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A Word from Our Executive Director, *Jan Campbell*

Dear Friends,

Thirty-seven years ago, the National Coalition against Domestic Violence convened a "**Day of Unity**." The goal was to connect those working to end violence against women and children across the country. From this day in October 1981, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved and has been celebrated every year since with various activities conducted on a state, national and local level.





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Santa Barbara County is no exception. We join with our colleagues from the social, private and public sector to bring light to three themes during the month of October:

- **Remember and honor those who have lost their lives to domestic violence.**
- **Celebrate those who have survived.**
- **Establish community with those who work to end violence.**

Domestic Violence Solutions is holding three candlelight vigils; October 11 in Lompoc, October 18 in Santa Maria and October 25 in Santa Barbara. This newsletter contains the details of these events. We invite you to join with us to remember, celebrate and connect!

To celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP) developed a unified message around #1Thing.

- The #1Thing that will end domestic violence is our collective power.
- Healing from domestic violence requires our collective One Things.
- We can all do #1Thing towards eradicating domestic violence.
- Sharing our stories can have a ripple effect and can inspire others to action.
- Our collective One Things are valuable for systems advocacy.

If you can't join us at one of our vigils...then please take the [Community Pledge](#).

Warm regards,

Jan Campbell
Executive Director

Candlelight Vigils



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Did you know that one in three women and one in four men will be victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime?

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please join the community in raising a candle to honor survivors and remember victims of domestic violence.

**Lompoc:
Thursday, October 11
6:00 - 7:30pm
Lompoc City Hall Courtyard**

You are invited to attend our 31st Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil.



Program begins at 6:00pm followed by a memorial candlelit walk at dusk. [Learn more.](#)

[Facebook event](#)

**Santa Maria:
Thursday, October 18
6:00 - 7:30pm
Santa Maria High Ethel Pope Auditorium**

Come together with the community. Memorial Walk begins at City Hall at 6:00pm, and Vigil begins at 6:30pm. [Learn more.](#)

[Facebook event](#)

**Santa Barbara:
Thursday, October 25
4:00 - 7:00pm
Paseo Nuevo Mall**

Please join us for our Candlelight Vigil and Community Resource Fair. Resource Fair begins at 4:00pm, Vigil at 6:00pm and Memorial Walk at 6:30pm. [Learn more.](#)

[Facebook event](#)

THANK YOU to all of our community partners, donors and volunteers who help make the vigils possible.

Join our **#BeAnUPstander** social media campaign by following our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. We will be posting all 31 days in October!

For more information please contact Julia at juliab@dvsolutions.org or 805.963.4458 x110.

Donate Holiday Crafts!



Donations needed! Our Santa Maria shelter has some exciting holiday projects in the works. We are looking for donations of supplies to decorate pumpkins, create Thanksgiving art and make Christmas ornaments.



Additionally, our Lompoc shelter needs towels, hygiene products and undergarments!

For questions about donating, please email Mari Jimenez at MariaJ@DV solutions.org.

Employees of the Month

*Thank You
North County
Advocates!*



Special shout out!!! We would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our North County advocates.

Miriam - For taking initiative and reorganizing the entire children's room!

Mari - For holding down the fort in Lompoc by herself for months!

Martha - For going above and beyond and training staff and the community on safety and technology!

Norma - For being our Mixteco speaker! You are amazing!

Vero - For being our fearless North County lead advocate!

Joselyn - For being the newest addition of the DVS team!

Thank you ladies for all you do for DVS clients and the community we serve. You are the BEST!

You Are Not Alone



*Domestic Violence
Support Group*

**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@DVsolutions.org or 805.963.4458.

Save the Date

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 the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers for hosting this event!

Annual Luncheon:

Mark your calendars for Sunday,
February 10, 2019!



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

Community Partner Appreciation!



Pacific Pride Foundation, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley and Antioch University - Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) training! DVS staff learned many new skills and enjoyed mingling with other community partner agencies.



Mary Kay and Cathy Calabro - Thank you for having DVS as a beneficiary of Mary Kay's 55th Anniversary "Think Pink" Fundraiser. We had such a wonderful time! We are so grateful for your continued support.

Please consider helping local victims
of Domestic Violence:
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