



Dear Friends,

Today, June 12, 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson whose death marked a pivotal change in society's view of domestic violence...a shift from a family issue to a public health issue that can happen to anyone - even a beautiful celebrity.



According to a report issued last year by the Violence Policy Center, more than 1,100 women are killed each year by an intimate partner. The Center for Disease Control defines Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as a serious and preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans and reports that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men are victims of non-lethal domestic violence.

Last week, 29-year-old Lilia Munoz was found murdered in her home. According to the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office, her partner has been charged with willful, premeditated and deliberate murder. While we do not know all the details or circumstances, what we do know is how we as domestic violence client advocates feel. We are beyond sad and beyond shocked at such a senseless crime; and we are burdened by the question all of us in the community must ask ourselves - could this tragedy have been prevented? Could the life of a mother of three been saved if someone, somewhere intervened in some way? Unfortunately, we will never know.

Our work at Domestic Violence Solutions is to provide safety, shelter and support for victims of intimate partner violence. We work side by side with our community partners to provide medical, legal and a

myriad of family services and referrals to our clients - be they in our safe houses or in the community at large. Often we find ourselves at the end of a client's long struggle to break out of the cycle of abuse in which they find themselves trapped. We need your help to inform and educate our community that there is help and support for those who so desperately need it. Domestic violence has been termed a silent epidemic - together we can make sure it doesn't have be.

If you or anyone you know is suffering from intimate partner violence (physical, psychological or sexual), please refer them to one of our 24-hour/7 day a week crisis lines:

Santa Barbara: (805) 964-5245

Santa Maria: (805) 925-2160

Lompoc: (805) 736-0965

Sincerely,



Jan Campbell
Executive Director

Donations can be made [here](#) to support Lilia's three children.

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