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## A Word from Our Executive Director, *Jan Campbell*

Dear Friends,

This past week I attended the annual meeting of the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#) - a statewide alliance representing domestic violence organizations all over the state. The convening was held in a hotel conference center spitting distance from Disneyland. The experience of wrestling with one of the most



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pressing issues of our times amid Mickey Mouse ear-clad guests of all ages - was a bit surreal - but the experience was uplifting.

Our agency, together with dozens of others, participated in two days of intense work that not only reflected on the past year's accomplishments - including securing of \$20M in state funding for emergency housing, family violence prevention and sexual assault, but also laid out the policy agenda for the next two years. I can only say the road ahead is both exciting and terrifying!

Of course the biggest challenge is securing and maintaining stable funding from state and federal sources for not only our core services of safety, shelter and support - but also for early intervention and prevention strategies. Many of our sister agencies do not have the private funding support that DVS enjoys - so once again, I express my gratitude to all of our supporters!

The imperative to work collectively was relentlessly hammered home during the two-day meeting. This is messy work and **we can't do it alone**. I came away even more determined to build networks, to amplify the message across all sectors and chip away at the root causes of domestic violence - one day at a time, until we can, as one of my colleagues put it, "turn our safe house into a bed and breakfast!"

Warm regards,



Jan Campbell  
Executive Director

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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### **Today is the last day of Domestic Violence Awareness Month!**

All across the country - all month long - hundreds of thousands carried on the tradition that was established in 1981 when the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence created the Domestic Violence Awareness Project. The themes have remained the same:

- To **Remember** those who have lost their lives to domestic violence
- To **Celebrate** the resilience of those who have survived
- To **Connect** those in all walks of life who work to end violence.

We would like express our deepest gratitude to all who participated in this important month of awareness and remembrance. Even though Domestic Violence Awareness Month is coming to a close, let's pledge to speak up, stand up and commit to zero tolerance for domestic violence. Don't just be a bystander - be an UPstander!

### **Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigils**

Tremendous thanks to each and every one of you who were a part of our vigils in Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. We couldn't do it without our donors, community partners, volunteers, speakers, and other supporters!

Special shoutout to our super staff member in charge of the vigils: Eloisa Patterson, Outreach & Program Development Coordinator. You are amazing!

photos from the vigils and look back on our social media campaign for the month.

### Donate Holiday Crafts!



Donations needed! Our shelters have some exciting holiday projects in the works for our kiddos. We are looking for supply donations to create Thanksgiving art and make Christmas ornaments.



For questions about donating, please email Julia Black at [JuliaB@DVolutions.org](mailto:JuliaB@DVolutions.org).

### You Are Not Alone



Join our **FREE** domestic violence support group, Mondays from 4:00 - 5:15 pm.

- Increase your self-esteem
- Gain support
- Recognize signs of abuse
- Create a safety plan

**Location:**

CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation)  
1236 Chapala St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**To attend or for more information:**

Contact Carolina Najera-Magana at [CarolinaN@DVolutions.org](mailto:CarolinaN@DVolutions.org).

### 40-Hour Domestic Violence Training

## Upcoming Training:

### **Santa Barbara - December 4, 6, 7, 10 & 11**

Community Partner Center, Union Bank  
15 E Carrillo Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Trainings are \$225 per person, and run from 8:15 am until 5:00 pm. We offer partial scholarships for nonprofit participants.

### **Why Take Our 40 Hour Training?**

- Trainings meet the requirement for certification by the State of California for those who wish to work directly with victims or perpetrators of domestic violence
- Learn evidence-based strategies for counseling and client advocacy that support recovery
- Develop referrals and network with other professionals serving in the local community
- Learn about the legal system that protects the rights of intimate partner violence survivors

For more info or to register please email Eloisa Patterson at [EloisaP@DVolutions.org](mailto:EloisaP@DVolutions.org) or visit our [website](#).

## Upcoming Events

### **Santa Barbara Women Lawyers' "Wine and Cheese" Fundraiser:**

**Wednesday, November 14**

5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Paradise Springs Winery

Free to attend and open to the public. Hors d'oeuvres provided, wine available for purchase.



Please bring new children's toys, games, DVDs, and/or books to donate. Suggested donation of \$25.

Learn more [here](#).

Thank you to Santa Barbara Women Lawyers for hosting

### Annual Luncheon:

Mark your calendars  
for **Sunday, February 10, 2019!**

The Luncheon will be held at  
the Four Seasons Resort  
The Biltmore. Please stay tuned  
for more info!



### Community Partner Appreciation!

United Way - They have continued to support our organization throughout the years. We cannot express how grateful we are!



## LIVE UNITED

Macy's - Macy's continues to be a longtime supporter of DVS. We are forever thankful!



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of Domestic Violence:

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