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**LIFE STORIES CHILD & FAMILY ADVOCACY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF CHILD ABUSE
WITH “SAVE JANE” EVENT**

Life Stories to Read Names Representing 2,684 Children Assessed for Abuse Last Year.

Lincoln Park, Greeley – July 12 – from 11:00 to 2:00 pm or later, local community members and leaders will join Life Stories in taking a stand against child abuse at their 2nd Annual “Save Jane” event in Weld County.

For about 3 hours, volunteers from around Weld County will anonymously read the names and ages of 2,684 children who were assessed for abuse or neglect in Weld County in 2021. Because these children are minors and their identities must be protected, Jane, John, Juana, and Juan Doe will be used in place of their names. The Save Jane inaugural event launched in Dallas in 2019. This is the second year for Life Stories to join in the awareness effort.

“Life Stories hopes that through Save Jane, our community will recognize the magnitude and prevalence of child abuse in Weld County. It is an issue that knows no bounds and impacts children over all demographics,” said Life Stories Executive Director Gwen Schooley. “It will take about 3 hours of non-stop reading to name each child who was assessed for abuse and neglect last year. It is simply unacceptable that so many children in our community have been affected by some form of abuse. The Save Jane event will take the time to honor each individual child and the experience they have endured. We never stop fighting for these kids who have suffered unspeakable abuse. Life Stories, through our Child Advocacy Centers and CASA programs, and Darkness to Light prevention workshops, will continue to do our work, but we need the community’s help.”

Influential leaders from around the community have signed up for shifts to read names throughout the event. Life Stories welcomes all community members to take a turn on-stage and participate in this impactful event by reading a selection of names. To join the movement by purchasing a shirt or making a donation visit <https://www.lifestoriesweld.org/save-jane-weld>. Then come and support our event as we read the names on July 12.

About Life Stories

Life Stories is a Greeley non-profit organization serving abused and neglected children in Weld County through our three programs: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Child Advocacy Centers of Weld County, and Darkness to Light Stewards of Children. We have provided child victims of sexual abuse with the services needed to heal for over 20 years. www.lifestoriesweld.org

About Save Jane

Save Jane is a child abuse awareness event that was launched by Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) in 2019 with the goal of spreading awareness about the magnitude of child abuse, and about the organizations working in the field. To learn more, visit dcac.org, savejane.com or search #SAVEJANE

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