The Unveiling of Kaasei Totem Plaza!

Gunalchéesh to everyone who attended the Kaasei Satú Healing Kootéeyaa Ceremony on October 1. AWARE, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, the City and Borough of Juneau, and many partners and community members worked hard to make this event happen! We hope everyone experienced the healing energy we felt at the unveiling, and that this energy continues to reverberate throughout the community.

The messages were powerful. We passed out wood chips from the carving of the pole and asked attendees to write the names of those people in their lives who need healing. We collected those chips and placed them into the Fire Dish to burn and be released. As we burned away some of that pain and trauma, The Tlingit Culture, Language, and Literacy Dance Group students performed as a rainbow appeared over Twin Lakes. Tlingit Master Carver Wayne Price told the story of the totem pole, and Wayne was gifted with the name Kaajis.yoodzi.áxk (It Echoes Back for the People) in honor of his contributions on behalf of healing and recovery. He danced the Carver's Dance and released the Kootéeyaa to belong to all of the people of our community.
For more coverage of the ceremony, check out the social media pages from some of the sponsors of this project: AWARE, Tlingit & Haida, Sealaska and KTOO.

Deep gratitude and thanks to some of our other Kaasei Totem Plaza sponsors: Rasmuson Foundation, Bartlett Regional Hospital, and SEARHC, as well as the hundreds of donors who helped bring this project to life!

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**AWARE in the Community**

**Congrats to AWARE's 2023 Women of Distinction!**
AWARE’s 2023 Women of Distinction (left to right): Catherine "Kate" Wolfe, Jeni Brown, LaRae Jones, and Susan Bell.

Congratulations to our 2023 Women of Distinction! This next year's honorees are: Susan Bell, Jeni Brown, LaRae Jones, and Catherine "Kate" Wolfe. The gala will take place at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall on Saturday, March 4, 2023! Tickets go on sale in January. We hope you will be able to join us and celebrate these amazing women's accomplishments to the Juneau community!

Intro to Transformative Justice Webinar

Intro to Transformative Justice with Mia Mingus
Online Webinar

Friday
November 18th
9:00-11:00 am

REGISTER

AWARE’s Haa Tóoch Líchéesh program will be having an online
webinar with well-known educator/organizer Mia Mingus
November 18th from 9am-11am.

"Mia Mingus is a writer, educator and trainer for transformative justice and disability justice. As her work for liberation evolves and deepens, her roots remain firmly planted in ending sexual violence. Transformative Justice is a political framework and approach for responding to violence, harm and abuse. At its most basic, it seeks to respond to violence without creating more violence and/or engaging in harm reduction to lessen the violence. We invite you to please come learn more about this framework with us and how applying it can benefit us as individuals and as well as our communities."

Sponsor-a-Family

Want to help a family in need with gifts and a food basket this holiday season? AWARE's Sponsor-a-Family program will be starting up on December 1st. Contact Mandi Canady at 586.6623 or at mandij@awareak.org for more information and to become a sponsor.

Spectrum!

Spectrum the LGBTQ2+ class is a free, confidential, 12-week
support group for anyone who falls under and has experienced trauma, whether recently or in the past. Topics covered include grief, coping skills, identifying abuse, and other themes that relate to the experience of trauma and the journey of healing as LGBTQ2+ people. Location, date, and time are discussed upon registration. For more information or to register, please email merylc@awareak.org.

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**You’re Invited!**

**What?** AWARE’s Volunteer & Donor Appreciation event

**Where?** 6pm @ AWARE on November 30th

**Who’s invited?** YOU!

AWARE staff, our Board of Directors, and those we serve want to thank our amazingly generous donors and volunteers—YOU—for your continued support in helping keep survivors and our community in stronger, safer relationships.

We really couldn’t do it without you!

Please join us as we partake in some tasty snacks, light mingling, and a fun activity while we show our gratitude for you!

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**New Staff at AWARE...**
Breanna Stewart
Violence Prevention Youth & Education Coordinator

Breanna holds bachelors’ degrees in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences and Criminology and Law, and has almost ten years of experience in the education and social services fields. She is excited to join the prevention team to help promote community awareness and expand trauma-informed advocacy efforts. She believes it is paramount to treat others with compassion, sincerity, and respect, and put effort into building relationships with collaborative partners. Breanna has two children, a dog, and is a licensed foster parent. She loves to dance and spend as much time outdoors as possible.
Hello! my name is Erica George, Saachooka is my Tlingit name. I am from Angoon Alaska and am Deisheetaan (Raven, beaver) from the Tuukahit (Needlefish) house. I have three daughters that are 1, 4 and 9. I love to learn and have a passion for the Tlingit language and native art. I love to help people, especially if they really need it. This is my second dose of employment here at AWARE and am excited to learn more and do more for those that we serve.

AWARE also welcomes:

Alyson Huber, Shelter Advocate
Alla Strobel, SART Advocate
Ways to Support...

Donate today and help keep survivors and our community in stronger, safer relationships.

Donate Online!

Scroll through AWARE's wish list to see what items are needed for survivors staying in our emergency shelter!

Check Out AWARE's Wish List
Did you know that you can help AWARE earn donations by linking AWARE to your Amazon & Fred Meyers account? Click the button below for easy, step-by-step instructions on how to set this up. Thank you for your support.

[Link your Amazon & Fred Meyer Acct. to AWARE]

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**Want to Volunteer With Us?**

Help us spruce up our basement and children’s play room! We’re adding a fresh coat of paint to the ceiling, walls, stairway and landing leading to our children’s play room.

We could use volunteer help!
This project can be scheduled at your convenience—weekends, evenings or anytime in between.
We have the paint and supplies if you have the time and patience to help us with this much-needed transformation!

If you or someone you love is experiencing violence, please call and talk to one of our advocates. For more information, go to www.awareak.org or follow us on Facebook.

24/7 free & confidential careline:

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