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Who are we?

Our Mission

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide, nonprofit organization and coalition of organizations, groups and individuals that strives to promote conditions that prevent and eliminate domestic violence by educating its members and community partners; providing informational resources to the community; and advocating as a strong, unified voice for victims/survivors of domestic violence, children who are affected, domestic violence programs and victim service providers.

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What's on the agenda?

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Check-in & Networking
- Music by Paul Sedacca
- Food and Drinks - *Dinner buffet opens at 6:00 p.m.*
- Basket Auction sales- *Auction closes at 6:45 p.m.*

7 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. *Dessert trays delivered to the tables at 7:00 p.m.*

- Welcome, *April Lyons-Alls, DCADV Board Chair*
- Acknowledgments, *Sue Ryan, DCADV Executive Director*
- Introduction of Corporate Citizenship award winner, *Lori Sitler*
- Corporate Citizenship Award winner, **Barbacane Thornton & Company LLP**
- Introduction of Spirit of Advocacy award winner, *Jennifer Kutney-Soper & Francisca Moreno*
- Spirit of Advocacy Award winner, **Maite Aros**
- Introduction of Vision of Peace award winner, *Stephanie Rodriguez*
- Closing Remarks, *Ann Altemus, PRE Planning Committee Chair*

7:40 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

- Did you win a Basket Auction prize? Check the list of winners and pick up your prize!
- Networking

Sue Ryan, Executive Director



Dear Friends:

Thank you for being part of Purple Ribbon 2025! This event is a joyful gathering of domestic violence advocates, community and system partners, member programs, funders, and individual supporters. It is an opportunity to share space with friends, colleagues, and fellow members, and a time to acknowledge our shared commitment to ending and preventing domestic violence.

DCADV extends heartfelt gratitude to the many domestic violence advocates, shelter staff, case managers, community health workers, therapists, first responders, victim services, and survivors. Your dedication, courage, hard work, and creativity inspire us.

DCADV deeply appreciates our member programs and community partners for their dedication and perseverance! We are also grateful to our individual supporters and to all who share our commitment to ending and preventing domestic violence.

Enjoy the evening!

Peace,



Sue Ryan

Who supports us?

The Coalition truly appreciates the support of our corporate and community partners! Working together, we can end and prevent domestic violence.

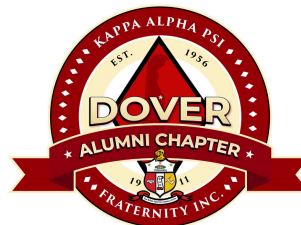
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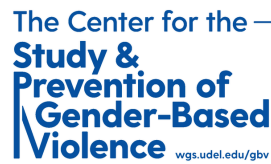


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SPIRIT OF ADVOCACY 2025



Maite S. Aros has over 32 years of experience advocating for survivors of domestic violence. She earned a five-year bachelor's degree in social work from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and immigrated to the United States in 1989. Maite began her work in the U.S. as a residential counselor at a domestic violence shelter, later serving as a shelter manager and bilingual case manager.

She has held multiple roles at CHILD, Inc., including Parenting Education Instructor (2003–2024) and Batterers Intervention Program Group Facilitator (2013–present), where she works to break cycles of abuse through accountability and education. For the past six and a half years, she has served as the Community Health Advocate Coordinator, supporting victims with trauma-informed care and connecting them to health, legal, and social services.

Maite is deeply committed to advocating for underserved communities, with a strong focus on women's rights, immigrant rights, and LGBTQ+ rights. She is a member of the Delaware Community Health Workers Association Coordinating Council, the DVCC Immigration Subcommittee, and the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee of the Victims' Rights Task Force. She earned her Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) certification in 2005.

In recognition of her dedication and impact, Maite received the Elaine Aviola Memorial Award for Outstanding Professional in 2018.



Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence — We're proud to support you



Thank you to the Coalition for your continued work to end and prevent domestic violence. We applaud you and the work you do to advocate for victims, survivors and their families.

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As your NCCC President, I'm committed to standing with survivors, raising awareness, and supporting real solutions to end domestic violence in our communities.



Monique Williams-Johns
President of New Castle
County Council

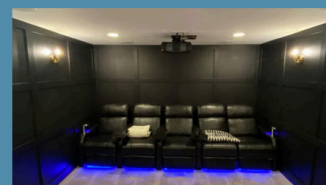
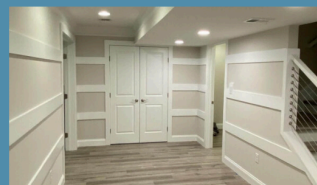


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DV-CHW Coordinator-
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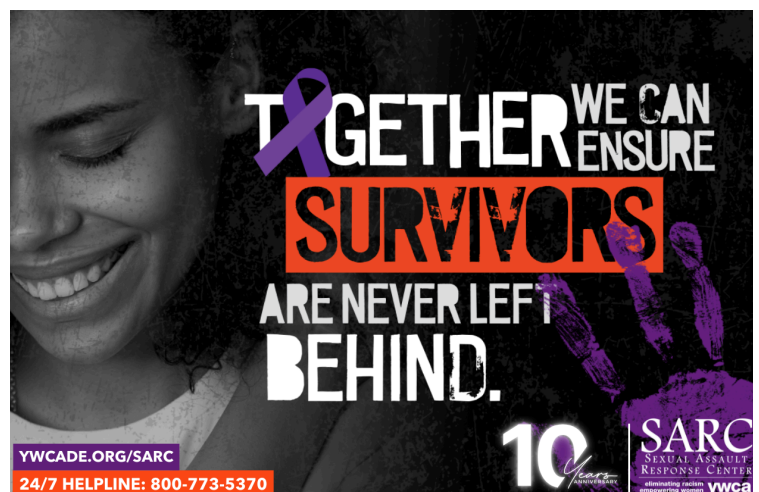
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WEDNESDAY,
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