

# WEAVE's *journey*

WEAVE was established in 1978 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (FEIN: 94-2493158) to serve domestic violence survivors and their families in Sacramento County. In 1988, WEAVE added services to help survivors of sexual assault and remains the sole Rape Crisis Center in Sacramento County. In 2009, WEAVE began providing services to victims of human trafficking.

WEAVE has grown from a small, grassroots organization to a nationally recognized leader in the domestic and sexual violence movements. WEAVE has been honored for its efforts by many organizations, including the Nonprofit Resource Center, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Governor of California, the Human Rights Fair Housing Commission, the Attorney General, the FBI, and the President of the United States.

## 40 Year Timeline

**1975**

A community action group comprised of abused Hispanic women establish WEAVE to address the issues of domestic violence in their community.

**1979**

Federal funding allowed WEAVE to expand services to include a Shelter Children's Program.

**1982**

- Aetna Life and Casualty Foundation funded the WEAVE Tutorial Project for shelter children
- WEAVE received an award from the Public Relations Round Table for outstanding achievement in public relations.

**1985**

The nine Soroptimist International clubs in Sacramento joined together to form the Soroptimist Joint Committee to support construction of a permanent shelter facility.

**1987**

WEAVE established the Domestic Violence Coordination Council - a group comprised of elected public officials, representatives from law enforcement, and victim advocacy agencies to coordinate and improve services to victims of family violence.

**1978**

- The first WEAVE shelter opened with funding from the County of Sacramento
- The abuser treatment program known as Positive Anger Control (PAC) was established
- WEAVE was incorporated

**1981**

- WEAVE expanded services to offer legal advocacy
- The Young Lawyers Association of Sacramento gave WEAVE their Law Day Award in recognition of outstanding legal advocacy services for abused women and their children
- WEAVE became the sole provider of domestic violence services in Sacramento County. At this time, the Resource Development Committee of the Board of Directors was formed and staff was hired to broaden and stabilize WEAVE's local base of financial support

**1984**

The Ms. Foundation for Women funded the WEAVE Teen Dating Violence Project. Teen dating violence research conducted by WEAVE staff was published in the National Journal of Social Work.

**1986**

- The WEAVE Soroptimist Safehouse opened - the first shelter to be built in California specifically for the victims of domestic violence
- WEAVE became a full member agency of the Sacramento United Way
- WEAVE received the Human Rights Fair Housing Commission Award for outstanding advocacy on behalf of the rights of battered women

**1989**

- WEAVE formed its Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
- A Safehouse addition was completed allowing room for the addition of on-site medical services
- WEAVE published Everybody's Business - a manual for replication of the Domestic Violence Coordination Council in other communities

**1993**

Established elementary school-based prevention education program.

**1995**

- Established high school-based prevention education program
- Established domestic violence Counseling Center services for children and elementary school violence prevention programs

**1997**

WEAVE is given Sacramento-El Dorado Medical Society Medical Community Service Award.

**1999**

Suited for Success program established, helping women get a fresh start or to re-enter the workforce.

**2001**

WEAVE legacy Gail Jones retires.

**2003**

WEAVE celebrates 25 years of service.

**2006**

- Beth Hassett named WEAVE's Executive Director
- WEAVE Founders awarded California First Lady Minerva Award.

**2008**

- Opened onsite charter school at Safehouse campus.
- WEAVE launches "Stylin' for Success", a domestic violence awareness campaign aimed at salon professionals. The campaign was chosen for replication by the CA Attorney General's Office.

**1988**

- WEAVE expands services to include victims of sexual assault
- WEAVE received an award from the Attorney General for outstanding support of law enforcement and service to battered women
- WEAVE received the Governor's Victim Services Award

**1992**

Dedication of WEAVE's Children's Center and Playground at the Safehouse.

**1994**

Dedication of B.T. Collins Memorial Counseling Center.

**1996**

President Bill Clinton paid a visit to WEAVE and spoke to a group of 5,000 about issues associated with domestic violence.

**1998**

- WEAVEWorks retail opens
- California Endowment grant funds "Break the Silence on Domestic Violence" a two year, six county multimedia domestic violence prevention campaign in collaboration with KVIE public TV.

**2000**

WEAVE Thrift Shop retail operation opens in Carmichael.

**2002**

Nicolette Bautista joins WEAVE as Executive Director.

**2005**

WEAVE receives Nonprofit of the Year award from the Nonprofit Resource Center.

**2007**

Counseling services expanded to outlying communities.

**2009**

- Opened new 12,000 sq ft Safehouse featuring 18 family suites and onsite supportive services at Safehouse campus
- WEAVE became part of the local Rescue & Restore Coalition and began providing services to victims of human trafficking
- WEAVE, in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department and Runyon Saltzman & Einhorn, launch "Keep Your Wits" a multi-media campaign aimed at encouraging bystander intervention and knowledge of personal safety. The campaign targeted teens and young adults through social media content, radio and TV PSAs

## 2010

- Added Nature Explore Classroom to Safehouse campus
- Chosen to implement the programmatic component of a CDC funded evaluation effort of the Coaching Boys Into Men prevention education program

## 2012

- Completed renovations to Children's Services Building at Safehouse campus, adding expanded resources for children's counseling, play care, and onsite charter school
- Completed construction of Next Step Housing Village to provide longer-term housing solutions to families graduating from Safehouse program
- Launched My Strength Clubs at area high schools

## 2015

- WEAVE launches Open House - a transformational approach to safe shelter that eliminates barriers. The seven-unit apartment complex is a blending of emergency and transitional housing that provides greater privacy for victims with pets/service animals, those that live near the other WEAVE residential campus, male and transgender victims, and those with chronic medical conditions that require greater control over the living environment.
- WEAVE receives a three-year grant to support expanded Legal Services to Victims from the Office of Violence Against Women.
- WEAVE receives a three-year grant to support Transitional Housing for Victims from the Office of Violence Against Women.
- WEAVE opens TRUE (Totally Recycled Urban Exchange) - a second retail location as part of WEAVE's social enterprise efforts to diversify its funding streams.

## 2017

- WEAVE establishes its Violence Prevention Navigator program to provide mobile advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking identified by medical providers.
- WEAVE is one of fifty inaugural grantees receiving Ralance funding to initiate innovative sexual violence interventions. The agency collaborates with the Sacramento LGBT Community Center and Wind Youth Services to identify and respond to barriers experienced by homeless youth, LBGT youth and LGBT homeless youth who experience or are at risk for sexual violence and exploitation.
- WEAVE secures funding through CalOES and later the Office of Violence Against Women to address barriers experienced by survivors living with disabilities including a strategic partnership with the Society for the Blind.
- WEAVE holds inaugural Sexual Assault Response Team conference.
- WEAVE receives funding through the Sacramento Region Community Foundation's Immediate Need Grants program to fund development of an action kit and education to empower business owners, employees, and residents of the Watt Avenue Corridor to identify and respond to sex trafficking.

## 2011

- WEAVE opened WEAVE Wellness Center to better serve residents of South Sacramento and Elk Grove
- WEAVE awarded the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award

## 2013

- Opens four transitional housing cottages to provide safe housing for survivors who have completed the Safehouse program
- Secured third grant of \$1 million from the Emergency Housing Assistance Program to fund the purchase of eight apartments which will be renovated to provide alternative emergency shelter options for victims with unique barriers such as service animals
- In partnership with Elk Grove Police Department, reestablished the Domestic Violence Response Team to serve victims of domestic violence and elder abuse living in Elk Grove
- Received funding from Blue Shield of California Foundation to launch the Shared Vision collaborative with the Sacramento Native American Health Center to develop an integrated approach to domestic violence screening and response in the community clinic setting
- Launched WEAVE Legal - an innovative "low bono" legal assistance program meeting the legal barriers experienced by most domestic violence victims

## 2016

- WEAVE partners with International Rescue Committee (IRC) to provide case management for victims of sex trafficking as part of a federally funded anti-trafficking initiative.
- WEAVE selected by Sacramento County Child Protective Services as the sole organization to provide 24/7 response to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) identified by CPS and law enforcement.
- WEAVE receives state and federal funds to provide response to incarcerated victims of sexual assault through the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
- WEAVE receives funding through CalOES to expand services and resources for adult victims of sex trafficking including launching the County's first dedicated shelter for adult victims of sex trafficking.
- WEAVE launches its Financial Empowerment Program to expand resources and services for victims of financial abuse.