

## **Get to know Stacie Sutter & the DART Program**

When you join the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) at Crossroads Safehouse, it can feel like you are fighting crime by both day and night. The DART team is comprised of a team of staff and volunteers who are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet with victims of abuse, typically after the police are involved.

This is a team that Stacie is proud to help spearhead. During her early days with Crossroads Safehouse, Stacy joined the staff as a part-time employee working across several different programs. During this time, she was inspired to become more heavily involved as she was drawn to Crossroads Safehouse's approach to providing advocacy and meeting victims where they are.

Eventually, she transitioned into a full-time position working as the Legal Advocate & DART Program Coordinator. In this role, she spends part of her time responding to calls predominantly from the Fort Collins Police following a domestic violence incident. Stacie serves as one of the first contact points for victims to seek help. She will meet with the victim in person, frequently at their home, or call them to provide immediate crisis intervention. From there, they work together to create a plan for how Crossroads Safehouse can continue to support them moving forward.

Although the position can be emotionally draining, Stacie is motivated by the fact that she knows that she is directly helping community members in need. Outside of work, she hits the reset button by spending time with her husband and daughter hiking or camping. Stacie also enjoys cycling in the warmer months and snowboarding during the winter months.