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**Candlelight vigils, purple ribbon displays
To highlight domestic violence awareness month**

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 1, 2013 -- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an annual campaign that was begun in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to connect battered-women's advocates who were working to end violence against women and children.

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its 60 member organizations, serving domestic violence victims in all 67 counties, have scheduled a series of special events this month as part of the national Domestic Violence Awareness campaign.

Following are events that have been scheduled as of Oct. 1, 2013. For updates and additional information, please visit www.pcadv.org.

Adams

Throughout October:

The Clothesline Project displayed at the YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County.
Oct. 4 – 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Gettysburg Square, First Friday Kickoff Event, “Paint the Town Pink and Purple for Women’s Health.” Free pumpkin painting. \$1 donation to take your pumpkin with you.

Oct. 6 – 12 – Gettysburg College, The Clothesline Project Display.

Oct. 7 – 11 – Ugly Mug Café, Silent Witnesses.

Oct. 10 – Noon – YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County, Brown Bag Lunch
Discussions: ACE Study: How Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Affect Adult Health and Well-Being.

Oct. 10 – Gettysburg College, Movie Night and Discussion.

Oct. 14 – Noon – YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County, What Parents Need to Know about Dating Violence Among Teens.
Oct. 14 – 18 – YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County, Silent Witnesses.
Oct. 20 – 26 – HACC Gettysburg Campus, The Clothesline Project Display.
Oct. 21 – 11 a.m. – HACC Gettysburg Campus, “Paint the Town Pink and Purple for Women’s Health.” Free pumpkin painting. \$1 donation to take your pumpkin with you.
Oct. 21 – 25 – HACC Gettysburg Campus, Silent Witnesses.
Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. – Robert C. Hoffman Community Room at HACC Gettysburg Campus. Donna Anderson, author and survivor of psychological domestic abuse, will speak. She is the author of Lovefraud.com, a website and blog that teaches people how to recognize and recover from the psychological trauma of unhealthy romantic relationships. She also wrote Red Flags of Love Fraud and the Red Flags of Love Fraud Workbook.
Oct. 24 – noon – HACC Gettysburg Campus, Dating Violence Among College Adults.
Oct. 26 – 9 a.m. – Fairfield High School, Victory Over Violence 5K Run/Walk. Registration at event.
Oct. 28 – Noon – Gettysburg Library, Book Talk: Interpersonal Violence Committed Against Older Adults.

Allegheny County

Throughout October:

Tangible Assistance Program Drive – Items can be dropped at California Pizza Kitchen, Ross Park Mall, West View Bank (all branches), Perry Perk & Turo Chiropractic. Looking for donations of full-sized laundry detergent, softener & dryer sheets; toothpaste, toothbrushes & dental floss; feminine hygiene products, especially tampons; household cleaners; body wash, soap & hand soap; toilet paper, Kleenex & paper towels.

California Pizza Kitchen employees will wear domestic violence awareness T-shirts all month. Patrons who bring in Tangible Assistance Program Donations will get 20% off their bill.

Oct. 5 – 8:35 a.m. – Interview on Saturday Light Brigade. Crisis Center North will be featured for its provision of domestic violence services in the region and ENOUGH Violence exhibit at the Society for Contemporary Craft.

Oct. 5 – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Society for Contemporary Craft, Saturday Information Session – ENOUGH Violence. Crisis Center North’s volunteer coordinator will present in the gallery and talk to viewers of the exhibition about the resources and services offered by CCN.

Oct. 10 – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Magee Hospital Auditorium, Annual Community & Professional Intimate Partner Violence Seminar. Topic: “Setback is a Part of the Journey” Harm Reductions as a Tool in IPV Interventions. Co-sponsored with Magee Women’s Hospital of UPMC & Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

Oct. 12 – Noon to 10 p.m. – Social at Bakery Square, free college football tailgating event highlighting DVAM. Food, drinks, raffles, games and college football.

Beaver County

Sept. 30 to Oct. 11 – Beaver Library, “Survivor’s Hope” art exhibit, created by survivors of domestic violence.

Oct. 7 – 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Beaver Library. “From Behind the Mask.” Domestic violence survivor and author Vanessa Ford Taylor will speak about her journey.

Berks County

Oct. 16 – **4:15 p.m.** – Berks Women in Crisis Center, 255 Chestnut St., Reading, Silent Witness March begins. 5 p.m. – Reading Area Community College’s Miller Center for the Arts, 4 N. Second St., Reading, Dedication of the Silent Witness Project and scenes from Finding Jenn’s Voice by local documentary filmmaker Tracy Schott. Finding Jenn’s Voice tells the story of Jennifer Snyder, who was murdered by her partner in Lehigh County in 2011. Jennifer also had ties to Berks County. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact **Christine Gilfillan at BWIC at 610-370-7811.**

Clarion County

Oct. 1 to 14 – Haskell Building Window at corner of Main and 5th Avenue, “NO MORE” Campaign display.

Oct. 7 to 11 – Clarion County Courthouse, Silent Witness Display.

Oct. 8 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church, 1142 Zion Road, Clarion, “Bully the Movie.”

Oct. 14 to 31 – Haskell Building Window at corner of Main and 5th Avenue, Silent Witness Display.

Oct. 15 to 18 – Clarion County Administration Building, Silent Witness Display.

Oct. 22 – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Main Street Center, SAFE’s Annual DVAM Event.

Oct. 22 – All day at Clarion County Hospital, Health Cares About Domestic Violence. Radio talk show – TBA.

Cumberland/Perry Counties

Oct. 5 – Lace Up For Lisa 5K

Oct. 5 – Perry County, Canal Day

Oct 17 – Cumberland County Candlelight Vigil

Oct. 22 – Newport Halloween Parade

Oct. 26 – Sunflower Ball

Throughout October:

Red Ladies – National Silent Witness Program

Informational placemats in restaurants

Purple wreaths on store fronts of various businesses

An Empty Place at the Table displays at The Ranch House and Expresso Yourself restaurants.

Purple lighting off the Lieutenant Governor’s balcony in the Main Capitol.

Purple fountain water at the Dauphin County Courthouse.

Delaware County

Oct. 4 – 7 p.m. – Upper Darby High School football game DVAM event.

- Oct. 7 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Delaware County Courthouse: All seven Delaware County hospitals will also host the Clothesline Project.
- Oct. 9 – 1:30 p.m. Community Action Agency, Family Management Center, Chester, Pa., DVAM event.
- Oct. 12 – 3 p.m., Empire Beauty School, Springfield, Pa. DVAM event.
- Oct. 25 – 7 p.m., Chester Housing Authority, Booker T. Washington Center, Chester, Pa., DVAM event.

Erie

- Oct. 1 – 7 – Blasco Library, Silent Witness Display and book display with domestic violence-related information.
- Oct. 3 – Nov. 1 – Mercyhurst University, Purple foot prints with stop sign and handouts about SafeNet and No More campaign.
- Oct. 4 – 6 – For Women Only, SafeNet and No More campaign information displayed.
- Oct. 7 – 14 – Erie County Courthouse, Silent Witness Display.
- Oct. 9 – Edinboro University, Domestic Violence Awareness Day with table display, handouts and awareness walk around campus.
- Oct. 14 – 21 – Millcreek Mall, Silent Witness Display.
- Oct 16 – Noon – 2 p.m. – Erie Art Museum, An Empty Place at the Table display with handouts about SafeNet and No More campaign.
- Oct. 21 – 25 – Gannon University, Silent Witness Display.
- Oct. 25 – 31 – Mercyhurst University Library, Silent Witness Display and book display with domestic violence-related information.

Jefferson/Clearfield Counties

- Oct. 19 – 7 p.m. – Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney, 106 East Union St., Punxsutawney, *Out of the Darkness and Into the Light* DVAM event.

Lackawanna/Susquehanna Counties

- Oct. 9 – IHM Center on Marywood University Campus, An Empty Place at the Table Exhibit.
- Oct. 29 – Noon - 2p.m. – Keystone College, Students will hold an event inspired by the NO MORE website. They will prepare personal care packages to donate to Women’s Resource Center Inc., for victims. The items will be packaged in Keystone tote bags with inspirational messages created by the students. Students will also make signs reflecting why they say “NO MORE,” and a photo booth will be available during the event.
- Nov. 1 – Philadelphia Convention Center, Pennsylvania Conference for Women, An Empty Place at the Table Exhibit.

Lebanon County

- Oct. 4 – Purple Scavenger Hunt, a photo scavenger hunt presented in conjunction with LV Arts Council as part of First Friday Art Walk. Proceeds benefit United Way &

Arts Council. \$10/person or \$30/team of four. Register online at www.dviolc.org. Must supply your own digital camera.

Oct. 5 – Purple Fashion Show, presented in conjunction with Online Publishers as part of the Lebanon County Women’s Expo. Free advanced registration, \$5 at the door.

Register online at www.agreatwaytospendmyday.com.

Oct. 8 – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Annville Free Library, *Relationship Redux: Talking to Your Kids about Healthy Relationships*. This free seminar is open to the public. Register at library or call 867-1802.

Oct. 17 – Go Purple Day! Wear anything purple to show you support healthy relationships for everyone!

Oct. 22 – Boscov’s at Lebanon Valley Mall, Friends Helping Friends Day. Visit the informational booth in Boscov’s to learn about healthy relationships.

Oct. 25 – 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Oct. 26 – 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. – QUEST on Metro Drive, Harvest Moon Fest, proceeds benefit United Way. Visit the Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County, Inc., booth to make your own purple slime.

Lehigh/Northampton Counties

Oct. 5 – Annual Step Out 5k Run/Walk

Oct. 17 – 6 p.m. – Muhlenberg College, Annual Vigil for Victims & Survivors of Partner Violence. Keynote speaker is retired **Police Chief Roger Maclean**.

Luzerne/Carbon Counties

Every Tues. & Thurs. in Oct. at Wilkes University – Table displays.

Oct. 2 – 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. – Wilkes University, Annual training for local police and sheriff departments in Luzerne County.

Oct. 2 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Hazleton General Hospital, table display.

Oct. 3 – Noon – Luzerne County Courthouse, An Empty Place at the Table display.

Oct. 8 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Verizon, table display.

Oct. 9 – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Misericordia University, table display.

Oct. 10 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Kingston Armory, senior health fair.

Oct. 10 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Luzerne County Community College, Pridfest.

Oct. 12 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Laurel Mall, Fall Community Carnival.

Oct. 14 – Gnadden-Huetten Hospital (Carbon County) table display.

Oct. 15 – 10:30 a.m. – Carbon County EMA Building, DV Subcommittee meeting.

Oct. 16 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Geisinger Hospital, table display.

Oct. 17 – 10:30 a.m. – Carbon County, proclamation for DVAM.

Oct. 21 – Palmerton Hospital, Carbon County, table display.

Oct. 25 – 5:30 p.m. – Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Trunk or Treat.

Oct. 29 – Lancaster, Pa., Family Involvement Conference.

Lycoming County

Throughout October:

- An Empty Place at the Table display in the rotunda of the YWCA Northcentral Pa. at 815 W. 4th St. in Williamsport.
 - A portion of all cupcake sales at The Sun Flower Café & Bakery, a gluten-free establishment at 145 W. 4th St. in Williamsport, will be donated to the YWCA/Wise Options in support of DVAM.
 - The Boutique, a high-end second-hand store at the YWCA Northcentral Pa., will exhibit T-shirts from the Clothesline Project.
 - Savonna Reagan, the chairwoman of Wise Options’ Advisory Board, has recorded a radio PSA that will be broadcast throughout the month.
- Oct. 4 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. – downtown Williamsport, Heavenly Handbags, a component of the transitional shelter Liberty House where volunteers, staff and others make handbags, totes, wallets and key wristlets, will set up at First Friday and will have one table dedicated to DVAM. Purple key wristlets will be for sale. Two advocates from Wise Options will be on site to talk about DVAM and the No More campaign.
- Oct. 4 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Lycoming County Courthouse, An Empty Place at the Table display will be set up and staffed by two advocates.
- Oct. 5 – Wise Options clients in the emergency shelter and transitional housing have been invited to participate in the Clothesline Project and create a T-shirt.
- Oct. 8 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Valley Inn, 204 Valley St., South Williamsport, An Empty Place at the Table display will be on display. The restaurant will use DV awareness placemats that night.
- Oct. 12 – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – YMCA, 320 Elmira St., Williamsport, a community educational table on DVAM will be set up during the Susquehanna Valley Derby Vixen’s event.
- Oct. 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Holiday Inn, 100 Pine St., Williamsport, the YWCA will host its annual Women of Excellence dinner. A speaker will present a short speech on Wise Options and the services it provides. An insert will be placed in the program to promote DVAM.
- Oct. 21 – 6 p.m. – 815 W. 4th St., Williamsport, The YWCA and Wise Options will hold a candlelight vigil to remember those who have been affected by, those who have died as a result of and those who have survived domestic violence in Lycoming County.

Montgomery County

- Oct. 20 – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Upper Gwynedd Township Building, 1 Parkside Place, North Wales, 5K DASH Against Domestic Violence.

Philadelphia

Lutheran Settlement House

- Oct. 5 – 9 a.m. to noon at Freedom Christian Bible Fellowship Church, 6100 West Columbia Ave. – 100 Men Can: Rally Against Domestic Violence.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/661976167169256/>
- Oct. 5 – 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at William Way Community Center, 1315 Spruce St. – QSPOT biweekly “safe space” for LGBTQ youth, ages 18-24. **Tony Enos** will

introduce the community to BVDP's full-range of LGBTQ domestic violence services and give confidential consultation to those who want it that evening.

<https://www.facebook.com/qspot.philly>

Women Against Abuse Inc.

Oct. 10 – 10 a.m. – City Hall, Room 400, Philadelphia City Council designates October as DVAM.

Oct. 13 – Noon – Ten Thousand Villages, 1122 Walnut St., Philadelphia, “Women Against Abuse Day.”

Oct. 26 – 9:30 a.m. – West River Drive, 6th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence, hosted by state **Sen. LeAnna Washington**.

Oct. 26 – 3 p.m. – Freedom Theatre, 1346 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, *Voices of Domestic Violence: Dance, Music and Monologues*, a soul-stirring, intimate story about faith, hope and victory.

Sullivan County

Oct. 8 – County Commissioners Meeting, Proclaim October as DVAM.

Oct. 15-31 – Sullivan County Library. DVAM display.

Oct. 22 – Sullivan County Victim Services Open House to recognize DVAM.

Tioga County

Oct. 18 – 7 p.m. – Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center, Wellsboro, poetry reading featuring local authors Judith Sornberger and Lilace Mellin Guignard.

Venango County

Oct. 1-31 – Titusville Library, “An Empty Place at the Table” display.

Oct. 1 – Purple ribbon displays representing the number of victims for 2012-13 at the following locations: Venango County Courthouse, Venango College, University of Pittsburgh – Titusville.

Oct. 1 – Titusville YWCA, “Hands Are Not For Hurting” class for preschoolers.

Oct. 1 – Venango College, “Domestic Violence and Its Effects on Children” class for the Venango CASA volunteers.

Oct. 2 – Freedom Center, prevention program and support group during the day.

Oct. 2 – Franklin Area School District, “Too Good for Violence” program will begin for four classes of 7th graders and will continue for nine weeks until Dec. 4.

Oct. 3 – Franklin Child Development Center, “Hands Are Not For Hurting” class for six classes.

Oct. 3 – Titusville YWCA, “Hands Are Not For Hurting” class.

Oct. 3 – Franklin Area School District, “Too Good For Violence” programs will begin for four classes of 7th graders and continue for nine weeks until Dec. 5.

Oct. 5 – Heart 2 Heart resource table with a focus on domestic violence.

Oct. 8 – Hasson Heights Child Development Center, two classes of “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”

Oct. 8 – PPC Violence Free Network's Advisory Board training on primary prevention efforts.

Oct. 8 – Freedom Center prevention program and support group focused on domestic violence.

- Oct. 9 – Oil City Head Start and Titusville YMCA classes on “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”
- Oct. 9 – Turning Point prevention program on domestic violence.
- Oct. 9 – Venango College presentation for students on dating violence.
- Oct. 11 – Franklin Area School District, “Too Good For Violence” program will begin for eight classes of eighth-graders and will continue for nine weeks until Dec. 13.
- Oct. 15 – Cranberry Child Development Center, classes on “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”
- Oct. 15 – Zonta Club, information on domestic violence.
- Oct. 15 – Freedom Center, prevention program and support group.
- Oct. 16 – Pre-K Counts class on “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”
- Oct. 17 – Seneca Head Start and ECLC in Titusville classes on “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”
- Oct. 20 – St. Patrick’s prevention classes for 7th, 8th and 9th-graders who attend their CCD classes.
- Oct. 21 – St. Stephens School classes on violence prevention.
- Oct. 22 – Freedom Center prevention program and support group.
- Oct. 23 – Turning Point violence prevention program.
- Oct. 23 – St. Stephens School classes on violence prevention.
- Oct. 23 – United Way of Titusville Area mandated reporter training.
- Oct. 24 – Utica Elementary School “Too Good for Violence” program will begin and continue for seven weeks until Dec. 19.
- Oct. 24 – St. Stephens School violence prevention program.
- Oct. 28 – Franklin Head Start classes on “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”
- Oct. 29 – Freedom Center for Women prevention program and support group.
- Oct. 29 – Oil City Child Development Center classes on “Hands Are Not For Hurting.”
- Oct. 29 – Venango County presentation for staff on elder abuse, PPC Violence Free Network Services, PFAs and crisis intervention.

Washington County

- Oct. 16 – 6 p.m. – Double Tree Hilton, 8th Annual Peace Begins at Home dinner.
- Oct. 26 – 2 p.m. – Petco, PAWS for DV.

Wayne

Throughout October:

- Red silhouettes representing victims of domestic violence displayed in local businesses.
- Oct. 12 – 18 – Paint the town purple. Incorporate purple in your business. For example, design a window display using purple clothing or create a purple food special.
- Oct. 13 – 7 a.m. – 95.3 WDNH radio show on domestic violence.
- Oct. 17 – 6 – 8 p.m. – The Chamber of Commerce, Honesdale. Free seminar on Workplace Response to Domestic Violence. To register call the Greater Honesdale Partnership at 253-5492.
- Oct. 18 – Wear purple to honor victims of domestic violence.

Oct. 18 – 6 p.m. appetizers & cocktails – 7 p.m. buffet dinner – Erhardts Waterfront Resort. Jeans and Jewels Benefit Dance and Silent Auction. Please call 253-4401 for tickets and information.

York County

- Oct. 1 to 31 – Throughout county and on www.ywca.york.org, Purple ribbon/purple purse campaign, “Violence Is Not Strength” T-shirt sale.
- Oct. 1 to 31 – Bell Socialization, York City Library and Child Care Consultants, window displays of child survivors’ artwork.
- Oct. 3 to 5 – Old Main Building, York Fairgrounds, WeeUsables outreach and fundraising event (www.weeusablesevent.com/locations/york/)
- Oct. 4 – 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – New Grounds Café, 284 West Market St., York, *Raising Our Voices* poetry/spoken word event hosted by Edquina Washington. (<https://newgroundscoffee.com/cafe/events>.)
- Oct. 5 and 6 – York Expo Center, Women’s Show outreach booth.
- Oct. 9 to 20 – 6:30 p.m. – Culinary Arts School, 1063 North George St., York, Dine-Out fundraiser for ACCESS with musical guests Sabrina Duke and Rick Azzaro. Register at www.ywcayork.org under Events.
- Oct. 12 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Empire Beauty School, 2592 Eastern Blvd., Kingston Square Shopping Center, York, Day of Beauty with proceeds benefitting ACCESS.
- Oct. 18 – 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. – New Grounds Cafe, 284 West Market St., York, *Singing for Survivors* music show, a concert to benefit ACCESS-York/VAC/YWCA York (see <https://newgroundscoffee.com/cafe/events>)
- Oct. 25 – 7 p.m. – Asbury Church, 340 E. Market St., York, REACH performance, a play performed by teens about the complex issues of their lives, including abuse, violence, relationships, and hope.