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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.

A Bit about us...

In the past year COPE provided services to 486 adult survivors of domestic violence, 107 child victim/witnesses of domestic violence, and 376 perpetrators of domestic violence. Twenty-two percent of COPE's clients received services in Lincoln County and seventy-eight percent received services in Otero County. The agency's community education programs on all aspects of relationship violence reached more than 7,000 people in both counties last year. The agency is under the direction of a 13 member board of directors. In addition, an advisory board specifically promotes COPE's work in Lincoln County. There are 16 full-time and 14 part-time staff members who provide services.

Changes at the Shelter

So many positive changes are taking place in our Shelter.

Outside we have a tree that was planted in memory of one of our shelter staff members and it is thriving. We also have our



flower bed with flowering plants and vegetables. We've extended the height of the wall for safety, and we have added hummingbird feeders to our patio.



"This agency is very much needed for support and welfare for help when needed."

-Survivor
 (Alamogordo office)

COPE
 would like to say
THANKYOU
 to all those who have
 helped and continue
 to help support our
 mission!



When asked about COPE Legal services, a client said this...

"Very empathetic and genuine. Most kind and helpful. Attorney did everything possible for my emergency case."

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A Genie in a Bottle of Shampoo

You had an extra bottle of shampoo and dropped it by the COPE office. You had some clothes you were going to garage sale, some toys, or some canned goods that you gave. You gave some sheets



and blankets. You looked at the COPE page on Facebook, and picked up a few extra items during your last trip to the store. You donated

some furniture, or a television. You wrote a check, or donated some of your time. What did your donation, even a single bottle of shampoo, really mean?

Every donation, no matter how small, assists COPE to help survivors of domestic violence. As a staff member, it is impossible to convey how much gratitude we have to people who have supported COPE. It is also impossible to tell you how much you have helped to truly change people's lives. You helped provide safety, comfort, freedom, transportation, education, and community to clients. You helped a client find work, healthcare, childcare, schooling, and housing. You really did make wishes come true.

Your generosity has created an unbelievable amount of comfort, relief, healing, and so many smiles. You have given clients peace for the first time, and children the best time of their life. You helped clients to have a future.



Recently, staff was posed a sobering question: Will there be a COPE in the future? The economic reality is that there is no guarantee. Every single year is a difficult struggle to continue providing the best services to clients.



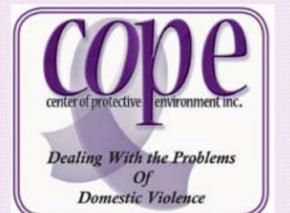
COPE is a precious resource that our community is truly blessed to have to face the huge problem of domestic violence. Please help our community safeguard it and keep making futures for COPE and our clients.

For everything you have done and will do as a supporter; thank you, thank you, and thank you.

by Austin Hursh,
 Residential Advocate

SHELTER NEEDS

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Makeup
- Deodorant
- Blankets
- Towels
- Children's Socks
- Alarm Clocks
- Boys Deodorant
- Pillows
- Hangers



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Listen and Believe



"I've learned that no two stories are ever the same; nevertheless each story has enormous personal value"

When COPE adopted the trauma informed Sanctuary model we moved from asking the question "What is wrong?" to "What has happened to you?" I believe this is a great way to focus on listening to an individual's story about what has occurred in their life, especially when the story is one about domestic and relationship violence.

In the years I've worked at COPE I have had the opportunity to hear many stories. These valuable stories have come from fellow staff, clients, survivors, witnesses, students in classrooms and trainings. I've learned that no two stories are ever the same; nevertheless each story has enormous personal value. For the person telling their story it is an important part of healing and thereby freeing them to start new stories free of violence. For me each story is like a section in a "patch work quilt" thus putting together a universal

story of the abuse that occurs to human beings worldwide.

As a fellow human being I believe it is important to listen to and believe each story whether I hear it directly or indirectly; as the Community Education and Outreach Director for COPE I want to take the stories that form the "patch work quilt" and use that quilt to talk about and prevent future abuses from happening to anyone.

If you get a chance to hear someone's "story" please listen and believe that human story, not from a place of sadness and grief but from a place of attentiveness and humanity. When you give a person such an honor you will be touched in a great way. I know I have.

Perry Lawson,
COPE Community Education Director

Transitional Home

When Virginia Reed died almost two years, she had a heartfelt dream. Her hope was that the house she and her husband had built and lived in for nearly sixty years would be used to help people in need. Thanks to a partnership between First Presbyterian Church and the Center of Protective Environment, her dream has become a reality.

"Virginia's Place," as it is being called, is a Transitional Housing program serving families coming from the COPE Emergency Shelter. In place of rent, participating families will save 30% of their income to be directed toward permanent housing. Supportive services and education will also continue. By providing safe, rent-free living, Virginia's Place will give residents enough

"breathing space" to help them achieve their long term goals for achieving independence while participating in a caring community.

Grants from the Kenneth P. Gifford Foundation of El Paso, and the Presbyterian Women Creative Ministries Committee of the Presbyterian Church (USA), have paid for the cost of renovating the house, originally built in 1957. The first official residents of Virginia's Place moved into the home on May 19, 2014.

For more information about the Transitional Housing program, contact Robert P. Reno, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, by phone at 434-6169 or email at fpcalamo@zianet.com.



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Celebration of Spirit in Ruidoso

Save the Date for a special concert in Ruidoso! On June 29th, performers will include local church choirs, ENMU Choir, local ensembles and soloists. Admission is free and an offering will be taken.

Light refreshments will be served after the event, during the silent auction, which includes items from local restaurants, fitness centers, jewelry and other donated items from local businesses! Grab a friend and head to the First Christian Church for this great show!

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Celebration of Spirit!
Sing! Sing! Sing!
"You are invited to join us for this powerful county wide musical benefit."
JUNE 29TH 2:00 PM Doors Open/Silent Auction Browsing
2:30 PM Singing Begins
FREE ADMISSION
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A COPE Benefit to raise funds for the Center of Protective Environment in Otero and Lincoln Counties.

A diverse gathering of spiritual choirs, vocal and instrumental groups and a Christian dance company.

One night only in Alamogordo! Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Per-

forming Arts. Tickets are \$10, available at the Flickinger on New York Av. or at the COPE office @ 909 South Florida.

Don't miss this great Musical Event benefiting COPE!