

*A Quarterly Publication of The  
National Advocacy and Training Network*

**Congratulations  
Monalou!**

Monalou Callery, founder of the National Advocacy and Training Network was honored Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Soroptimist International Golden West Regional Conference in Las Vegas, NV. Monalou was selected as this year's 2012 Ruby Award winner. Her inspirational story and advocacy work in the field of domestic violence helped her secure this award at the local, district and regional levels.

**We are so proud of you!**



*A Letter from the Executive Director*

January 2012 marked NATN's Tenth Year Anniversary. With each passing year our list of accomplishments grows, and they continue to astonish and energize each and every one of us that believes in our cause. Each day brings new and exciting ventures. Imagine our excitement when our greatest challenge is in having to consider what wonderful achievements should be included in each newsletter. The first half of 2012 has continued to offer our agency transformational opportunities, partnerships, recognition and support so critical to our future growth and program expansion. This year's grant contributions have been provided by the Bruce T. Halle Family Foundation, Thunderbirds Charities, Arizona Foundation for Women, Sundt Foundation, and Soroptimist International. Individual support has continued the success of the Jeanne House. Federal grants have allowed for the provision of transitional housing, job training and legal advocacy collaborations. The financial support and volunteerism of so many others illustrate the outstanding commitment and role played by our community partners in advancing the NATN mission, SEEDs Transitional Housing, Cup O'Karma and all of our related programs and services. This past month the Soroptimist International of the San Tans graciously awarded Monalou Callery with its annual Ruby Award and Ashley Warford with the San Tan Award in recognition of their inspirational efforts to improve their lives and the lives of others impacted by domestic violence and abuse. We could not be more proud of both of these amazing women. They are truly representative of the many awe inspiring women that we serve. As we move into the second half of the year 2012, words cannot express our sincerest gratitude for the generosity shown by each and every individual and our community as a whole. It truly is your ongoing support that gives us the unwavering faith to continue our steadfast mission.

*With thanks,  
Robert Dapcich, Executive Director*



*Our little coffee shop has even made it to reality TV!  
Stay tuned to ABC's "SECRET MILLIONAIRE" on*

*August 19, 2012 at 7:00pm (MST) to see the Cup O'Karma:  
Community Café for a Cause featured episode.*

*Save the Date  
Aug. 19, 2012 at 7pm on ABC*

## ASHLEY *A Life Transformed*

*A little under 3 years ago, I had no hope for my life. I was homeless, addicted to drugs, living on the streets, in and out of jail and living in an abusive relationship. In 2008, I self-surrendered to Maricopa County Jail for 4 1/2 months and began my journey to freedom. If I was going to have a chance at sobriety, I knew I would need a fresh start and a new foundation to build upon. Following my sentence, I checked into a treatment facility where I stayed for 6 months learning about myself and working through my problems. This is where I was introduced to SEEDs. I made the decision to leave my unhealthy relationship and was told that SEEDs was a safe place I could recover from the abuse and the drugs and alcohol.*

*Through the support and empowerment I received, I was able to discover who I really was. I am a loving, kind-hearted, passionate, motivated and driven young woman who can do anything she puts her mind too. Today, I enjoy giving back to my community instead of taking away from it. I am the house manager of Jeanne's House where I help to improve the lives of other women and*

*children by offering my support, wisdom and life lessons. I am employed by the Wings to Safety program at Maricopa Medical Center where I work directly with victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I am also a student with a dream of becoming a nurse. Today, I am not only full of hope, I am restoring that hope in others.*

*-Ashley*



### *Cup O' Karma Happenings*

*Summer is here and what better way to cool off than hanging at your local, non-profit coffee shop and supporting a great cause! Every month, Cup O'Karma: Community Café for a Cause has a number of cool happenings taking place that include: Open Mic Comedy Nights, Children's Storyhour with BookPALS, our new non-profit partner, and amazing Live Music by several local musicians, including our own, Paul Raia.*

*Looking to make a difference through volunteerism? Consider being a volunteer Job Coach, Barista, or Mentor. Contact us at: [volunteernatn@gmail.com](mailto:volunteernatn@gmail.com) for more info.*

### *A Fond Farewell*

NATN says goodbye to longtime volunteer, **Paige Gibbons**. Paige first became involved with NATN in October 2009 by volunteering her time at Cup O'Karma: Community Café for a Cause. "It was a good fit for me and I just love the people here" she told Gwyn Passey, manager at Cup O'Karma. Juggling at times two part time jobs and college, Paige, age 21, has been an incredible asset to the NATN agency and a role model for



others to follow. It's no surprise, Paige was honored as NATN's 2009 Volunteer of the Year. Paige will be leaving the NATN family at the end of May to pursue her studies in Social Work in the state of Oregon. She credits her time and experiences at NATN and Cup O'Karma with helping to support her chosen career path. Making it a family affair, Paige is already recruiting her younger sister to follow in her "community service" footsteps at Cup O'Karma. Paige, we wish you much success and happiness. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. *XOXO*



### **Rattlesnakes at Cup O'Karma Say It Isn't So!**

On Saturday, May 26, 2012, Cup O'Karma hosted an incredible Saturday morning Storytime with Arizona's Centennial Children's Author, Conrad Storad. Reading and animating his famous book entitled, Rattlesnake Rules, Conrad entertained the crowd of nearly 30 children and parents with his do's and don'ts of rattlesnake etiquette. With Big Mama, his adorable sidekick in tow, Conrad delighted the audience by providing an hour of fun, facts and entertainment to his new found group of followers. Children received complimentary snacks and refreshments while parents helped to support the National Advocacy and Training Network by indulging in a variety of coffee, tea and smoothie beverages. Having to meet Conrad up close and personal, and receive an autographed copy of his book, was the culmination to a perfect, Cup O'Karma Storytime event.

A huge thank you goes out to Conrad Storad for making this event so successful. If you weren't able to catch him at our May Storytime event, Conrad will once again be joining us at Cup O'Karma in the fall where he will showcase another book in his wonderful children's collection. See you then! Visit [www.conradstorad.com](http://www.conradstorad.com) for more books by Conrad.

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# NATIONAL ADVOCACY AND TRAINING NETWORK

Our mission is to address the health, safety, economic and social justice issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and substance abuse through education, public awareness, and direct services. NATN is an Arizona based 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, Tax ID # 30-0026454. In order to achieve our mission, we operate three main programs:

- SEEDs Transitional Housing Services*
- Cup O’Karma: Community Café for a Cause*
- Training and Technical Assistance Services*

*Support \* Empowerment \* Education \* Directions*

*Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. ~James Matthew Barrie*

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## Trading up your old vehicle?



Consider donating your used vehicle to the SEEDs program and help a SEEDs resident with reliable transportation for herself and her children. It’s tax deductible for you and a life changer for one woman.

## NATN WISH LIST

*New or gently used household furniture, new linens and bath towels, cleaning supplies, Walmart /Target gift cards, gas cards, women’s business attire, children’s clothing, toys, outdoor play structure and a fourth Transitional SEEDs home (we think big).*

*There are numerous ways to make a tax deductible donation to The National Advocacy & Training Network . To find out more, click here:*



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