Coaches involved with CBIM, whether they be in a school setting or in a community sports league, reinforce the benefits of healthy relationships and anti-violence, helping AWP in our efforts to stop the violence before it starts.

And with the athletes involved, there is a chance for the CBIM message to be spread to others. Athletes are often popular among their peers and those that display character traits such as integrity, respect, cooperation, and a peaceful nature can serve as positive role models for fellow students.

AWP began CBIM coach trainings in early January of 2017 and to-date, nine coaches have completed the training program. Teams currently implementing CBIM include Central Bucks West High School's football and baseball teams as well as the Warwick Bulldogs Little League baseball team. AWP is excited to see Bucks County's youth continue to be leaders in preventing violence in our schools and community.

If you or someone you know is interested in being part of Coaching Boys into Men, visit www.awomansplace.org/cbim or contact Danielle Ferri, Director of The Prevention Project, at dferri@awomansplace.org or 215-343-9241, ext. 108.

Vision

A Woman's Place envisions a society where all individuals are safe in their relationships and can flourish.

Mission

A Woman's Place is a community-based social change organization committed to the empowerment of women and to ending intimate and domestic violence for all.

Values

To accomplish our vision of a society where all individuals are safe and can flourish, the programs, services, and decision making at all levels of A Woman's Place are rooted in and guided by the following values:

Courage: A Woman's Place acts bravely and boldly, not withstanding fear.

Creativity: A Woman's Place encourages the creation of meaningful new ideas, interpretations, and rules.

Equality: A Woman's Place believes each and every one of us must collaborate to create a new society based in equal power and rights.

Integrity: A Woman's Place is of sound moral character and adheres to ethical principles.

Respect: A Woman's Place is considerate and honors the worth and dignity of all beings and resources.

Social Justice: A Woman's Place analyzes structural social inequalities in order to promote justice.



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YOUR GENEROSITY ENSURES THAT AWP'S EFFORTS TO STOP RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE BEFORE IT STARTS CAN BE SHARED WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL AGES. WITHOUT YOU, THE WORK OF THE PREVENTION PROJECT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE! TO SUPPORT SAFE RELATIONSHIPS FOR ALL, USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, VISIT WWW.AWOMANSPLACE.ORG/DONATE, OR CALL 215-343-9241. THANK YOU!

Your Gift Helps AWP's Clients Take STEPS On Their Road to Flourishing

We've all seen "before and after" photos for miracle weight loss products or exercise routines. If only it were that easy. Of course, the big lie about all before and after photos is the promise of going from start to result without any of the really important work in between. For survivors of domestic violence, it's not a giant leap from crisis to recovery, but rather a series of steps: some forward, some backward, but all crucial footholds on the road to flourishing.



That's what AWP staff had in mind when they had the notion to revive the organization's decades-old STEPS program. Designed in the 90's to provide a space to exchange feelings and ideas for clients past their point of crisis and in a place of safety, STEPS addresses the trauma and pain of abuse that live on long after a client reaches out to AWP. In the words of the STEPS program introduction, "We are so busy trying to make things right for our abusive partners that we forget who we were before, what our hopes were, what we dreamed of doing. We live our lives in survival mode for so long that we tend to carry that with us into our future."

With critically important discussion topics such as healthy relationships, building coping skills, trust, grief, loneliness, and sexuality, the 10 week STEPS supportive counseling and support group program serves as an important avenue for expression, healing, and growth. STEPS is offered to all AWP clients who have passed their point of crisis and are ready to begin their journey to finding themselves anew.

"I couldn't believe how good it felt," said a STEPS participant, "I'm like a whole new person. I can walk out and lift my head. People are now greeting me with a smile." Her story is the story of so many STEPS clients.

"It simply filled a need," said Linda Thomas, Director of The Safe Options Project. "Bringing STEPS back was a clear need for our clients, and we are really happy to have it going again."

The revitalized and reimagined STEPS program is now fully implemented within The Safe Options Project and offers clients a structured outlet to explore not just who they can be in the world, but who they can be for themselves. The road to flourishing is not the same for everyone, nor is it an easy path to walk, but thanks to your generous support, AWP is proud to help clients find the STEPS to get there.

For more information on the STEPS program or AWP's other initiatives to empower clients for their bright tomorrows, please contact Ann Ciliberto, Director of The Empowerment Project, at aciliberto@awomansplace.org or 215-343-9241, ext. 114.



YOU CAN ENCOURAGE AWP'S CLIENTS AS THEY TAKE STEPS TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES! TO MAKE A GIFT TO SUPPORT CLIENTS WORKING TOWARD CONFIDENCE AND PEACE OF MIND, PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, VISIT WWW.AWOMANSPLACE.ORG/DONATE, OR CALL 215-343-9241. THANK YOU!

At In Full Swing, You Support AWP with Your Purchases and Donations!

If it's time for a good cleaning out of your closets or you need to make room for your new purchases, In Full Swing can help there, as well. Your donations help keep In Full Swing's shelves stocked with great looks for less. Donation receipts are available and your donations are tax deductible.

Positivity and empowerment can be felt everywhere at In Full Swing. AWP's clients shop free of charge for themselves and their children, and the personalized service they receive helps them develop their own personal and professional styles and wardrobes. Clients take bags of fashionable clothing with them after a successful shopping excursion, but they also take with them confidence and fortitude for the future.

In Full Swing is located at
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215-340-0120
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Have you checked out In Full Swing's ebay page?

Featuring stunning high quality items, In Full Swing's ebay store offers wonderful shopping right at your fingertips!

www.ebay.com/usr/infullswing_awomansplace

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When you want to feel good about shopping, AWP's thrift store In Full Swing is the place to go.

Offering a terrific selection of women's, children's, and men's clothing, shoes, accessories, as well as home décor and more, In Full Swing boasts high quality items at prices that can't be beat. Best of all, every one of your purchases supports AWP's work and helps us to provide services throughout Bucks County.

*Your Support of A Woman's Place **First Response Program** Makes This Vital Resource Available to Bucks County's Domestic Violence Victims*

When you give to AWP, you are directly bringing safety to domestic violence victims by supporting the work of AWP's First Response Program. First Response is on call 24/7 to administer free emergency counseling both during the time of immediate crisis and for the duration of the victim's DV ordeal. Called to the scene by the victim, an emergency room doctor or nurse, or law enforcement, it is AWP's First Response advocates who reassure clients that they are not alone on their difficult journey.

From January through mid-April 2017, AWP's First Response team, consisting of Manager Sue Bell and Advocates Erika Flayer and Caitlin Lavorgna, assisted with 76 crisis calls and worked with 209 referral clients. "Because AWP is the only domestic violence agency in the county, we're the only people doing this work," says Erika. In addition to committed staff members, AWP's First Response team relies on dedicated volunteers to provide assistance outside of business hours.

Once a client calls AWP's 24-hour hotline reporting that they have been a victim of domestic abuse, the call gets transferred to First Response. "First and foremost, we ascertain if the victim has a safe place to go, and then we determine the continued assistance we need to provide," says Sue. "We make sure the client and their family is safe. We get them clothing and food if needed, we help them make their police report. We go to court with the victim, starting with the preliminary hearing and going all the way to trial. We walk them through the entire criminal process and advocate for them with the police and district attorneys. The complete process can take months, and it's our job to stay connected with the victim to help them see it through to the end."

Sue is a ten-plus year veteran of domestic violence work, and served victims in Hunterdon County before coming to AWP in the summer of 2016. Erika has been working for AWP for almost five years and is passionate about the criminal justice system, meeting community members, and advocating for victims of domestic violence.



Caitlin's interest in domestic violence advocacy began when she worked in a shelter in Cape Town, South Africa while studying abroad in college, after which she focused her studies on domestic violence and sexual assault.

During her career, Caitlin also worked at a shelter in Sitka, Alaska.

The work of AWP's First Response team varies day-by-day, but their mission is always the same – provide

compassionate aid, safety, and advocacy to clients to ensure they and their families are awarded protection and justice.

To learn more about AWP's First Response Program and all the meaningful services in The Safe Options Project, please contact Linda Thomas at lthomas@awomansplace.org or 215.343.9241, ext. 122.

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YOUR GIFT IS KEY TO ENSURING AWP'S FIRST RESPONSE PROGRAM CAN IMMEDIATELY RESPOND TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ANY FORM THROUGHOUT BUCKS COUNTY. TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL BUCKS COUNTY RESIDENTS, USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, VISIT WWW.AWOMANSPLACE.ORG/DONATE, OR CALL 215-343-9241. THANK YOU!



AWP's Founding Mothers – Doris Payne-Camp, MJ Kirkpatrick, Pat Garrett (Groff), and Beverly Frantz – sent celebratory “Cheers!” photos to toast attendees at the 22nd annual *Chocolate Lovers' Fantasy* in April. The Board, staff, and volunteers of AWP send our enthusiastic and heartfelt thanks for setting us on the path to 40 Years of Flourishing.

AWP thanks our 2016-17 Season Sponsors for all they make possible through their generous sponsorships of AWP's fundraising events.



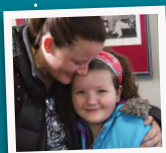
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Our Community Makes a Difference!

Bensalem High School's Drama Club fundraised for AWP during their production of *Oliver* this spring. *Oliver* addresses very serious domestic violence themes and because of their impactful performances, students raised \$1,412.36 to support AWP.

Employees of MediMedia in Yardley honored the life of their colleague Mary Ellen Curry with a donation and collection drive for AWP. Mary Ellen was killed in a DV incident in 2015, and each year, her colleagues remember her by donating to a cause close to her heart.



Celia, who recently celebrated her 9th birthday, asked her friends and family to make donations to A Woman's Place in lieu of gifts at her birthday party. Celia told AWP staff that she has so much and wanted to give back to kids and families who needed gifts more than she did.

Langan Engineering in Warrington hosted a Wish List collection drive for AWP for International Women's Day. Their drive was a huge success and the staff brought in tons of wonderful items for AWP clients in the emergency shelter and around the county.

Members of our Young Adult Advisory Board helped organize a special “Purple-Out” basketball game at Central Bucks HS West in honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness month in February. The team sported purple socks and purple t-shirts were given to attendees. This initiative was made possible through a grant from Arbonne!



Give a **40 for 40** gift to ensure that AWP's vision of a society where all individuals are safe in their relationships and can flourish is possible for our community.



YOUR DONATION OF \$40 (OR MORE!) IS CRITICAL TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

AWP has achieved 40 Years of Flourishing only because of you. Every gift matters, especially yours.

Today, we are asking you to consider a **40 for 40** gift as a tribute to AWP's past and an investment in our future.

Please give a donation of \$40 (or more!) to help close out our fiscal year on strong financial footing.

Please, give a **40 for 40** gift and continue to be a vital part of AWP.

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What your \$40 makes possible



Because of you...
1 client and their child can each receive a counseling session.



Thanks to you...
40 school children can learn how to build a Bucks County where relationship violence has no place.



With your support...
1 client can receive tools to discover their inherent strengths, starting on the road to empowerment.

\$40 for 40

YES, HERE IS MY 40 for 40 GIFT. CHEERS TO 40 MORE YEARS OF SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND EMPOWERMENT FOR EVERYONE IN MY COMMUNITY!

Return your gift to:
A Woman's Place
PO Box 299
Doylestown, PA 18901

Don't forget—you can give online at www.awomansplace.org or make a gift by phone at 215.343.9241.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of: ☐ For myself \$40 ☐ For myself and a friend \$80

☐ For my family \$200 ☐ For my neighborhood \$400 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Check enclosed, payable to A Woman's Place.

☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Card Number: _____ Exp Date _____ Sec Code: _____

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Monthly giving is convenient, cost-effective, and eco-friendly.

☐ I'd like to support A Woman's Place on a monthly basis:

☐ \$40/month ☐ \$80/month ☐ \$200/month ☐ \$400/month ☐ Other \$ _____

Please fulfill my monthly pledge by monthly charge to my credit card, indicated above.

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Peace Works Camp is Expanding!

Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and hosts, AWP's Peace Works Camp has enjoyed five amazing summers at Doylestown Mennonite Church in Central Bucks County. We are very excited to announce that Peace Works Camp will be available this summer to the children of Lower Bucks County, as well!



AWP's 2016 #GivingTuesday campaign, the Power of Peace Works, saw over \$7,500 raised to bring AWP's innovative Peace Works Camp to Lower Bucks. AWP will work with The Peace Center to present Peace Works Camp at Highland Park Community Church in Levittown.

The same wonderful crafts, games, and activities promoting cooperation, healthy friendships, and a positive self-image that AWP counselors and advocates-in-training have been bringing to Central Bucks will now be available in Lower Bucks, too. We can't wait for summer to start!

Lower Bucks Peace Works Camp

June 26 – June 30
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Highland Park Community Church
837 Hoe Rd., Levittown, PA

Central Bucks Peace Works Camp

Session 1: July 31 – August 4
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Session 2: August 7 – August 11
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Doylestown Mennonite Church
590 N. Broad St., Doylestown, PA



We look forward to bringing more smiles and spreading more peace than ever this summer!

For more information on Peace Works Camp, visit awomansplace.org/peaceworkscamp or contact Danielle Ferri, Director of The Prevention Project, at 215-343-9241, ext. 108 or dferri@awomansplace.org



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