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There's No Excuse For Domestic Violence

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One of the greatest challenges facing victims of domestic violence is the widespread perception that intimate partner abuse is a "private matter."

Domestic violence is often perceived as private business between two individuals. How can we move this "private matter" into the sphere of public concern and to translate that public concern into a widespread social consensus for action?

You may be familiar with the Family Violence Prevention Fund's (FVPF) nationwide media campaign called "There's No Excuse for Domestic Violence." The campaign's key messages are "domestic violence is everybody's business" and "there's no excuse for domestic violence." In one powerful ad, viewers are confronted with the image of a man brutally beating his cowering wife, under the words: "If the noise coming from next door were loud music, you'd do something about it."

VOICES DV is funded to help victims after the violence occurs in their lives – we provide "crisis intervention". Due to severe budget cuts, VOICES DV does not have the means to provide "prevention" programs. However, through our newsletter and speaking opportunities, our aim is to raise awareness about the severity and prevalence of domestic violence in our community.

We believe that if our community unites together we can proactively affect public policy, increase community responsibility

and individual action, and move a "private issue" into a public space in which domestic violence is forbidden.

VOICES DV's mission is to provide advocacy and support for all victims of domestic violence in Stephenson County.

Unfortunately, our workload continues to grow.

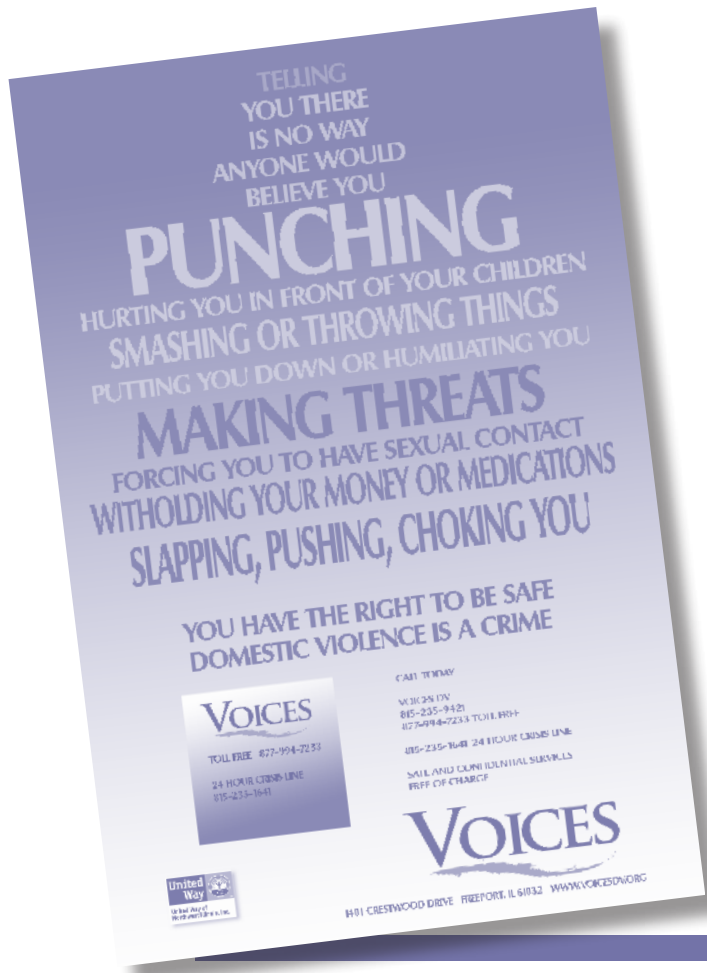
In 2009, VOICES DV answered over 3,305 crisis hotline calls, served 374 individuals, and assisted with 265 orders of protection, provided in-person counseling to 174 survivors of domestic violence and telephone counseling to 83 survivors.

Domestic violence is a crime – it is not a "private matter". VOICES DV is here to help.

Your continued support of VOICES DV makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of our neighbors.

*Anita J. Rumage
Executive Director*





New VOICES DV Posters

VOICES DV is raising awareness in Stephenson County to let residents know that we are here to help victims of domestic violence.

In February, VOICES DV placed posters in doctors' offices who serve Stephenson County residents.

If your business or agency would like to display a poster, please contact VOICES DV at 815/235-9421.



Vagina Monologues At Winneshiek Benefits VOICES DV

VOICES DV would like to thank the Freeport Art Museum and Winneshiek Theatre for hosting the 2010 production of V-Day as a fundraiser for VOICES DV.

A special thank you to Mark Jansen of Winneshiek Theatre, Jennifer Kirker-Priest of the Freeport Art Museum,

Director, Tana Gundry and actresses, Alison Anderson, Margaret (Peggy) Campbell, Eryn Faight, Martha Furst, Pat Leitzen Fye, Michelle Griggs,

V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play The Vagina Monologues.



Stacey Pals-Joseph, Michelle McNeely, Jessica McNeely, Kay Ostberg, Vanessa Raab, and Jane Van Hamme. Each of you gave of yourself to give a voice to a victim of domestic violence.

Thank you.



Jane Lethlean,
Journal Standard Photo

Peace Garden Becomes Reality

The VOICES DV staff would like to thank you for the generous donations to our Peace Garden. Our goal was to raise \$600.

In response to our Fall 2009 newsletter, we received \$640 dollars that will be used for the purchase of 2 park benches, 10 spireas, 1 terra cotta bird bath, and mulch. We also received 10 Day Lillies shared from a loyal supporter's garden. We will use the remaining \$40 to purchase wind chimes.

Our Peace Garden will be planted by our staff the first weekend in May (weather permitting).

We would like to extend an invitation to you to purchase an engraved paving brick in support of VOICES DV or maybe to honor a loved one. The paving brick can be placed in the VOICES DV Peace Garden or you may choose to place your paver in your own garden.



The personalized paving bricks are 4" x 8" and 2" thick. They can be purchased for \$35.00. You may engrave up to 3 lines.

Brick orders must be received by Friday, April 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m

VOICES DV Peace Garden Paving Bricks

Number of Bricks _____ at \$35.00 each Total \$ _____

Brick should be engraved as follows:

Placement of Brick: _____ VOICES DV Peace Garden _____ My Garden

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to VOICES DV.

Return this form and payment to VOICES DV, 1401 Crestwood Drive, Freeport, Illinois 61032.

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The Mission of VOICES DV

To provide advocacy and support to all victims of domestic violence in Stephenson County.

We invite you to become a partner in ending domestic violence in Stephenson County.

Please accept my tax deductible donation to VOICES DV.

\$1000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other _____

Please use wherever funds are most needed.

Please accept my contribution for VOICES DV's investment fund.

Please use my contribution for _____.

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Return this form to VOICES DV, 1401 Crestwood Drive, Freeport, Illinois 61032. Thank you!