



# Relationship Safety Alliance

Serving Mid-Minnesota Since 1978



Spring 2026

## With Your Help in 2025

RSA provided **shelter services** to 113 adults, 44 youth, and their pets. Totaling 3,839 bed-nights of safe housing.

**Protective orders** were submitted to Crow Wing County at approximately 5-8 per week, and subsequent **court hearings** were attended.

951 **supervised visits** and 339 **safe exchanges** ensured safety for many children. There were 149 **new intakes** across 14 counties.

The **holidays** were generously filled with 51 adults and 81 youth receiving donated gifts through donations and the Adopt a Family program.

172 **volunteers** contributed 867.9 hours.

24 **professional trainings** reaching 854 professionals were conducted and 394 **community education presentations** reached 3,649 people.

*Thank you for providing the monetary and in-kind donations we rely on every day.*

*We can't do it without you.*



## Volunteers make our world go round!

Front desk reception duties, childcare during community support groups, crafting, cleaning at the shelter, special events and holidays, maintenance projects, lawn & garden help, and much more.

If you're interested in volunteering please

call Mary Savage at 218-232-3005

*We would love to have you join us!*

Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow that talent wherever it leads. Erica Jong

## APRIL 2026

11<sup>th</sup> Æbleskiver Brunch, Craft & Bake Sale 9:30-11am at Trinity Lutheran Church  
19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation Week and Crime Victims' Rights Week  
23<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, 12-4pm at the Brainerd Lakes Airport conference room. Please RSVP (if you haven't already) text Mary 218-232-3005 or email [facilities@relationshipsafety.org](mailto:facilities@relationshipsafety.org)

## MAY

Supervised Visitation Awareness Month

## JUNE

Pride Month  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> drop off donated items at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds for the RSA Garage Sale. Building #5.  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> RSA Annual Garage Sale  
21<sup>st</sup> help with clean up RSA Garage Sale

## JULY

National Minority Mental Health Awareness  
Disability Pride Month  
Best of Brainerd Lakes voting

## AUGUST

National Wellness Month, Immunization Awareness  
9<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day at Gregory Park 11am-2pm

## SEPTEMBER

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

## OCTOBER

Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
5<sup>th</sup> Taco John's RSA Fundraiser 4-8pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil at Lyman P. White Park 6:30pm

## NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month  
National Family Caregivers Month  
RSA Holiday Programs  
18<sup>th</sup> Pints for a Purpose RSA Fundraiser at Jack Pine Brewery, Baxter  
20<sup>th</sup> Give to the Max Day

## DECEMBER

Universal Human Rights Month  
HIV/AIDS Awareness Month  
RSA Holiday Programs  
1<sup>st</sup> Giving Tuesday



The Alex & Brandon Child Safety Center provides a safe, secure, neutral, family-oriented space for supervised parenting time and safe exchange of children between parents/caregivers.

Call 218-828-0022 or [info@relationshipsafety.org](mailto:info@relationshipsafety.org)

## SUPPORT GROUPS & CLASSES

### Love and Logic Parenting Classes

Mar 2-Apr 6, May 4-Jun 15, Jul 6-Aug 10,  
Sep 14-Oct 19, Nov 2-Dec 7  
Child care provided  
Call 218-828-1216 for more info

### Community Domestic Violence Support Group

Tuesdays 6-8pm  
at the Louise Seliski Shelter  
Child care provided  
Call 218-828-1216



# Meet the Board



**Hi! I am Sandy Barnes. I retired in 2021 and shortly after, my husband and I relocated to the Brainerd lakes area buying a home in Pequot Lakes. With retirement, I found that I needed more purpose in my life. About four years ago I discovered that the Louise Seliski Shelter needed volunteers. I began volunteering at the front desk answering the phones and helping with donations. As I learned more about the good work that is done by this organization, I really wanted to do more to support their mission. In January 2025 I joined the Board of Directors and so far, it has been a great experience. I feel fortunate to be a part of this organization.**



**My hobbies and interests are spending time with my 2 daughters. I love everything about being a girl Dad and all that comes with it. I wanted to join the board for many reasons, with the primary being coming from similar life situations that RSA directly helps others with. An opportunity to help and serve people in any way I can and in any situation is what truly drives and motivates me**

**Caleb Hall**



# Letter from the Executive Director



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**Safety Alliance**  
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Dear Friends and Supporters,

**Spring is a season of growth—and at Relationship Safety Alliance, we see that growth every day as survivors take brave steps toward safety, healing, and hope.** Your support helps make those steps possible.

March is **Women's History Month**, honoring *Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*. On **International Women's Day**, we reflected on this year's theme, "*Give to Gain*," a reminder that when we invest in safety, dignity, and opportunity for women, our entire community grows stronger.

Advocacy remains essential to this work. Survivors, advocates, and allies recently gathered at the Capitol for **Action Day 2026: In Solidarity We Rise--Reimagining Justice Together** to highlight the importance of crime victim services across Minnesota.

At the same time, victim service programs are facing growing uncertainty. The Minnesota Office of Justice Programs has announced that funding available for the next grant cycle may decrease by approximately 20% due to continued reductions in federal **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)** funding. While these challenges are real, our commitment to survivors remains unwavering.

We are also excited that Crow Wing County was selected for the **2026–2027 Institute for Coordinated Community Response (ICCR) Cohort Program**, strengthening collaboration to improve safety for survivors in our region.

We hope to see many of you at upcoming events, including the **City Soul Chunky Knit Blanket Workshop** on March 21<sup>st</sup>. You can learn more about it [here](#).

Thank you for standing with survivors and helping our community continue to grow stronger.

**Together, we are building a community where safety, dignity, and hope continue to grow.**

With gratitude,

