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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month first evolved from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This day was intended to create a connection for all advocates nationwide working toward the same goal; ending violence against women and their children. This day of Unity soon became an entire week dedicated to a range of activities at the local, state, and national level.

Although these activities varied according to the program sponsors, they all shared common themes: Mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those

who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989 the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Thanks to great support from our community, we were able to participate in several fundraisers this month. Manny's Down Town Pizza, Plymouth House of Pizza, and Ashland Village Pizza and

Grill teamed up and donated a portion of their proceeds to us. We also welcomed twelve additional restaurants who participated in our Dine Out to End Violence on Oct. 19th & 20th. (details on page 3)

We held our Clothesline Project on Plymouth's Town Common Oct. 6th. The project is part of a national campaign, a visual display that uses t-shirts to bear witness to domestic and sexual violence. Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular person's experience and is made by a survivor or someone who cares about them. Following our Clothesline Project we held a Candle Light Vigil to honor New Hampshire residents who have lost their lives due to domestic

violence this year. Fifty percent of all homicides in New Hampshire in the year of 2010 were related to domestic violence. Advocates, law enforcement, community members; adults and children attended to show their support in breaking the silence.

A Walk Against Violence will be held on Oct. 29th at 9:00 am starting at Plymouth State University.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we conducted several presentations within the community to better educate people on the effects of DV and what one can do to help.



Clothesline Project right before the Candle Light Vigil on October 6th.

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Welcome New Board Members!

We would like to formally introduce our new Voices Against Violence board members. Kristen Vachon, Karen Mann Boyd, Matthew Cheney and Maggie Flaherty joined our board of directors in August. In their brief period of service, they have made great strides to support our work. The board's recent work includes taking on several new fundraising initiatives; a developmental party at the President's home, Dine Out to End Violence featuring twelve local restaurants, and a Hotline Sponsorship Program. We were additionally able to make Voices a beneficiary of Plymouth's Town Wide Yard Sale.

Look for two additional initiatives coming in November and December. We will be connecting with local massage therapists as well as a collaboration with the Manchester Monarchs. For every Monarchs' ticket we sell, we get a portion of the proceeds! Call us to purchase tickets and know you're enjoying the game while helping our agency!



Pictured from left to right are: Cathie LeBlanc (Vice-President), Wendell Broom, Kristen Vachon, Karen Boyd, Robin DeRosa (President), Matthew Cheney (Secretary), Maggie Flaherty, Kelly Beebee and Sally Bevan (Treasurer). Not Pictured: Peter Pettengill.

In addition to the fundraisers, the board has also worked on amending the bylaws, committee descriptions and numerous policies. We are extremely grateful to be working with such a dedicated and driven team. Thank you!

Important Information

Voices Against Violence
24-Hour Hotline:
603-536-1659
or toll-free:
1-877-221-6176

Voices Against Violence
Office:
85 Main St.
Plymouth, NH
(above Chase St Market)
603-536-5999
M-F 8am-4pm

Voices Against Violence
New Website:
www.voicesagainstvviolence.net

NH Coalition Against
Domestic & Sexual
Violence
www.nhcadsv.org
603-224-8893

Voices Against Violence Training

During the month of October we provided several trainings for the community on topics related to domestic violence.

Voices Volunteer Training (open to the public and other professionals in the community) where we covered:

- History of Agency
- Domestic Violence
- Child Advocacy
- Sexual Assault
- Resources
- Legal Topics
- Advocacy Skills
- Secondary Victims

Presentations in collaboration with the **Whole Village**:

- Body Safety
- Healthy Relationships

Presentations at **Plymouth and Newfound Area Senior Center**:

- Elder Abuse
- Agency Services

Presentation at **Plymouth Police Department**:

- On Scene Arrival
- Stalking Predominant
- Aggressor





A Special Thank You To...



Quentin Blaine – For his consistent dedication and outstanding work for our clients.

Psi Beta Gamma– Who have chosen Voices as their philanthropic cause; they have done fundraising and volunteered to help our clients.

Clement's Nursery– For their donation of trees and shrubs for our shelter landscape project.

Pemi Glass– For their donation of materials and installation of new widows in our shelter.

Kariad Kennel– For housing a survivor's cat so she could move to a safer location.

Squam Lake Plumbing– For support in our shelter renovations.

Plymouth Library and Elementary School- For their ongoing collaborations with our agency.

Our Dine Out to End Violence Participants...

Pizza Night Fundraiser Participants....

- **The Homestead**
- **Kathleen's Cottage**
- **Squam Lake Inn**
- **Walter's Basin**
- **George Seafood**
- **Lucky Dog**
- **Thai Smile**
- **Mad River Tavern**
- **Sunset Grill**
- **Woodpecker's**
- **Indian Head Resort**
- **Plain Jane's Diner**

- **Manny's Down Town Pizza**
- **Plymouth House of Pizza**
- **Ashland Village Pizza and Grill**

A Special Thanks to Our Recent Donors

Quentin and Marcia Blaine	Mary Cornish
Doug and Lois Grant	Patrick and Patti May
Paul Scibetta	Joseph Derosa
Kathleen Boyle	Tabitha and Scott Coykedall
John and Martha Richards	Rebecca Noel and Paul Phillips
Noyes Insurance	Stephanie Mallic
Shane Sirles	Lisa Farmer and RJ Monton
Lisa and Guy Ford	Robert Heine and Sheryl Shirley
John L. Riley (Elvio's)	Mary Lonegran
Arline Bownes	Elizbeth Ahl
Gary and Lynn Goodnough	Elizbeth Ahl
Cynthia Deal and Sally Bevan	
Mike and Reine Fischler	
Ed and Stacy Suprenant	
Sam and Virginia Miller	

Shelter and Client Needs

Wish List

- Lawn mower
- Snow shovel
- Step stools (for children)
- 18 volt drill
- Outdoor table and chairs with umbrella
- Bicycles for kids (with and without training wheels) and 2 adults
- Passes for local events, outings, and activities...
 - *Jazzercise
 - *Squam Lake Science Center
 - *Clark's Trading Post
 - *Whales Tales
 - *Lost River
 - *Polar Caves
 - *Silver Arts Center Productions
 - *Movie passes
- 2 new infant car seats, all baby products: diapers sizes 2 & 4, wet wipes, baby shampoos, baby lotions, baby powder, diaper rash ointment, crib sheets...
- Kids sippy cups , toddler
- Gift certificates to Hannaford's or Wal-mart, Staples (makes a huge difference)
- Table and bedside lamps
- 3 alarm clocks with radio
- Bathroom and Kitchen "starter kits" (bathmats, shower curtain, etc. & utensils, dishes, pots/pans, etc.)
- Following Hygiene products: deodorant, 12oz (or more) bottles of shampoo and conditioner, razors, and lotions.
- Uplifting artwork, photography, or quotes for walls.
- 3 sets of queen flannel sheets and 3 sets of twin flannel sheets (for winter)
- Comforters (queen and twin size)
- Winter stuff: sleds, snow shoes, ice skates
- 1 set of drinking glasses, 1 set of silverware, 1 set of dishes; plates, bowls, etc.

To donate any of these items, please call 536-3423

To make a monetary gift to Voices Against Violence, please send your check to: PO Box 53, Plymouth NH 03264.

All donations are tax deductible

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Reaching Out.
Speaking Out.

Since 1981 Voices Against Violence has been reaching out to and supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking. Our advocates provide understanding, information, and support to victims, survivors, and non-offending family and friends. Our services include a 24-hour Crisis Line, Court Advocacy, Police and Hospital Accompaniment, Systems Advocacy, Emergency Shelter, Support Groups, and Education and Outreach. Domestic and sexual violence can take many forms including physical abuse, mental abuse, sexual assault, verbal threatening, and name calling. It can affect anyone at any time: friends, coworkers, relatives, children, teens, men, and women. By acknowledging the existence of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in our communities, we can raise awareness of the problem and enable both victims and witnesses to take action and break the cycle of violence.

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24 hours a day, 7 days a week