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VALIANT VOICES: GET EDUCATED AND BE HEARD!

Domestic Violence Solutions invites the community to attend “Valiant Voices – Virtual Meetups” in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and support of intimate partner violence survivors.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., September 29, 2020 – Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS), Santa Barbara County’s only full-service provider of 24-hour emergency shelter and services for domestic violence victims, is proud to present October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Every year since 1987, the month of October has been set aside to bring awareness to the prevalent societal issue of domestic violence. The facts are shocking: **one in three women** and **one in four men** will be victims of intimate partner violence in their lifetimes.

Throughout the month of October, Domestic Violence Solutions is hosting **virtual meetups every Thursday at 6:00 pm**. Please join the community in honoring survivors, remembering those who have lost their lives, and learning about this important issue.

“Valiant Voices – Virtual Meetups” dates and topics are as follows:

- **October 1** – Kick-Off with Our Community Partners
- **October 8** – What We Do • Q&A
- **October 15** – Safety Planning • How to Be an Upstander
- **October 22** – Counseling Services
- **October 29** – Survivors: Where Are They Now? • How to Help DVS



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Registration is required. Please sign up at dvsolutions.org/valiantvoices to secure a spot and receive the Zoom login information. Participants only need to register once and can attend as many meetups as they would like.

“Raising awareness is key to ending intimate partner violence,” said Jan Campbell, executive director of Domestic Violence Solutions. “Due to shame and fear, survivors are hesitant to seek the support they need, so we need to come together as a community to say, ‘No More!’ to violence and abuse.”

Domestic Violence Solutions provides safety, shelter and support for individuals and families affected by domestic violence and collaborates with community partners to raise awareness regarding the cause, prevalence and impact.

For more information, to make a donation or to learn about upcoming events, please contact Julia Black at juliab@dvsolutions.org or visit www.dvsolutions.org.

DVS 24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: 805.964.5245