

Holiday Issue 2021

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A Newsletter for our Donors & Volunteers



Our Vision

A community unified in peace and justice for the safety and well-being of every individual.

Our Mission

To offer resources for building healthy relationships and to work with community partners to provide services for healing the effects of interpersonal violence.



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A Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we approach the beginning of a new year, we at **Community Beyond Violence** are pleased to announce lots of new beginnings, among them a newly redesigned website (www.cbv.org), a beautiful new (to us) office space, and a gorgeous new mural to honor our donors. Additionally, we've been working hard to grow our programs.



Amanda Stephens and Sara Fetterly, two of our Housing Team members. Also pictured: Allissa Navo

Our **Housing Team** has facilitated tremendous growth in the program over the last year. Since January 2021, we've provided housing services to 100 clients (including finding permanent homes for several of them). You may know that finding affordable housing is problematic for many in our community. So we are grateful that your support has enabled our team to achieve such accomplishments for survivors here in Western Nevada County—and we are committed to continue to grow all of our services.

We have recently moved the Client Service Center to bright, newly refurbished offices and we're excited to show them to you! We're still located in the Brighton Greens Business Park, but have consolidated and moved to 1020 McCourtney Rd., Suite C (behind the Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital) in Grass Valley. **I LOVE** to give tours, so if you're interested in checking out the new space, please contact me at stephanie@cbv.org or call our office at 530-272-2046.

Along with our **new offices**, we now have a stunning mural to honor our supporters, created by the talented muralist, [@HayleeRyan](https://www.instagram.com/hayleeryan). This art piece depicts hope, new beginnings, and of course, all the possibilities of creating together our community beyond violence. This wall will celebrate donors by name on engraved elements that will integrate into the design.



See more of Haylee's work at hayleeryanart.com

We are excited to be able to honor our donors in such a meaningful way. Because of you, our valued supporters, we are continuing to grow and serve more survivors in our community. When you donate, our vision of a community unified in peace and justice for the safety and well-being of every individual becomes a reality we can grow to achieve.

Would you help further our vision and grow with us? You continue to inspire us to rise in resilience through challenging times and lend support, compassion, and myriad services to survivors of violence. We are incredibly thankful to have so many community members with such open-hearted spirits!

From all of us at **Community Beyond Violence**, we wish you and yours a warm, safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

In Gratitude,



Stephanie Fischer, Executive Director



PS: There are several ways to give: Visit cbv.org and click on Grow Together Text **GROWTOGETHER2021** to **44321** Include your gift in the enclosed donation envelope.

#ThisIsCommunity

#ThisIsCommunity is a way of expressing our appreciation for those who are supporting clients, staff, and community members—in myriad ways. Helping others to serve the greater good is what community is all about.

This month, we send our sincere thanks to Gary Reedy, Tim Huckins, Kurt Reinkens, and Neeyoh Poppin, of the **ManKind Project**, who graciously lent their handyman skills to help with several projects as we settled into the new Client Service Center.



Left to Right: Gary Reedy, Tim Huckins, Kurt Reinkens, and Neeyoh Poppin.

The **ManKind Project** is a nonprofit training and educational organization that offers personal development programs for men. They are dedicated to community service. For more information, visit <https://ncal.mkpusa.org/>.

Supporter Spotlight



Welcome to our new feature, Supporter Spotlight, where we introduce you to individuals who help further our mission to serve survivors in our community. From time to time we will feature volunteers, staff, and board members so you'll get to know us better!

Meet **Corinne Collins**, who has been volunteering in our Client Service Center covering the front desk and filing client information for the past year. Corinne has spent much of her life caring for others, including serving as a U.S. Army nurse during the Vietnam War, as well as volunteering as a nurse with the International Rescue Committee, and later, with the Peace Corps in Nepal.

During her time working with Vietnamese patients, she became interested in the culture and began to learn the language. The Army evacuation hospital where she was stationed contained a 20-bed burn unit for children (in addition to the beds for U. S. soldiers). "I fell in love with their culture, their respect for elders, their concern for others, and their tight family units," Corinne says, explaining that a family member would be in the child's room at all times, even sleeping on a grass mat on the floor next to the bed.

She says that during all her travels throughout Asian countries, the people were remarkably friendly and helpful, and she always felt safe. "It felt wonderful," she recalls.

Corinne eventually settled in Nevada County three years ago, where she enjoys hiking and other outdoor activities. She was drawn to volunteer with Community Beyond Violence due to the caring, confidential nature of our work with clients. "It's so great that Community Beyond Violence has created this space where people can come for help for free and it's completely confidential," she explains. "I also like the fact that their approach is always client-centered, and the only agenda is the client's agenda."

We are indeed fortunate to have Corinne. "Corinne has been very instrumental in volunteering in our office. She's very warm and asks questions whenever she needs clarification," says Viry (VEE-Dee), our Client Service Center Supervisor, adding that Corinne has started shadowing our current certified advocates so she can learn what they do on a day-to-day basis.

Thank you for all you do for Community Beyond Violence and survivors in our community, Corinne!



Financial contributions help off-set increased expenses to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now you can easily support survivors by texting [GROWTOGETHER2021](https://www.cbv.org) to 44321, or visit www.cbv.org to make a donation online.