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Our Vision: A community knowledgeable about domestic violence and abuse and fully engaged and committed to its eradication.

Our Mission: To help people affected by domestic violence and other forms of abuse in Otero and Lincoln Counties, New Mexico.

We do this by:

- Providing a comprehensive array of direct services, including shelter, counseling, legal services and advocacy.
- Engaging others in effectively addressing these issues in our community.
- Promoting safe and healthy relationships through awareness and prevention.

Today through 12/31/14: COPE's No Show Gala:

Support COPE by staying home! Send your check to support COPE's work without having to attend any event at all!!

Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.:

A Big Band and Bluegrass Benefit for COPE at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, Alamogordo

An evening of Stellar Holiday Entertainment featuring Bluegrass Band, Slightly Bent, the Alamogordo High School Choir and the Flickinger Center's own Big Band, the House Band. Suggested donation at the door: \$10

Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.:

A Christmas Singing to Benefit COPE at First Southern Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs, 26363 US Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs

Join us for an evening of Christmas singing, led by Jim Hamblen, accomplished musician and Church Music Director
 A love offering for COPE will be taken

Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.:

"Inspiration, Music from Broadway and Beyond," Benefit Concert for COPE at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, Alamogordo

Tickets are \$15, \$10 for military, seniors and children. Tickets may be purchased at COPE or at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts.

Looking ahead:

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.:

"Shine" Gospel Concert for COPE at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, Alamogordo

Featuring local church choirs and performing groups.



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take the opportunity to say a heart felt "Thank You" to each of you for your continued support of COPE's Mission! May you and your loved ones have a Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

-Megan Wade

December 2014

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We are coming to the end of another year and are so very grateful for the support given to COPE by our community! And in honor of the work COPE has accomplished and to celebrate the season of giving, we are asking you to NOT JOIN US! That's right, please don't bother to get dressed up, get a babysitter or even show up! Stay home, for our Inaugural NO SHOW GALA! Below is your invitation to take it easy this year! Simply RSVP your non attendance by December 31st to 909 South Florida , Alamogordo NM 88310 or by visiting our website at COPEDV.ORG! We will be happy to accommodate your staying home in your jammies!

The NO SHOW GALA - the event you don't need to attend!

Support your community by staying home.



No Show Gala
benefiting COPE

Mindful of everyone's busy lives, COPE requests the honor of your absence at a fabulous affair you will never need to attend!



No Show Gala
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To not attend, send the enclosed RSVP Card by
December 31, 2014
or go online www.copedv.org

By not attending this fabulous event, you save...

- ...\$300 on a new dress
- ...\$150 on a tux rental
- ...\$100 on a babysitter
- ...\$25 on parking

Instead, enjoy the evening at home knowing that you made a difference in your community.

All donations are tax deductible



No Show Gala
benefiting COPE

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Looking forward to NOT attending your event and instead:

- \$500-\$1000+ Thanking you for not asking us to chair the committee
- \$250 Allowing us to have a date night of OUR choice.
- \$150 Giving us the Opportunity to stay home and enjoy the night off
- \$100 Ordering take out and watching movies on the couch
- \$75 Baking cookies at home with my family AND licking the bowl clean
- \$50.00 Reading Quietly
- \$ ___ Self determined price for making my heart full and happy donating to such a worthwhile cause

SHELTER NEEDS

- Any type girls and boys clothing size 10- teens
- Teenage girl underwear
- Any 3rd 4th 5th grade boy socks
- Diapers size 4t 5t 6t
- Toiletries
- Blankets



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COMPANION ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORT

These days most of us consider our pets to be a member of the family. This is just as true for victims of domestic violence and their children. According to Sharon Jonas, Program Coordinator of the Companion Animal Rescue Effort (Care Program), up to 65% of domestic violence victims delay leaving abusive situations or reporting their abusers due to concern for the safety and welfare of their companion animals.

COPE is generally not able to house pets at the shelter more than a day or two. In a communal living situation, it is often likely that someone else staying at the shelter is allergic to dogs or cats. Additionally this type of living situation can be confusing and disorienting for a pet.

Fortunately, the Companion Animal Rescue Effort, a program of Animal Protection of New Mexico, has been established to develop emergency protective care resources for the animals of domestic violence victims throughout the state. According to Ms. Jonas, "Our CARE Network of safe temporary housing and other services for animals can enable human victims to leave a violent home and get the resources they need to start a new life and be happily reunited with their animals."

CARE is reaching out to other compassionate individuals, businesses, agencies and organizations to magnify CARE's impact across the state. CARE needs help to provide temporary emergency fostering, boarding, transporting and veterinary care for companion animals.

"We probably have at least one person every week tell us they are worried about their pet and they need help for them too," said Kay Gomolak, COPE Director. "The CARE program can help us to provide safety for pets so we can help their owners."

Please consider opening your home to a pet who needs emergency protective care. If you are interested in becoming involved in the CARE Network locally, contact Sharon Jonas at 505-265-2322 ext 23, or via email: sharon@apnm.org. For more information about the program, contact COPE or visit the apnm.org/care website.



Three out of four (73%) parents with children under the age of 18 said that they have not had a conversation about violence in the home.

Maybe its time we start the conversation!

COPE can help!

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

This information was reprinted from the NOMORE campaign.

NOMORE
"WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT"



Coming Soon...



Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 7 PM

Live at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts

COPE is awarded a PNM Foundation Reduce Your Use Grant

COPE has received notification that the agency has been selected to receive a grant from the PNM Foundation in the amount of \$3,965. The award will allow COPE to upgrade lighting at the agency's Alamogordo office service site and shelter.

Safety is a key factor for residents of the shelter, and lighting is a key element in assuring that residents feel and know they are safe. One goal of the project is to upgrade all lighting at the shelter to LED lights. This will reduce energy usage and cost at the shelter while increasing the safety and general comfort of shelter residents.

"Because safety is so important for our clients and staff at the shelter, our lights are probably on more than they would be in an average home or business," said Kay Gomolak, COPE Director. "The ceilings in the shelter are very high, making overhead lights hard to replace. LED lights would not need to be replaced as often as other lighting types, plus LED fluorescents have no covers to clean, decreasing maintenance costs and increasing worker safety."

Exterior spotlighting at COPE's Alamogordo office service site will also be upgraded with LED lights. These lights come on automatically and stay on from dusk to dawn, increasing safety for clients, staff and visitors on the property at night. LED lighting will be significantly less expensive to operate.

COPE has been the recipient of several Reduce Your Use grants from the PNM Foundation over the past several years, allowing the agency to improve lighting, upgrade appliances and have better windows and doors. Energy costs have been reduced and the safety of our clients, staff and visitors has been increased.

Thank you to the PNM Foundation for this opportunity to improve our services and be better stewards of energy usage!