

DAIS DIGEST

The road forward. Together.



Our work here at DAIS doesn't have a slow season. There are times that are busier than others but ours is the kind of work that goes year-round, day in and day out. In such a setting it's often easy to lose track of your surroundings and to focus on the next thing around the corner until something jolts you back to the here and now. I had one of those moments just a few days ago.

As I was walking through our building, I heard the unmistakable, musical sound of children laughing. My eyes followed the sound, and I was delighted to see children from our shelter outside playing on the play structure. Doing absolutely regular kid stuff! Running, laughing, moving in multiple different directions at once. Doing what kids do. And my heart leapt!

That moment of joy renewed and rejuvenated me and reminded me that one of the things that DAIS provides for the families we serve are moments of normalcy and peacefulness, and even joy.

Frequently, our staff have people remark to them that it must be "hard" working here. True enough, some days it is, when our staff hear what our clients have experienced, and their deep compassion for our clients results in emotional duress. We work hard to recognize and mitigate that. But, also importantly, what is sometimes overlooked is that DAIS is also a place where people can experience safety, peace, and even joy.

We celebrate our client's successes, big ones like a new job or apartment, small ones, like a client getting through a daunting stack of mail or making a difficult phone call. We have ordinary times of laundry and lunches to pack, and appointments to make, and extraordinary days of first steps, family holidays, and moving out!

For the time that our Shelter families stay in our DAIS community, we are a home. Our staff works hard to support our families in large and small ways to feel safe, and carry on with the regular, routine business of life all while taking some life changing steps.

I wanted to use this space to bring you into those moments with us and thank you for your part in making it possible to make this space a home.

Shannon Barry

Shannon Barry,
MSSW Executive Director

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Our Mission

Empower those affected by domestic violence and advocate for social change through support, education, and outreach.

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RAISE FOR DAIS

10th Anniversary RAISE FOR DAIS 8/29/2022 Nakoma Golf Club

Charity Golf Outing and Silent Auction
Presented by J&K Security Solutions

Over \$1,000,000 Raised since 2013

Day of Event Schedule:

9:00am Golf Registration Opens

11:00am Shotgun Start (scramble format)

3:15pm Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres

4:15pm Seating for dinner

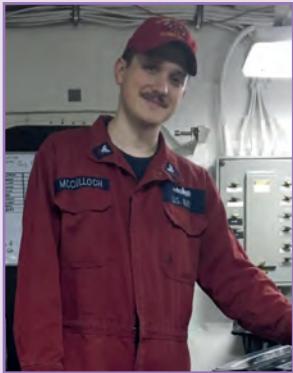
4:30pm Remarks from DAIS Executive Director, Shannon Barry

5:30pm Keynote Speaker

6:00pm Presentation of check to DAIS



Meet Our Staff



Cameron McColloch (he/him/his)

Operations Assistant

I served in the Navy as a journalist from 2013 until 2018, mostly assigned to the recently decommissioned USS Bonhomme Richard. After leaving the armed forces I worked a manger position at Capitol Centre Market in downtown Madison. At the time I started at the market I was looking for a simple job to help reacclimate to civilian life. Due to rapid promotions and the Covid pandemic I stayed at the market for longer than intended and grew restless. Working downtown and interacting with the public daily made my desire to serve resurface. I had many skills learned from my associates degree in Computer Networking, my education at The Defense Information School and as a journalist, volunteer firefighter and as a member of the Ship Self-Defense Force that I felt were going to waste. When I was offered the Operations Assistant position at DAIS it felt like a perfect match. I am incredibly proud and thankful that I found work at DAIS that can utilize my knowledge to help serve this Community. My hobbies currently include reading or watching anything fantasy, video games, and more recently needle felting and model kits. I can be reached at cameornm@abuseintervention.org!



Donna Faulkner (she/her/hers)

Development Manager

Passion. That one word has guided my 20+ year career with nonprofit organizations. I stumbled into a job I enjoyed with the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, which became a career when I was with the Madison Public Schools Foundation. When I saw the Development Manager position at DAIS was open, I knew this was how I could make a difference in real lives. IPV/DV impacts every person and business in our community, and the community needs to be part of the solution. Hearing survivors of IPV/DV tell their stories is why every person who supports DAIS does what they do – no matter if they are a financial supporter, a volunteer, or a staff member. On a personal note, travel is also a passion and each place I visit is a learning opportunity. I have been to Washington DC several times, been on several Caribbean cruises, been across the pond to Dublin, Rome, London, and in 2021 went on my dream trip to Egypt. I can be reached at donnaf@abuseintervention.org or **608-709-5393**.



Elsa Gumm (she/her/hers)

Legal Advocate

I have an M.A. in Rhetoric from UW-Madison and recently completed a post-secondary Paralegal diploma program through MATC. I began volunteering with DAIS in 2016, and since being hired as a Legal Advocate in January have enjoyed working full time in co-advocacy with survivors of intimate partner violence. Previously I worked in interfaith community development and managed a yoga studio. I have two children and we enjoy visiting local and state parks and creating art projects together. In my free time I like to read, practice yoga, play ultimate frisbee, and go on walks with friends. I love making new connections: please reach out to me by emailing elsag@abuseintervention.org.

Great Givers Spotlight



DAIS is honored and delighted to announce that our 2022 Community Champions are Sue and Jim Bakke. Jim is president and CEO of Sub-Zero Group, Inc., and Sue is the owner of Chauette Fashion and Home in Middleton and involved in countless community causes.

Recently, Sue was interviewed about their support of DAIS and asked what first got her involved with the organization. She shared that in 2008, she was invited to go to the very first luncheon DAIS held. She remembers she was hesitant at first because she didn't know anything about DAIS but decided to attend so she could learn more. Sue recounts being overwhelmed, listening to the speaker who was a victim and also a survivor. Sue said, "I felt that

she was so brave in how she told her story. And it really pulled on my heartstrings, and I wanted to help out after that."

After many years of commitment to DAIS, from supporting the Capital Campaign to build our facility on Fordem Avenue, to furnishing all the stoves, ranges, and refrigerators at DAIS to being the presenting sponsor of the luncheon every year since 2012, this year Sue and Jim have agreed to be our Community Champions for 2022. For DAIS, a Community Champion is a prominent local leader who is willing to use their voice and influence to help end domestic violence in Dane County. These leaders help raise awareness of intimate partner violence and raise critical funds for DAIS throughout the year.



Sue shared that she feels that it's very important to enlist the entire community to help in some way, because domestic violence is an issue that impacts the entire community, and touches lives regardless of age, race, gender, education, or any other trait.

When asked to elaborate on the change she would like to see, Sue said, "I feel that if people really were more aware of what was happening in this community, as far as domestic abuse went, they would step up. It wouldn't be a question. They would do it. I think the more knowledge you have about the subject, the more you're going to want to help."

In talking more about their role for DAIS this year, she told us, "I feel just really happy that Jim and I have

decided to become Community Champions this year. I'm hoping everyone else in the community will step up and make a commitment to help out. I know people feel that domestic abuse is a dark subject that people don't want to talk about in general, but the more people like myself talk about it and make it normal, people will understand that they need to help. I think we need to for the victims out there that are going nameless."

Sue and Jim Bakke are a wonderful example of how commitment and dedication to a cause and an organization can grow into a meaningful and treasured relationship. They are, indeed, great givers!

If you have any ways in which you would like to help, please reach out to our Development staff by emailing Director of Development and Communications, **Mary Donahue**, at Maryd@abuseintervention.org. Your ideas and contributions are welcome!

Prevention, Outreach, Education, and Training



Professional/Skills-Based Training-

Professional/Skills-Based trainings and workshops to health care providers, law enforcement, human resources professionals, educators, mental health providers, first responders, CPS, and more. These trainings and workshops focus on raising awareness of IPV and going deeper with a focus on skills that can be used to support survivors, provide appropriate interventions and referrals. An example of a skills-based training is a presentation to health care providers about screening for IPV in their practice as well as how to handle a positive screen and make a referral to DAIS.

Primary Prevention- Primary prevention seeks to address the root causes of violence before it begins to reduce the likelihood that anyone will be a victim or perpetrator of violence. DAIS employs a variety of strategies across the Social-Ecological Model from the individual to society to create meaningful and systemic change. DAIS' flagship primary prevention program is MENS Club (Men Encouraging Non-Violent Strength) which is a curriculum-based evidence-informed program that brings together male-identified students from middle and high schools to address the root causes of violence. Groups meet weekly throughout the year and discuss various topics related to gender-based violence. Topics include, community building, gender socialization, identity, oppression, allyship, healthy and less healthy relationships, leadership development and more. The goal of MENS Club is to develop young men as allies and leaders in ending gender-based violence.

The POET team consists of **Faye Zemel**, Director of Prevention and Systems Advocacy, and **Zoë Heitzinger**, Prevention Outreach Coordinator. If you or someone you know is interested in having us come talk to a group, please email Zoë at zoeh@abuseintervention.org.

The DAIS Prevention, Outreach, Education and Training (POET) department offers three chief initiatives that work together to address violence in our community and how to support survivors of IPV. These components are Community Education and Awareness, Professional/Skills-Based Training, and Primary Prevention. Curious to what each of these entails? Check out the information below:

Community Education and Awareness-

We all know someone who is or has experienced IPV and we all have a role to play in supporting those with lived experience. Presentations to community groups that help to raise awareness of the prevalence of IPV in Dane County, how to identify IPV, and how to support those who are experiencing IPV and make a referral to DAIS. Examples of Community Education and Awareness presentations include presentations to faith-based groups, classrooms, businesses, book clubs, service clubs, neighborhood groups, as well as others.

Volunteer Corner



Our volunteers are instrumental to the work we do and provide crucial, life-saving services to domestic violence survivors and their families. Currently we are most in need of individuals who are interested in volunteering with our Support Groups and Parent, Child, and Youth Advocacy Program!

Our Support Group Advocates facilitate our support group sessions, and thus are incredibly important to the programming we offer. Advocates provide support, community referrals, and safety tips while ensuring that groups follow the outlined support group format. This would be a great opportunity for someone who has prior knowledge of how to facilitate group-led discussions, can recognize and control their personal views, and is enthusiastic about assisting the group in reaching their overarching goals.

Volunteer Child and Youth Advocates provide children who have been affected by domestic violence with a safe and structured environment in which they are free to engage in positive activities. Advocates work with children of various ages and backgrounds who are either current residents of our shelter or whose parents are utilizing our community services. While their parents receive services to help them address the challenges in their life, they can rest assured that their children are safe and enjoying themselves while playing amongst others their age (the way a child should!).

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities or learn about other volunteer opportunities currently available at DAIS, take a look at our website at abuseintervention.org/volunteer



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Wish List

You make our wishes come true

To see our full wish list, visit our website at abuseintervention.org and select wish list under the "I want to help" tab. Here are our most wished for items.

- Laundry baskets
- Totes – prefer solid color
- Coffee Pots (for home use)
- Queen size air mattress (no pump needed)
- Queen size sheet sets
- 3 drawer plastic storage cart wide size
- Girls' clothing size 6 (Small)
- Boys size clothing size 4 & 6 (XSmall and Small)
- Girls undies size 2/3
- Girls clothing size 16-20 (XL)
- Girls PJ's size 10+

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