ZONTA SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

200 WORD EXPLANATION FOR A DISTRICT AWARD

DISTRICT 12

Many D12 clubs that donated needed items to safehouses during 2013 have deep and ongoing relationships with the shelters.

* Denver II, a Colorado club, has been working with the Denver SafeHouse since 1986.
* Billings, a Montana club, supported abuse survivors taking art classes that encouraged them to see themselves as artists and not just victims. The art was displayed at the Zonta Says No Empty Shoes art show.
* Pike’s Peak Club of Colorado sponsored a talk by a domestic violence agency expert about how the brain responds to traumatic events and how to help heal survivors. They also provide Welcome Bags to women entering the shelter who seldom bring much with them.
* Foothills Club of Boulder, Colorado, has established a shelter lending library donating shelves and books that can be read, traded or kept.
* The Denver Colorado club makes a dinner once a month at the shelter.
* Spearfish club from South Dakota maintains locations around town where people and businesses can drop off donations to the shelter.
* Southern Black Hills club of South Dakota hosted a forum of experts to share information and develop strategies to help safehouse survivors and prevent domestic violence.