

Patty Anderskow

A Safe Place

Position: Volunteer

Time at Agency: 16 years

Commitment to advocacy on behalf of those affected by domestic violence:

Patty has been an outstanding advocate for A Safe Place and all victims and survivors of domestic violence. For nearly a decade, she has led the Unmask the Violence Gala committee, helping to secure essential funds and raise awareness through education and outreach to businesses and individuals. Beyond event planning, Patty actively advocates for victims and survivors in her community. She organizes third-party events, coordinates in-kind drives, and assists with collecting Thanksgiving meals for clients. Her advocacy, dedication, and commitment to the mission of A Safe Place are evident year-round.

Personal qualities that reflect an ongoing commitment to ethical, peaceful, and respectful work with others:

Patty's empathy for clients drives her to fill in gaps wherever she can. Her commitment to the mission is evident through her collaborative efforts with committee members, the board, staff, and the community to raise awareness and funds for services. She is dependable, accountable, and respectful to everyone she works with.

Ways in which they instill a spirit of advocacy in others:
Patty leads by example. She is a great supporter of our work and invites others to do the same.

Experience that demonstrates a broad commitment to social justice:
After volunteering for almost 10 years and being involved with our agency for more than that, I would say that this in itself is shows her commitment to the movement to end violence again women.

Creativity in building the domestic violence movement within a social change framework:
Patty has helped structure events not only for them to be a fun evening, but also an evening of education, awareness and a call to action for those attending.