



Rotary Club Of Estes Park Funds New Computer For Estes Valley Crisis Advocates



Diana David Brown, Executive Director EVCA; Kathy Park, Safehouse Coordinator/SA Advocate; Beth Weisberg, Director of Community Service, Rotary Club of Estes Park.

Photo courtesy Beth Weisberg

The Rotary Club of Estes Park ("Noon Rotary") this week awarded Estes Valley Crisis Advocates (EVCA) funds to purchase a new computer for My Sister's Place, EVCA's safe house. My Sister's Place clients use the computer to access emergency social services, medical, and court services. Also it's used to search for jobs and new housing, and to communicate with clients' children's schools.

Recently, the safe house's computer failed. "When we learned about My Sister's Place's need for a new computer, Noon Rotary was happy to be able to provide the funds quickly," said Beth Weisberg, the Rotary Club's Director of Community Service.

Estes Valley Crisis Advocates (EVCA) is a nonprofit, community-based crisis advocacy organization that provides crisis intervention involving an advocate identifying, assessing, and assisting any individual experiencing a crisis.

EVCA also runs My Sister's Place, the

only domestic violence shelter in the Estes Valley area. My Sister's Place provides emergency shelter and fills emergency needs for anyone leaving a domestic violence situation.

In the last year, EVCA provided 667 shelter nights to women, men, and children. Most domestic violence victims leave their homes with very few, if any, possessions.

The funds used by Noon Rotary for this award came primarily from sales of the Estes Park Friendship Card, a local discount card which costs \$10 and provides discounts at over 70 Estes Park shops, restaurants, and other local businesses.

All proceeds from Friendship Card sales go to fund grants to nonprofits and charities as well as to support youth in the community. For more information about the Friendship Card and where to buy them, see www.facebook.com/EPFriendshipCard.



Rotary Club Of Estes Park Funds Bedding And Towels For My Sister's Place



May Rodriguez, Crisis Advocate; Beth Weisberg, Director of Community Service, Rotary Club of Estes Park; Jack Boatman, Grants Director, Rotary Club of Estes Park; Kathy Park, Safehouse Coordinator/SA Advocate.

As part of its effort to provide a cheerful, safe place for victims of domestic violence and other traumatic events, Estes Valley Crisis Advocates (EVCA) needs an ongoing supply of bedding and towels for its safe house, My Sister's Place.

The Rotary Club of Estes Park (Noon Rotary) sought and qualified for a District Rotary grant to combine with the club's donated funds. Club members were happy to present their check for \$1,000 to EVCA this week, which is enough to cover all the current needs.

"This is all so amazing!" said EVCA Executive Director Diana David Brown. "All of these items will make My Sister's Place an even more comfortable and welcoming place to stay." With this donation, EVCA will now provide new bedding and towels for each resident as well as protective pillow covers and infant towels and washcloths.

My Sister's Place is the only domestic violence shelter in the Estes Valley area. The shelter provides emergency shelter and fills other emergency needs, including providing an advocate to each victim

in crisis. EVCA also provides information and referrals, support groups, community and peer education, and a 24 hour crisis hotline.

As a nonprofit, community-based organization based in Estes Park, EVCA can always make good use of donations to improve the lives of its clients and the community. Their office phone number, which also serves as the 24-hour crisis hotline, is 970-577-9781. For more information, their website is www.crisisadvocates.org.

The Rotary Club of Estes Park meets at the American Legion Hall in Estes Park every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Rotary is a non-political, non-sectarian, nonprofit organization with over 1.4 million members worldwide. Each member is dedicated to service above self, improving lives and supporting global as well as local projects. For more information about the Rotary Club of Estes Park, visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/estesparkrotary. Learn more at: www.clubrunner.ca/estespark.